

Highways Report to Parish Council – 6 February 2023

Gateways- A25 & Pebblehill

Although a Purchase Order has been given to SCC, they are unable to give a date from the contractor for implementation although the project has been documented over many months with hopefully being ready for action on issue of the order. It would appear the contractor is the party determining the works programme & not the Officers.

Speed Reduction – Old Reigate Road & Wellhouse Lane

We have been advised by Highways that although funding is in place for Old Reigate Road & the scheme details have been provided , they are not taking any action to implement until the next financial year. This disappointing as the work is outside SCC Highways budget & delays to implement do not improve road safety.

Wellhouse Lane on monitoring has justified a speed reduction to 30mph but no progress is possible for Highways to draw up a scheme & obtain contractor costing until the new financial year for Parish Council consideration.

The Street- Proposed Road Safety Improvements

A revision of the proposals has been undertaken & is presented in the annotated slides displayed. The raising of the foot path & the kerb are now included but the cost may be significant & need to be considered in several sections for funding to implement.

Council are requested to endorse the revisions , following which Cllr Randall will consult with Helyn Clack & Highway Engineers.

The School have requested a meeting to discuss their Travel Plan & our road safety improvements. Councillors Randall & Ashdown will attend & report back to Council.

Speedwatch

Volunteer members were introduced to the Co-Ordinator to join the Speed Watch Team with a view also to increase the monitoring locations to include Old Reigate Road & The Street as proposed in view of regular breaches of speed limits which affect road safety particularly for pedestrians. There has been disappointingly no feedback from the Co-Ordinator so the scheme does not seem to be active.

Betchworth Station

SE Communities Rail Partnership- North Downs Line recently held a Steering Group Meeting at Pippbrook Council Offices . The Agenda had some key objectives with one focused on disabled access to stations & trains. Representations were made by Cllr Randall about the complete lack of these facilities at Betchworth due the sale of the forecourt by Network Rail. The Secretary undertook to put these concerns to Network Rail & GWR.

In the absence of Cllr Randall , Cllr Wilson met with David Daniels , Secretary of the Rail Partnership to discuss the location & size of the poster display following our success in being granted funding from GWR. Cllr Wilson will report on the meeting.