

MINUTES

Full Meeting of the
COLLIER STREET PARISH COUNCIL
 on Monday 12 November 2012
 St Margaret's School, Collier Street
 Commencing at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bates(Chair); Cllr Goff; Cllr Grandi; Cllr Ridd; Cllr Sandys

11.12.1. Apologies	CSPO Nicola Morris Cllr Rod Nelson Gracie (Mayoral duties) Hilary Reeve (Joint Editor Village News) Cllr Michael Gibb has tendered his resignation													
11.12.2. Declarations of Interest	None													
11.12.3. Police Report (Received electronically)	<p>Collier St Crime Figures 8th Oct – 9th Nov</p> <p>13th-17th Oct –Theft – Claygate Road – heating oil 19th Oct –Theft of number plate from trailer – B2162 24th Oct –Theft – Claygate Road – heating oil</p> <p>Our CSPO reports a spate of heating oil thefts again locally; She has also had several reports from Yalding, along Lughorse Lane, also aware of some in Hunton.</p> <p>The report attached of heating oil theft is a repeat location, where the tank has been filled and then oil taken again. I have worked closely with our intelligence unit and measures have been put in place with regards to this. Investigation on-going!</p>													
11.12.4. Minutes of Previously held Meetings	11.12.4.1 Full Meeting 8 October 2012 Minutes to be signed at the next meeting	The Clerk												
11.12.5. Questions from Members of the Public	<p>Is there is any possibility of the rubbish bin being moved to the other side of the car park nearer the entrance gate by the church. Whilst I agree a bin is necessary and I'm very pleased we have one, it is really big, bright blue and yellow. If it was the grubby green that our house bins are, it wouldn't matter where it is, but I hate it where it is.</p> <p><i>The Parish Council is of the opinion that the refuse bin is sited in the most suitable position but is prepared to discuss the issue more fully with the parishioner.</i></p>													
11.12.6. Correspondence Requiring Action Vacancy – The Almshouses, Yalding.	<table border="1" data-bbox="727 1381 1308 1570"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>No</th> <th>Subject</th> <th>Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12.11.12</td> <td></td> <td>Highways Survey</td> <td>Cllr Grandi has responded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12.11.12</td> <td></td> <td>Resignation of Cllr Michael Gibb</td> <td>Clerk will respond</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Owing to the death of a resident a vacancy now exists at The Almshouses in Yalding. In the first instance the Chairman, Will Bates would be happy to discuss the application process.</p>	Date	No	Subject	Action	12.11.12		Highways Survey	Cllr Grandi has responded	12.11.12		Resignation of Cllr Michael Gibb	Clerk will respond	
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11.12.7. Flood Committee Report	It was agreed that a supply of sandbags would be held in the redundant Village Hall. In an emergency a key-holder would be available to allow access.	Lead Cllr David Ridd												
11.12.8. Recreation Field Report	Cllr Bates and Goff met with Kathy Hooke to discuss a proposal for the creation next spring of an unmown area of grass to encourage both wild life and wild flowers. To assist our contractor the area will be pegged. It was also agreed that we leave a 2m border around the perimeter. The Green Lane (east end) ditch has been cleared. New screening has been agreed and the Parish Council will arrange for some 400 trees/suitable shrubs to be planted. An application will be made to the High Weald 'Trees to Treasure' scheme. Volunteers will be sought to assist	Lead Cllr Goff												

	<p>with this project.</p> <p>Owing to the anticipated reduced budgets this year and in an attempt not to have to increase the precept for the upcoming year the Parish Council decided against the replacement of the post and rail fencing on the recreation field. The Parish Council will of course ensure the security and ongoing maintenance of the existing fencing. A new notice board will be erected close to the entrance. Following a meeting with the children at St Margaret's School they are keen to see the replacement of the missing goal post. It was agreed that the goal posts would be relocated nearer to the play equipment. Cllr Goff will progress this issue.</p>	
<p>11.12.9. Community Safety Issues</p>	<p><u>Speedwatch</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Speedwatch equipment:</u> Paulina Stockell has agreed to fund the Speedwatch equipment but may not have money until the new financial year! Do we purchase now and ask her for the money in April 2013 or wait until she has the money? <i>Subsequent to the meeting Cllr Stockell has agreed to fund the equipment and the bid application has been completed.</i> 2. <u>Speedwatch Volunteers:</u> New volunteers will have to be trained. We could advertise for further volunteers and then set up training for the New Year or ask to combine training with another parish when Guy Rollinson is organising it. <i>We will discuss this matter further when we are aware of the timeline for the deliver of the equipment.</i> <p><u>Speed limits</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Green Lane:</u> I reported that the de-restriction sign (leaving the speed limit area at the end of Green Lane) was obscured by a telegraph pole. The council phoned to inform me that they will leave this for the time being as it will be dealt with when the new speed limit zone is applied. 2. <u>Sheephurst Lane:</u> No news <p><u>Parish Survey</u></p> <p>David Goff and I carried out a survey of all roads in the parish on Monday October 15th. I made over 30 fault reports to the Council via the portal. Full details of the survey are provided in table format.</p> <p><u>Meeting with Highways Representatives- Monday Nov 5th</u></p> <p>Following the numerous faults I reported via the portal I was contacted by Richard Dixon who was responding to my request for a meeting. We subsequently met on 5th Nov at my home, Richard Dixon brought his line manager Richard Emmett and the Engineer John. They are essentially the Highways team covering our area. David Goff also attended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE told us my reports on the portal had produced 34 enquiries at their department. • Although they would like to me to continue using the portal for individual faults they suggested I send RD any future full survey reports. • They suggested I use RD 'as a conduit' for future faults even if they are not his department, e.g. he can action the dedicated drainage team. • They gave me a 24 hour contact line phone number: 08458 247800 • They also gave me an emergency line number: 07850 716123 • Safety critical faults should be reported via the emergency line, they would be faults that might cause a fatality; pot holes more than 2" deep on the driving line would be considered safety critical. • Inspections of B roads take place monthly but are only 6 monthly on lanes. • We are entitled to ask the Highways Officer (RD) to come and inspect with us 4 times a year. • KCC have very few hedges that they are responsible for- it is usually the adjacent landowner's responsibility. • They recommend we identify the landowner and write from the Parish Council asking them to trim the hedge/overhanging trees. Failure to comply to our request will involve referral to KCC Highways who will write and inform them they must cut the hedge and if they do not KCC Highways will arrange for the appropriate cutting and the owners will be billed accordingly. If we cannot identify the landowner KCC Highways will do so via the Land Registry. • Discretion is recommended - sometimes allowing neat hedges very close to the edge of the road is an effective form of 'natural traffic 	<p>Lead Cllr Barbara Grandi</p>

	<p>calming’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street name plate issues are MBC. • Direction signs and Highway code signs are the KCC Highways team. New sign requests can go via RD. • David Goff asked about the single direction speed limit flashing sign by the school. RE believed it may be one of several that were installed as part of a 5 location pilot. • We discussed the poor communication between the school and KCC Highways over the installation of the sign and the more recent plans for yellow lines. RE agreed they should improve communication. • Flipping is MBC but can be reported via RD. • The Parish Council could ask for a 1 ton bag of sand/salt for residents to access in the winter, we just inform Highways about the preferred location. Possibly Church Farm. <p><i>Cllr Goff will speak to Chris Dicker in order to seek his agreement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will move the existing salt bin hidden in the vegetation by the footpath entrance to the recreation ground. <p>A copy of the Highway Survey for the Parish is included as an Appendix to these minutes.</p>	
11.12.10. PLANNING		Lead Cllr Will Bates
<p>11.12.10.1 Approved/Granted with Conditions 12/1664 THE GRANARY, GRANARY FIELDS COLLIER STREET</p> <p>Variation of condition 9 of planning permission MA/12/1141 (finished floor levels for all accommodation should be set a minimum of 14.676 metres above Ordnance Datum Newlyn (maODN) and maintained thereafter) to read 14.4m AOD above Ordnance Datum Newlyn as shown on details received 11/09/12.</p>	The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission; Reason: In accordance with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.	
<p>11.12.10.2 Full Planning permission 12/1741 OLD MOAT FARM, COLLIER STREET</p> <p>Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling with all matters reserved for future consideration</p>	<p>The Parish Council wish to see this application REFUSED for the planning reasons as detailed:</p> <p>This is a development in a rural location and the existing cold store is agricultural not residential.</p> <p>Contrary to what is claimed this application falls in flood zone 2 or even 3 and we would therefore expect to see a full development flood appraisal</p> <p>We also object on the basis that immediately behind the proposed building is a large privately operated reservoir.</p>	
<p>11.12.10.3 Granted SPENNY FARM, SPENNY LANE, YALDING, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9PR</p> <p>Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural storage building</p>	There are no prescription details for this application	
<p>10.12.10.4 Approved/Granted with Conditions MILL HOUSE, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6AU</p> <p>Detached garage and log store</p>	<p>The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission; Reason: In accordance with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.</p> <p>The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: drawing no.s 720a and 720d and a Site location plan received on 07/08/12. Reason: To ensure the quality of the development is maintained in accordance with Policies ENV28 and H33 of the Maidstone Borough-Wide Local Plan 2000 and Policy BE6 of the South East Plan 2009.</p> <p>The development shall not commence until samples of the materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the building, including details of the colour of the finish of the weatherboarding, have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and the development shall be constructed using the approved materials with the approved finish; Reason: To</p>	

	preserve the character and appearance of the countryside and the setting of the Grade II Listed Building, in accordance with Policies ENV28 and H33 of the Maidstone Borough-Wide Local Plan 2000 and Policy BE6 of the South East Plan 2009.																					
11.12.10.5 Full Planning Permission MA/12/1889 LONGENDS COTTAGE LONGEND LANE Installation of a rear dormer window	The Parish Council wish to see the application APPROVED but DO NOT REQUEST the application be reported to Planning Committee.																					
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11.12.10.8 Amendment to Permission 12/1957 INTERNATIONAL GRASS TRACK CIRCUIT LONGEND LANE An application for non-material amendment to permission MA/11/009 being changes to the external materials to the shower/toilet block																						
11.12.11. Finance The Meeting approved the following spends:- 11.12.11.1. Request for a donation to Yalding Summer Playscheme 2013.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>DATE</th> <th>CHEQUE NO</th> <th>PAYEE</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12.11.12</td> <td>100701</td> <td>Audit Commission</td> <td>£162.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12.11.12</td> <td>100702</td> <td>Clerk</td> <td>£414.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12.11.12</td> <td>100703</td> <td>Inland Revenue and Customs</td> <td>£ 89.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12.11.12</td> <td>100704</td> <td>Yalding Parish Council</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The meeting approved a donation of £50.</p>	DATE	CHEQUE NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	12.11.12	100701	Audit Commission	£162.00	12.11.12	100702	Clerk	£414.63	12.11.12	100703	Inland Revenue and Customs	£ 89.40	12.11.12	100704	Yalding Parish Council	£50.00	The Clerk
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11.12.12 Update of items carried forward 11.12.12.1. Creation of new long grass area on the recreation field proposed by parishioner Kathy Hooke. 11.12.12.2. Collier Street Emergency Plan/'Guardian Angel' Initiative	<p>Reported on under item 11.12.08</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Grandi formulate the plan as outlined in a 'to do list'. Several additional ideas are under consideration involving other agencies and investigations at 'borough level' of their participation.</p>	<p>Lead Cllr Barbara Grandi</p>																				

11.12.13. Borough Councillors Report	No attendance	
11.12.14. Village Hall	<p>David Goff and Barbara Grandi (Chair and Vice-Chair) met with Albert from Epps Builders to see the three submissions for the design and build of the new village hall on 23rd October. We decided on three possible dates in early November when we would be available to receive presentations from the three companies and Albert was to find out which date they could all do.</p> <p>David then contacted the rest of the committee to invite them to see the three proposals at their leisure and comment upon them before the presentation date. Some committee members saw them at David's house and the rest saw them at the next committee meeting on Nov 1st.</p> <p>David Goff spoke to James Guillum Scott re: using the church building for a hall project.</p> <p>The Committee met on Thursday November 1st 2012. The following are the main developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed that the VH Committee would write to the church committee to clarify their wishes re: the use of the church building for a new hall facility. • The architect presentations were booked for Nov 6th and the 12th, the committee would then have to decide if they wished to progress the project with any of the three. • In addition Epps would deliver a presentation to explain their proposed role as builders for the project and the VH committee will have to decide if they wish to use Epps. • A further Village consultation was planned for Jan 19th 2013 as a coffee morning at the school to get feedback on the proposed designs. • There was one remaining query on the land boundaries around the old village hall that David Goff was in the process of clarifying with Whitehead Monkton. • The committee discussed selling the old hall with or without planning permission and decided to try and get further advice before making the decision. • Elaine Day is to plan local fundraising events to help cover initial costs. • The committee will ask for further guidance on Lottery funding now that we are in a position to start applying. • Gareth Waterman will make sure we have a new Village Hall Committee website up and running by the start of 2013. • David and Barbara to speak to Y5/6 pupils at the school on Nov 8th. <p><u>Tuesday Nov 6th Presentations.</u> Four members of the VH Committee met for presentations from Epps and two of the architects. We were very impressed with the first architect who seemed to have a great deal of enthusiasm for the project as well as lots of appropriate and useful relevant experience. We are due to see the remaining architect on Nov 13th.</p> <p><u>Thursday Nov 8th Collier Street Primary</u> David Goff accompanied me to speak to Years 5/6 at the school to get their views on what they would like a new VH to provide. We also asked them to survey the rest of the pupils and then send us their findings. They were very interested and were keen on having outdoor sports facilities, indoor changing rooms and a big new hall for parties.</p>	Lead Cllr Barbara Grandi
11.12.15. Additional Matters for Discussion next Meeting		
11.12.16. Date of Next Full Meeting	Monday 14 January 2013 The Parish Council may need to convene to discuss any issues that cannot be held over.	

Minutes prepared by:-

ALAN CROCKER

Clerk to Collier Street Parish Council

Parish Survey

Date: 15.10.12

Road/s: Forge Lane	Details	Action
1.Hedgerows Including overhanging trees	<p>Treeline/hedgerow to the rear of Peacock Farm (property in Emmetts Lane) overgrown and reducing sightlines for both vehicles and pedestrians. Trees also hanging too low over the roadway.</p> <p>Treeline/hedgerow bordering the Highwood Hop Fields overgrown and reducing sightlines for both vehicles and pedestrians.</p>	Trimmed 25/10/2012
2.Vegetation Including ditches and rivers/streams	<p>Plant material growing in the stream alongside the lane- the vegetation blocks the flow of the water and needs clearing.</p> <p>There is a large amount of fly tipped vegetation that has been on the verge for some time- it inhibits mowing of the verge.</p>	Cleared 7/11/12
3.Pot Holes Including damaged road surfaces	Damaged road surface and deep pot hole by the entrance to the field near the Jarmons Lane junction end of the lane (following car fire).	Fault report Ref 50046 Response: Programmed work. Pot hole repaired 7/11/12
7.Signage	New finger post signs are needed for the junction/crossroads with Jarmons Lane.	Fault Report Ref:50048 Response: Under investigation
11. Other: Fly Tipping	<p>1. Gas and water piping, scrap wood and floor covering on the verge.</p> <p>2. Bags of builders rubble and old clothing on the verge.</p>	Both reported to the district council via the website and cleared on 17/10/12

Contact- Landowner: CLO **Maidstone BC:** CMBC **KCC:** CKCC **Police:** CP **Environment Agency:** CEA **UMIDB**

Road/s: Jarmons Lane	Details	Action
1.Hedgerows Including overhanging trees	<p>Overgrown hedgerows and low overhanging trees bordering Highwood farm land (Crow Plain) in various places along the entire length of Jarmons Lane.</p> <p>Overgrown hedgerows and overhanging trees to the boundary of the old Jarmons Farm land.</p>	Trimmed 25/10/2012
3.Pot Holes Including damaged road surfaces	Poor road surface and pot holes near the crossroads with Forge Lane. Ongoing water leak and puddling causing further deterioration as well as increased bus traffic. Deterioration of road surface along much of Jarmons Lane.	Fault Report Ref:50052 Response:Programmed work. Fault Report Ref:50090 Response:Under investigation.
6.Drainage on roads	Poor road drainage causes numerous puddles and flooding from the crossroads with Forge Lane to Jarmons Oast and Jarmons Farm.	Fault Report Ref:50094/95 Response:Under investigation
7.Signage	Fingerpost sign damaged and bent on the junction with Claygate Road, needs replacing.	Fault Report Ref:50051 Response:Under investigation

Road/s: Kings Lane	Details	Action
1.Hedgerows Including overhanging trees	Overgrown hedgerows to the north boundary of Kings Lane, by Rose Cottage and the land on the opposite side of the road.	
7.Signage	Overgrown hedging covering sign near the B2162	

Road/s: Spenny Lane/Gain Hill /Claygate Road	Details	Action
1.Hedgerows Including overhanging trees	<p><u>Spenny Lane :</u> Overgrown hedgerow on the boundary of the land to the rear of The White Hart up to The White House. Then from the White House up to Priestland. Large overhanging oak near the boundary opposite Priestland. Overgrown Hedgerow and low overhanging trees along the boundary between the railway bridge and Spenny Farm.</p>	

	<p>Overgrown Hedge along the boundary from Martins Fruit Farm to Poppins.</p> <p>Overgrown Hedgerow along the boundary with Moors Farm up to April Cottage. <u>Spenny Lane/Gain Hill:</u> Overgrown hedgerow and some overhanging trees along the boundary of Highwood Farm hop fields and farmland to both sides of the road then up to and around the car /breaker yard.</p> <p><u>Claygate Road:</u> Overgrown hedgerow to the boundary of Barracks Cottage/field and stables.</p> <p>Overgrown hedgerow to the boundary of Wolsey Cottage field. Overgrown hedgerow and low hanging trees to the boundary of the orchard next to Wolsey Cottages. Overgrown hedgerow to the boundary of Foxden near the entrance to the property.</p>	<p>Trimmed 25/10/2012</p> <p>Trimmed 6/11/12</p>
3.Pot Holes Including damaged road surfaces	<p>Spenny Lane: sunken pot hole repair near The Conifers Poor road surface near Poppin.</p> <p>Claygate Road: Potholes outside Wolsey Oast where traffic uses the entrance as a passing place. Pothole opposite Wolsey Barn Potholes by the entrance to the driveway of East Pikefish Farm</p>	<p>Fault Report Ref: 50036</p> <p>50039 Repaired 22/10 50040 Repaired 22/10 Response: Programmed work</p>
6.Drainage on roads	Claygate Road: Blocked drain outside Wolsey House	Fault Report Ref: 50047 Response: under investigation
7.Signage	The sign at the junction of Claygate Road and Jarmons Lane needs replacing.	Fault Report Ref: 50051 Response: under investigation

Road/s: Haviker Street	Details	Action
1.Hedgerows Including overhanging trees	Overgrown hedge along the boundary with Sarson farm land then along to 1 + 2 Haviker Cottages and Brandenburg.	
	Overgrown hedge along the boundary with Spitzbrook Coach House and Spitzbrook House, then on to Kerry House, where there are also some low hanging trees.	
4.Whitelines Including other road markings	The white lines have worn away at the junction with Green Lane.	
7.Signage	There needs to be a sign warning that a junction with Green Lane is ahead.	Fault Report Ref: 50096 Response: Phone call informing me it was being dealt with.

Road/s: Green Lane	Details	Action
1.Hedgerows Including overhanging trees	<p>Much of the road has overgrown hedges and quite a few low overhanging trees.</p> <p>Overgrown hedges from the Parish Boundary at the bridge, along by Brook Oast, Brook Farm and Barn. Also along the boundary of the R. Day farmland opposite.</p> <p>Overgrown hedge along the boundary of Burke farmland, the Bungalow, then Littlebrook Plantation where there are also low overhanging trees.</p> <p>Overgrown hedges continue along Littlebrook Farm, then Pippin Reed.</p> <p>Then P Burke land again, Little Spitzbrook (hedges and trees) and Little Orchard (hedges and trees), Magnolia Cottage then 8 Green Lane (hedges and trees), by St Margaret's House rear garden where the hedge obscures the street sign and Sarson land on the other side.</p>	Trimmed 25/10/2012
2.Vegetation Including ditches and	The vegetation along the church wall needs cutting back along the length and up to the junction with the B2162.	

rivers/streams		
5.Gulleys	There is a blocked gully opposite No 2 Green Lane	Fault Report Ref: 50097 Response: under investigation
7.Signage	There needs to be a Green Lane sign at the junction with Longend Lane. The Brown Horse Tourist Route sign is scruffy and facing the wrong way, by Longend Lane. The de-restriction sign near the church is hidden behind a telegraph pole.	Fault Report Ref: 50100 passed on to facilities management who have added it to their spreadsheet Ref: 50099 Response:Under investigation Ref: 50098 To be dealt with when the speed restrictions are all changed.
8.Rat Run Traffic	Rat run from Marden to Horsmonden/Paddock Wood/T Wells.	

Road/s: Sheephurst Lane	Details	Action
1.Hedgerows Including overhanging trees	Overgrown hedgerows both sides of the lane near the junction with the B2162. Overgrown Hedge and low overhanging trees both sides of the lane South of the bridge up to Sheephurst Farm. Overgrown hedgerow on the south side of the lane from Sheephurst Farm up to Little Sheephurst Farm. Overgrown hedgerow on the south side boundary with farmland from Little Sheephurst down to the junction with the B2162. Overgrown hedgerow on the junction of Sheephurst Lane and the B2162 along the boundary of Infield.	
3.Pot Holes Including damaged road surfaces	Sheephurst Lane is collapsing in the centre for some considerable distance in many places from the junction with the B2162 to Sheephurst Farm.	Fault Report Ref: 50111 Response:Under investigation
7.Signage	There needs to be a sign warning of the approaching junction with the B2162.	Fault Report Ref: 50109 Response:under investigation
8.Rat Run Traffic	Rat run route for traffic going between and Paddock Wood/Tunbridge Wells/Tonbridge.	

Road/s: Longend Lane	Details	Action
1.Hedgerows Including overhanging trees	Overgrown Hedgerow and low hanging trees on the North side of the lane from 1 Bridge House Cottages to KCCHS and on the South side along the railway embankment KCCHS. Overgrown hedgerow and overhanging trees along the boundary to the grasstrack site, P Burke. Overgrown hedgerow opposite Longend Cottage, then along to Longend Farm and opposite Longend Farm on land belonging to Longend Cottage. Overgrown hedgerow at the north end of the lane adjacent to the grasstrack and on the opposite side of the lane. Overgrown hedgerow and overhanging trees to the boundary of land owned by Pat Burke on both sides of the lane.	
3.Pot Holes Including damaged road surfaces	Pot hole to the west of Longend Cottage, which was filled but the filling came out in a few days. A large section of the Lane at the junction with Green Lane was not resurfaced along with the rest of the lane and is in very bad condition.	Fault Report Ref: 50103 Response:Programmed work Report Ref: 50102 Response:Under investigation

4.Whitelines Including other road markings	The white lines are partially eroded on the damaged road surface to the junction with Green Lane.	Fault Report Ref: 50108 Response:Under investigation
7.Signage	One end of Longend Lane has a correctly spelt sign and the other has Longends spelt incorrectly with an s on the end. There need to be dangerous bend warning signs on the approach to the 90 degree bend near Longend Farm: Approaching from the North Approaching from the south. The sign at the junction with Green Lane has a crooked width restriction sign. The fingerpost sign at the junction with Green Lane is scruffy.	Fault Report Ref: 50107 Response:under investigation. <u>See email</u> Fault Report Ref: 50104 and 50105 Response: Resolved! Not considered dangerous enough. <u>See email.</u> Fault Report Ref: 50106 Response:Under investigation.
8.Rat Run Traffic	Rat run route for traffic going between and Paddock Wood/Tunbridge Wells/Tonbridge	

Road/s: B2162	Details	Action
1.Hedgerows Including overhanging trees	Low overhanging trees to both sides by the entrance to Rugmer Hill Farm. Dangerous leaning trees opposite Sparrow Cottage. Opposite the Oak Apple Farm site there are dangerous leaning trees resting on the power lines. Overgrown hedgerow to the side boundary of Brambling Cross (Jarmons Lane). Overgrown hedge to the property on the corner of Den Lane and at Orchard View, then the land next to the bund (owned by Highwood Farms). Overgrown Hedge opposite the bund along the Kerry House Boundary. (Property in Haviker Street). Overgrown hedgerow where the boundary of the property on the corner of Haviker street borders the road. Overgrown hedgerow at The Willows and then along the boundary of the Sarsons Farms orchard, particularly on the bend opposite Moat Farm, then continuing on down to the school buildings. Overgrown Hedgerow opposite the Recreation Ground. Low overhanging tree at No1 Church Farm Cottages. Overgrown hedgerow at 5 Petits Row. Overgrown hedgerow next to Wellington Oast, Martin's Farm Oast then on the opposite side of the road from Chequer Tree Farm House, CT Granary, and CT Lodge. Overgrown hedgerow on the corner of Kings Lane and on the opposite side of the road by Bridge House. Overgrown hedgerow by Claygate Lakes. Low overhanging tree at Churston (opposite the Lakes). Overgrown hedgerow bordering the field next to Longend Farm. Overgrown hedgerow along the boundary of John Stanford's Orchard by the Sheephurst Lane junction. Overgrown hedgerow by Mill House and opposite at Mill Farm Cottages. Overgrown hedgerow at No3 Claygate Cottages	
3.Pot Holes Including damaged road surfaces	The road surface along the 2162 is poor from the bund, through Collier Street and up to the Recreation ground. It needs resurfacing. Pothole in the road by Mill House.	Fault Report Ref: 50112 Response: under investigation Fault Report Ref: 50114 Response:programmed work

	<p>The cat's eyes are missing from the centre of the road by Mill House.</p> <p>There is a pot hole in the road by Mill Farm packing house.</p> <p>There are potholes in the 2162 by the junction with Sheephurst Lane.</p>	<p>Fault Report Ref: 50115 Response:programmed work</p> <p>Fault Report Ref: 50116 Response:programmed work</p> <p>Fault Report Ref: 50117 Response:programmed work</p>
7.Signage	<p>Overgrown hedge concealing the road sign at The Willows.</p> <p>Overgrown hedge by Bridge House covering the road sign.</p> <p>There should be a sign near the end of Longend Lane warning that there is a bridge ahead.</p>	<p>Fault Report Ref: 50113 Response:under investigation</p>

23/10/12

Dear Mrs Grandi

Our Ref: CSM 50104 Bend Warning Sign - Longend Lane

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding the above location.

KCC Highways and Transportation (H&T) receive many requests for the implementation of safety measures on the highway, and as such all requests must be prioritised. This is especially important at this time, given the current economic climate and the reduced budgets which are available as a result. The reduced budgets must be spent on new measures which are deemed as safety critical and this is assessed by analysing the personal injury crash record for the past 3 years in order to establish whether there is a pattern of crashes which could be addressed by the installing bend warning signs.

I have checked the crash record for Longend Lane and there is no pattern of recorded incidents in the last 3 years. This does not provide evidence of a safety problem which could be addressed by installing bend warning signs and therefore this location would not gain priority funding at this time.

I am sorry I cannot provide a more positive response but I can assure you that this location will continue to be monitored annually in order to identify and address any emerging safety problems.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Wellard

Caroline Wellard

Traffic Engineer

KCC Highways and Transportation

Tel: 08458 247800

23/10/12

Dear Mrs Grandi

Our Ref: CSM 50107 Street Name Plates – Longend Lane

Further to my email below, I note that you have also made an enquiry relating to the street name plates. I have referred this to Maidstone Borough Council who are responsible for this signs.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Wellard

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23/10/12

Dear Mrs Grandi,

Thank you for your email.

This has been reported to Property Services, we will look into the signage lettering and amend this accordingly. This has been done under reference number 938945. To confirm this can take up to 12 weeks to be investigated.

If we can be of any further assistance then please contact us by either emailing: customerservices@maidstone.gov.uk or by telephoning 01622 602750.

Regards,

Ruth, Customer Services

Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ

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23/10/12

Dear Mrs Grandi,

Thank you for your recent contact regarding the street name plate at Longend Lane.

The details have been logged with our Facilities Management team, who will arrange for the sign to be corrected. Your reference number is 939228.

If we can be of any further assistance then please contact us by either emailing: customerservices@maidstone.gov.uk or by telephoning 01622 602750.

Regards,

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