

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES & REPORTS OF A HIGHWAYS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE **MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON 4th JULY 2016**

Councillors Present:

M. Carter, Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. S. Ferguson, Miss N. Gooch, M. Hickmott (Vice-Chairman), R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge, K. Mulholland, J. Nelson, Mrs. P. Smith, A. Sugden and T. Thorpe.

Officers Present:

Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham and Site Manager Mr. L. Jarvis.

The Vice-Chairman was in the chair.

3021 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. Mrs. Hannett and Thorpe.

3022 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING.** None.

3023 **MINUTES.** The minutes and reports of the meeting held on 23rd May 2016 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3024 **MATTERS ARISING.**

- (a) Minute 3016 – Bridewell Lane Car Park Ticket Machine. It was reported that work to the faulty machine had been programmed to commence on 4th July. However, member noted that no action had yet been taken.

3025 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

3026 **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS.**

- (a) Tentertainment. Cllr. Isworth asked that a meeting be set up with the organisers of Tentertainment to address the noise generated by the event, which some residents had reported as excessive.
- (b) St. Michaels Recreation Ground Access. Cllr. Mulholland asked whether the access would be complete in time for the fun day being organised by the St. Michaels Village Community Group on 26th August, in light of planning permission having been granted. The Town Clerk reported that it would not.

3027 **SUB-COMMITTEE & STEERING GROUP REPORTS.**

- (a) Recreation Ground Re-Ordering Sub-Committee. Cllr. Nelson reported that further developments would be subject to the consultation process, which was currently at the tender stage.
- (b) Sports Review Steering Group. No report.

(c) Parking Forum. No report.

(d) Coombe Lane. No report, but Cllr. Nelson suggested that this would also be tied in to the consultation process [see (a) above].

3028 **STREET FURNITURE**. It was **RESOLVED** that a new litter bin would be installed at the end of Chalk Avenue, near the access to the Dene. A request had also been received for a bin near a bench outside Homewood school, but this was declined as there was already a bin close by. Cllr. Mrs. Smith suggested that bins be placed at the entrance to the Coombe Lane Cemetery and at the junction between East Hill and Appledore Road.

3029 **ADVERTISING BANNERS**. Consideration was given to installing fixtures onto lighting columns to facilitate the display of vertical banners. Some members felt that these were not in character for Tenterden. A vote was taken, with five in favour and five against. The Vice-Chairman voted against, and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that the fixtures would not be installed.

3030 **CYCLING STEERING GROUP**. It was **RESOLVED** that administrative support would be offered to the steering group.

3031 **LITTER PICK**. It was **RESOLVED** that a volunteer litter picking day would be organised for the autumn, and that the Town Council would continue to support a twice-yearly event.

3032 **ELECTRICAL CABLES FOR EVENTS**. Consideration was given to the purchase of additional power cables. Cllr. Mulholland stated that the Town Council was welcome to use the ones which it had purchased for St. Michaels, and it was therefore **RESOLVED** that no additional cables would be purchased.

3033 **BOWLS CLUB LEASE**. The rent charged to the Bowls Club was reviewed, and it was **RESOLVED** that it would remain unchanged at £200.00 per annum.

3034 **PAVING AT EAST CROSS GARDEN**. Three quotes had been received. However, the quotes were not comparable as they each gave different areas to be paved. Members therefore concurred that the contractors would be asked to revisit their quotes (to ensure that they were all quoting for the same work) before a decision could be made.

3035 **PAVING AT ASHFORD ROAD**. Consideration was given to the paving between 7 and 23 Ashford Road, which had been frequently repaired and broken over the years, due to vehicles parking on the slabs, leaving it in a dangerous state for pedestrians. It was **RESOLVED** that Kent County Council would be asked to resurface this stretch of paving with tarmacadam to prevent the issue from arising again.

3036 **STREET NAMES WITHIN THE TENT 1 DEVELOPMENT**. It had been reported that the names put forward by the Town Council (taken from the war memorial – minutes 2696 and 2932 refer) had been declined due to the complications of obtaining consent from the next of kin of the individuals in question. It was **RESOLVED** that (if the original name choices could not be pursued) the following would be submitted for consideration;

- Shipbuilding Terms and names of vessels built at Smallhythe: Anne Gallant, Balinge, Brygandine, Carrack, Galleasse, Grand Mistress, Great Bark, Gallyon, Hoggskynes, Knelle Dam, Lesser Bark, Maytham Wall, Mary Fortune, Pinnacle, Regent, St Eneswythe, Smallhythe Channel, Sawyer's, Shipwright's Sparmaker's, Smallhythe Ferry.

- Historic mayors, landowners and residents: Whelenhall (the first elected mayor), Brickenden, Blackbourne, Pomfret, Hook, Collins, Wightwick, Mace.
- Cinque Ports towns (not to be used with "Road"), Cinque Ports associated names: Lord Warden, Confederation (Confederation Place or Row would associate nicely with the existing Mayor's Place and Burgess Row in the town centre).
- Local Landmarks: Heronden, Croughton, Dampier-Palmer, Gatehouse (if at the Heronden Hall end of the site); Huson (if at the Dandara end of the site).
- Horatia after Nelson's daughter – a resident of Tenterden
- St. Mildred, an Abbess at Thanet Minster.
- "Cricketer's Walk" or similar, in view of the proximity of the cricket ground.

3037 **SPEEDING VEHICLES.** The possibility of engaging a consultant, to undertake a professional survey of speeding vehicles in the town, was considered. Members concurred that clarification should first be sought from Kent County Council that it would take notice of the outcomes of such a survey.

3038 **NOTICE BOARD.** The possibility of installing an additional notice board farther west along the High Street (for public notices) was considered. The Town Clerk would put together options, including installing one at the bus shelter opposite the Vine Inn for consideration at the next meeting.

3039 **GROUNDS MAINTENANCE.** It was **AGREED** that a new John Deere mower would be purchased, in light of the growing workload on the maintenance team and the fact that the mower purchased in 2015 had proved to be unfit for its purpose, and was no longer supported by its manufacturer. The budget for the replacement mower was set at £19,000.00.

3040 **CHARITY EVENT.** It was **RESOLVED** that consent would be given to Tenterden Leisure Centre to use the football pitch free-of-charge for a charity event, as long as the Site Manager agreed that the ground was in a suitable condition.

3041 **TREE PLANTING.** It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would give its support to an application by a resident of Ashford Road who wished to plant a tree to replace one which had been removed following storm damage.

3042 **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- Green Near the Fat Ox Public House. A letter had been received from a resident requesting that the green in question be renamed the "Silver Hill Memorial Garden". As the green was not in the ownership of the Town Council, the suggestion was **NOTED** but could not be actioned.
- Trip Hazard in the Eastwell Area. It was **NOTED** that a resident had tripped and sustained injuries on a privately owned pavement between Eastwell Barn Mews and Eastwell Meadows.
- Dead Plants on the High Street. A complaint had been received regarding yellowed bushes which had been displayed outside a shop on the High Street. It was reported that the shrubs in question had since been removed.

3043 **MINOR MATTERS.**

- Ashford Borough Council. Information on a plan to impose a yellow line restriction on the A28 opposite Heather Drive was **NOTED**.

- (b) Kent County Council. The highways and transportation tracker survey report was **NOTED**.
- (c) Fields in Trust. A newsletter was **NOTED**.
- (d) Kent County Council Information on a road closure during July 2016 to facilitate resurfacing of Chennell Park Road was **NOTED**.

3044 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIRMAN.**

- (a) Financial Reserves. Cllr. Carter asked the Town Clerk to supply a formal statement outlining how the Town Council's reserves were/had been spent.

The meeting opened at 9.19pm and closed at 10.30pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Highways & Amenities Committee held on the 15th day of August 2016.

Chairman..... (15.08.2016)