



**MINUTES OF THE HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP ON TUESDAY  
10 OCTOBER 2023 AT 18.30PM IN EAST FARLEIGH PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

Present Cllr A Fullwood, Cllr D Hussein, Cllr B Older, Cllr D Abbott, P O'Callaghan, T Andersson. Clerk Nina Henley and 3 members of the public.

- 1-HWG/23 The report of the Highways Working Group meeting 29 August 2023 had been circulated to all members. Noted.
- 2-HWG/23 **Public Participation**  
Members of the public discussed highways issues. A resident was concerned with speeding in Gallants Lane. EFPC reported that they have run many speed surveys in the village and consulted with KCC to have lower speed limits introduced. This is currently in implementation stage and will be introduced in the near future. The Speed limit changes will affect Gallants lane from Heath Road to Wilson Lane parts of Vicarage Lane and Forge Lane.  
Residents shared concerns about the verges on Gallants Lane not having been cut. EFPC assured residents this would be looked into and actioned immediately. Resident also requested that the memorial rose bush was not disturbed.  
Residents shared concerns that the bin on Gallants Lane had not been emptied. EFPC advised that this should be reported to Maidstone Borough Council and that EFPC would advise the litter picking contractor to prioritise Gallants Lane to action litter collection in this area.
- 3-HWG/23 **Dean St Speed / HGVs**  
I. It was agreed at Full Council to delegate authority to the HWG to arrange a video survey to gain evidence of HGV vehicles on Dean Street. It was agreed to arrange a 2 location 3 day survey and review. A meeting will be arranged with the video contractor with Cllr Hussein, and Cllrs Fullwood or Abbott to confirm the best locations for the survey and discuss a brief.  
II. It was suggested that we contact other local parishes to try and raise awareness of the HGV issue in the surrounding villages. Leeds PC to be asked for details of their weight restriction cameras.
- 4-HWG/23 **Gallants Lane / Wilson Lane / Vicarage Lane**  
I. Update was given on progress of the work for new lower speed limits. TRO completed and design awaited.  
II. Gallants Lane Pedestrian signs awaiting confirmation.
- 5-HWG/23 **Station Hill – No Idling sign**  
Project completed and to be removed from the HIP.
- 6-HWG/23 **Project Scarecrow**  
No updates. Waiting for ward PC to confirm police speed checks.
- 7-HWG/23 **Road surface Vicarage Lane**  
It was reported by East Farleigh School that the road outside the school is in a bad state of repair. This to be reported the highways as in need of repair.

8-HWG/23

**Lower Road Speed Bumps**

It was reported that speed bumps require lighting. The reaction to street lighting and the noise that traffic makes when crossing speed bumps may not be universally favourable and may require a survey of Lower Road residents. The likely cost of providing lighting was estimated a £10k per street lamp. To be put on HIP.

9-HWG/23

**Review of HIP Priorities**

A full review of the HIP was actioned, and all completed projects removed.

A new priority list was agreed for the HIP as follows -

1. Dean Street HGV issues
2. Lower Road Speed calming / 'bottlenecks'
3. Workhouse Lane speed limit review
4. Heath Road junction with Dean Street.
5. Gallants Lane pedestrian signage.
6. Gallants Lane/Vicarage Lane/Forge Lane speed limits

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**Communication with residents.**

After a discussion it was agreed to look into better communication with residents. Ideas were for more regular updates on website and social media and possible Parish newsletter.

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**Date of next meeting**

To be confirmed

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