

MINUTES OF WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

**TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2017 AT 7.30PM
WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr Head, Cllr Parris, Cllr Goode, Cllr Adams, Cllr Jukes, Cllr Marr, BCllr Davis, Tracey Crouch MP

Clerk Nicky Grimes, 3 members of public

1.	<p>APOLOGIES BCllr Dalton Cllr Fulwell</p>	
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None</p>	
3.	<p>DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC IN WOULDHAM SPEED A 20mph limit is currently under consultation with KCC, there is no guarantee that this will happen as there may be objections. Suggested extensions to the 20mph zone from WPC to KCC were refused. The zone is planned to go up Hall Rd to the Russet Homes turning.</p> <p>Speed detectors, WPC would have to pay for. There was a discussion with Burham PC about sharing the purchase of a hand held speed device but Burham decided against it. Has the flashing speed sign in Burham made any difference to cars speeding? BCllr Davis says no, still problems on Scarborough Terrace. Suggestion of speed cameras each end of the village. Can get smaller cameras, there is no enforcement as criteria not met on KCC "crash map" Next traffic survey will be near the shop as previous surveys were on a "low speed" area of the village.</p> <p>Speed bumps. Much discussion, Tracey Crouch states there are a lot of problems with buses and speed bumps, they create a lot of noise and are said to produce more pollution. Platforms as in PV are fine for buses but they do not slow traffic down. Discussion on moving the bus stop so the bus has a straight line down the High St. (phase 9) All agree, speed bumps not suitable for the village.</p> <p>Cameras on lights at Hall Rd. All agree that there is still a lot of light jumping at this spot but that KCC will not agree to install cameras. The suggestion on planting so that cars cannot see each other approaching was deemed too late as the time it takes to grow and the fact that cars need to see what is approaching for safety reasons. More evidence is needed, suggests using a dash cam</p> <p>Chicanes, all agree they work. Phase 9 traffic plan should come out for consultation soon, may be used to restrict speed. Original meeting was held to help buses. Suggestion of using DYL so that they act as a passing bay/chicane on the High St. Have to be mindful of buses being able to straighten up. Suggestion of putting phased traffic lights on the chicanes at Wouldham Rd and Knowle Road deemed unsuitable.</p>	

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	<p>Check with Andy Bracey about changing plans at his stage</p> <p>VOLUME OF TRAFFIC Close Hall Rd. Close it or make one way. KCC said they would give it serious consideration if it proved ill founded, suggestion of permit for residents only using a barrier or number plate recognition cameras, would solve lots of problems, speeding and volume. (Who would pay for this?) Explore this possibility at meeting in August. Tracey Crouch states that Hall Rd good for many residents, when the new bus route comes through they will need this road, there could be other infrastructure which may be put in to alleviate the traffic. The approach has to be realistic, Kent Highways did not calculate properly the increase in the traffic now we have to deal with speed and volume. What else can be done to alleviate problem but consider knock on effects.</p> <p>The northern extension of PV could be used as a road out of the Knowle. Need to divert traffic from Medway away from village using top road (This is a difficult drive without being widened) with a road into PV via Knowle Rd. KCC and the developer made mistakes in predicting the amount of cars which would use the bridge so it should be up to them to pay to alleviate the problem. TC says that no-one could have predicted the huge rise in all traffic everywhere, even since 2012.</p> <p>TC states the main problems are speeding and the Hall Rd/Medway/Knowle Rd junction. She has raised this problem with KCC and they have suggested that a mini roundabout MAY be suitable. This would involve removing the build out at the top of Hall Rd (check phase 9) There is a need to make using the High St unattractive.</p> <p>HGV limit. The PC have had email discussions with Medway Council to put in a limit from the Esplanade in Rochester, through Borstal, Wouldham and Burham to New Court Road. Check with Medway Council re weight restriction through Borstal. Peter Homewood said he would pay for the weight restriction in Wouldham. Lorry watch (which WPC report to) good evidence for HGV limit. Once enforceable the limit will appear on HGV sat navs. Tracey suggested bringing to KALC the idea of a "Lorrygram" similar to the "Littergram" app.</p> <p>PEDESTRIAN SAFETY All agree on zebra crossing on Knowle Rd for children and elderly. DYL going outside town houses along Hall Rd with a bell mouth for Russet homes. In phase 9 Road safety signs are being designed by children to be enlarged. Discussion on crossing or island by the shop? Island would not be suitable but a raised platform would serve for pedestrian crossing, bus stop and slow traffic. Who would pay for this?</p> <p>Discussion on where users of the bridge come from. BCllr Davis has done a quick one hour count and thinks approx. 4 cars come from Medway to 1 from Wouldham.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>KCC meeting</p> <p>Kcc Meeting</p> <p>KCC meeting</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>Police are cautious about taking on motorists, there has been hostile reaction to the Camera Safety Partnership from the media so they consider it a low priority. Should be talking to Police Commissioner through KALC about speeding through villages and its enforcement. Next KALC meeting Police will be there. Need evidence.</p> <p>Although the PC received 35 comments about the traffic, despite a well-publicized meeting few members of public have turned up. Discussion on how important the majority of villagers consider this to be.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>AGREEMENT ON PATHWAY The PC have already agreed that they want an extension of an all-weather surfaced path from the old school to the new as discussed with KCC via Gary Meeds. The PC will back pathway against the drop off zone with Carl Fitter.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING September 5th 2017</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS: Approval of accounts: Cllr Adams and Cllr Marr sign BACS agreement</p>	

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