

# HALSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2012 AT 18.00 IN THE PAVILION, STATION ROAD

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Jeff Baldwin -Chairman  
Cllr. David Taylor, Chairman of Council  
Cllr. Chris Ford  
Cllr. Karen Grosvenor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk

The meeting convened at 18.03

**1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr. Grosvenor proposed Cllr. Baldwin, second by Cllr. Ford, carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED: Cllr. Baldwin shall be Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.**

**2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was **resolved** that a Vice Chairman was not required.

**3 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Barrie Blundell who had a previous commitment

**4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Baldwin declared a personal interest in item 5.1 Pavement in Station Road. He is friends with the family involved in this matter.

**5. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

SO 5vi It was agreed to alter the order of business. 5.1 Footway in Station Road shall be last agenda item.

**5.2 SID in Knockholt Road.**

Highways propose that the SID should be positioned in the verge outside Warren Court. The Committee agreed with this location. It was suggested that the Clerk speak with the highways officer to arrange that the poles for both SIDs should be installed at the same time.

**5.3 Meeting with Highways representatives.**

**I. Agenda**

Flooding in Halstead Lane; replacement of kerb-stones at Southdene; footway from the Meadows to end of Knockholt Road(towards Knockholt); hole in the highway in Station Road entrance to car park; installation of bollards on verges to prevent parking; repair of ramp from the made up section of Stonehouse Road into unmade up section of Stonehouse Road. These items will be put on the Parish Portal.

ii. 18 July was the suggested date.

It was noted that a resident in Southdene is parking on the verge. These are West Kent tenants. Contact has been made with West Kent on several occasions and will be made again.

It was noted that hedges are covering the 3mph roundels: residents will be contacted.

The Highways Steward has already written to the person in 56 Station Road to ask for the hedge to cut back drastically.

**6 SPEED WATCH**

Another exercise will be held in the near future. The last produced two drivers doing over 40mph

**7 INFORMATION**

7.1 Cllr. Taylor advised that Knockholt Station would not be an agenda item at the next JTB meeting as was previously thought.

7.2 The Clerk advised that the Cricket Club's fencing and other wooden items stored in the Pavilion roof space are full of wood worm and have rotted. It was agreed that an inspection should be carried out in the roof space as a matter of urgency and all the materials removed.

The formal business concluded at 18.55 and a site meeting followed in Station Road.

After viewing the condition of Station Road from Clarks Lane to the part of the footway that has already been resurfaced with a pink compound, it was agreed to put to full Council that this should be placed on the Parish Portal.