

# **Staplehurst Access Group.**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 10.30 am.**

## **Minutes**

Present:-Steve Muir, Chairman, Jean Rogers, Phil Green, Dave Foster, Cllr. Peter Spearink

Apologies were received from Pam Harding and Tony Wright.

In the absence of Pam, Peter agreed to take the minutes.

The meeting began by welcoming Steve as Chairman.

As there were fewer members than usual it was decided to conduct a review of the situation at present and make some firm decisions for the next few months rather than try to conduct new business.

The first point raised was that some residents of Sobell Lodge felt that the time sequence at Maxted Lights needed looking at. Some felt that the button was not responding correctly. Cllr Spearink said he would contact Highways and have them checked to make sure that the maximum time was allowed for crossing.

It was noted that the ramp into Spar was still missing. P S will investigate. It was pointed out that Spar was about the only shop that it was possible to access in a chair and was thus doubly inconvenient not to have the ramp in place.

The bulk of the meeting was concerned with the long planned survey of the A229 through the village and some other areas that were of concern to the disabled or elderly etc.

It was decided to carry out this survey in 4 parts starting with the shop side. PS explained that the PC would welcome a list of problems so that it could approach Highways or other body to get some action to remedy these problems if possible.

Jean asked if the Parish Warden would go on the survey and it was assumed that he would. DF suggested getting a map and marking all the trouble spots on it accompanied with a photo. PS said he would ask Jim Boot if he could supply one of the very large scale maps of Staplehurst. Cars parked on the road were a continuing problem and it was noted that the owner of Central garage is actively looking for new premises.

SM Suggested asking a rep from Highways to attend the first of these surveys. It was noted that Helen Grant wanted to have a short walk about when she came for the unveiling but the snow made that impossible. It was suggested that she might care to go on the first survey as well if it fitted in with her election work.

The meeting ended at 11.20.