

WHEATHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Highways & Public Transport Committee

22nd July 2008

Present: Cllrs. N. D. Clements (Chairman), G. Clark, D. Hills & K. Stammers with Rick Sanderson (WDPS), Mrs. Woods (rep. cycling club)

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. Begg

In Attendance: The Clerk, Mrs. B. Green & Mr. & Mrs Tyson (residents of four Limes)

- 1) The Chairman proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February be accepted. Agreed. SO RESOLVED.
- 2) Vice Chairman – Cllr. Stammers proposed Cllr. Hills for this position, seconded Cllr. Clark. Agreed.
- 3) Enforcement –
 - a) Parking Bay for disabled by Pharmacy – Is inspected three times a day by Traffic Wardens, Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO) Only a verbal warning is given to any driver he sees entering or leaving their vehicle. No parking tickets have been issued in the past year. Letter to be written to the District Council Civil Enforcement Officers requesting that parking tickets are issued to those vehicles parked in a disabled bay without bearing a blue badge.
 - b) School Entrance – Zigzags by school entrance now enforceable by Civil Enforcement Officers.
 - c) Yellow Lines – There is no enforcement by Civil Enforcement Officers This issue will be added to the ‘no parking’ letter.
 - d) Speed Limits – Enforced by the police. Police are short of manpower.
 - e) Future Developments – 40mph zone will go on Marford Road from Cory-Wright roundabout and the 30mph zone. This should go in shortly. Same applies at the Codicote Road/Cory-Wright Way area.
 - f) Civil Enforcement Officers have power to issue tickets for parking in ‘Boxed Junctions, ‘one way violations’ etc.
- 4) Four Limes (Eastern Entrance) – Mr. Tyson spoke as a representative of Four Limes. At the Garrard Road approach and also Offas Way to Four Limes – people ignore the speed. Can something be done to make drivers aware of the problem. Cllr. Stammers supported a view from Four Limes residents that a sleeping policeman is not a good idea. Speed is a matter of perception. A 10mph sign could be put on the Four Limes entrance and may be rumble strips installed. The Highway Engineer will provide photographs of the various designs of such signs. Cllr. Stammers proposed that this committee contacts County Highways and ask them to produce a plan to show pinch points at this area, seconded Cllr. Clark. Agreed. Mr. Tyson produced evidence that this area of roadway has been adopted by the County Highways.
- 5) Heavy Goods Vehicles on Lower Luton Road
A letter fro the W.D.P.S. on the matter had been circulated to all members. Cllr. Hills has written and asked County Officers if a survey of the heavy goods vehicles has been undertaken. Might be able to persuade the District Council to undertake a review of the lorry ban in Lower Luton Road (St. Albans Urban Transport

5) continued.....

Plan). At the moment Wheathampstead is excluded from both the Urban & District Plan.

Cllrs. Hills and Clements are on the Local Transport Panel.

Cllr. Clark suggested we write and suggest now that Lower Luton Road is looked at. Mr. Sanderson suggested that we have this in position before the M1 opens.

- 6) Village Centre Speed Controls – Cllr. Clements had put forward a comprehensive plan about 4 months ago to have the 20mph area increased.
Cllr. Stammers proposed that we write to County Highways and we ask to have this done, seconded Cllr. Hills. Agreed.
- 7) East Lane Car Park – Land between East Lane Car Park and the new houses belongs to the District Council and could be used for extra parking.
Write to the District Council Estates and Planning – S106 money could fund the car park extension.
- 8) Parking Signs – The sign indicating the car park at the Memorial Hall to have a square adhesive Wheathampstead crest over the ‘P’.
- 9) King Edward Place – This land will never be adopted. Footway between The Brewhouse Gallery and the Bakers to be raised so that drivers entering or leaving King Edward Place would realise that they are going over a pavement.
- 10) Walnut Tree/Mount Road – Cllr. Hills proposed that the tree is removed. Cllr. Clark proposed that there is nothing wrong with the walnut tree and it should remain, seconded Cllr. Stammers. There is no sight line issue.
Vote - in favour Hills, Clark, Stammers – against Cllr. Clements