Minutes of the April Meeting of 2012 of Otford Parish Council Highways Committee held in the Meeting Room, OPC Office, on 5th April 2012 at 09.15am

Present: Cllrs Richard Knight (Chairman); Doug Cracknell; Howard Leicester; Martin Whitehead; Jackie Howe

In attendance: Derek Buck.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
   1.1 Geoff Lee (Parish Plan Highways Group)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
   None

3. MINUTES
   3.1 The Highways Committee Minutes of 2nd February 2012 were accepted as a true record

4. MATTERS ARISING
   5.5.2 Repair to the fence along Sevenoaks Road fronting Warham Road was not recorded in the previous minutes and requires action B.H.

5. AGENDA ITEMS
   5.1. Information on crashes and observed potentially dangerous incidents.
       5.1.1 1 Near incident. Speeding car along Shoreham Road close to pedestrians. Vehicle speed estimate by Guy Rollinson of Kent Police – 60 mph rising to 80 mph.
   5.2 Bus Shelters
       5.2.1 Query by resident on the location of replacement bus shelter opposite Rye Lane. The location is fixed by the site of the destroyed shelter. The Council is aware of the need for a metalled path to the bus stop now located towards the Village Centre. This is not within the Council's remit.
   5.3 Car Parking
       5.3.1 Surveys of the car park usage have been completed. The final collation of the data was not available for this meeting. A Sub Committee Meeting will be held on the 23rd or 24th April to analyse and prepare recommendations for the Council. Date to be agreed M.W.
       5.3.2 A third quote for the provision of parking meters to be obtained. R.K.
   5.4 Village Gateways
       5.4.1 The first Project Meeting planned for the 8th, 10th or 11th June D. B.
       5.4.2 Drawings of the proposed signs to affix to the gateways were presented.
       5.4.3 Funding is in hand with funds nearing sufficient to achieve one gateway.
       5.4.4 The Team require a Construction Co-ordinator. It was proposed to make a request for a volunteer in the Parish Magazine. Information on the job requirement is required by JEW.
5.5 Footpaths & Walkways
5.5.1 See Matters Arising
5.5.2 The proposal to hand over responsibility of footpaths and walkways in the area to OPC without funding has not progressed.
5.5.3 The High Street pavements are in poor condition. Damaged areas have been marked and will be patched.

5.6 Road Signs
5.6.1 It was suggested that it would be more in keeping with the village if the VAS signs on the south and west road entrances could have a courtesy message. “Thank you” JEW to contact Andrew Burton.

5.7 Road Safety
5.7.1 The drop curb at The One Stop has been installed
5.7.2 Road Improvement – The Hatched area in the Sevenoaks Road opposite Warham Road can be crossed by vehicles as it is not bounded by solid white lines.
5.7.3 Removal of the one parking space between the Sevenoaks Road bus stop and the Pond and the re-alignment of the central white line is possible in principle.
5.7.4 VAS data – The vehicle speed data is available at a cost but an attempt will be made to obtain it through the freedom of information act.

5.8 Speedwatch
5.8.1 Fourteen locations for placement of the Speedwatch equipment were surveyed and approved. A copy of the report of the locations, risk assessment and safety has been received.

5.9 Accessibility for Disabilities
The pedestrian crossing from the Parade to Warham Road has dropped curbs for disabled assistance. However, this crossing is located within c. 20 meters of the 30 mph restriction entering the village. It was proposed to move the 30 mph sign further south to allow vehicles more distance to reduce speed.

Date of next meeting
The date of next meeting scheduled is Thursday 7th June 2012 at 09.15 School House.
There being no other business the meeting was closed at 11.40

Signed……………………………………………Chairman

Dated………………………………………………