

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES OF A HIGHWAYS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

### **Councillors Present:**

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

### **Officers Present:**

Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham.

3070 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. Miss Gooch.

3071 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

3072 **MINUTES.** The minutes and reports of the meetings held on 15<sup>th</sup> August and 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

3073 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

3074 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

3075 **COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS.**

- (a) Three Fields Path. Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson reported that the surfacing of the new footpath was not suitable, and asked that a replacement be used instead.
- (b) Parking at Heather Drive. Cllr. Mrs. Curteis reported that some members of the public had complained that parking around the entrance of Heather Drive was impeding visibility for drivers, posing a hazard. This issue would be referred to the parking forum.

3076 **SUB-COMMITTEE & STEERING GROUP REPORTS.**

- (a) Sports Review. No report.
- (b) Parking Forum. No report.
- (c) East Cross Garden. No meeting had been held yet, but one was anticipated within the following fortnight.

The Recreation Ground Reordering and Coombe Lane Sub-Committees were dependent on the outcomes of the public consultation which was underway, and would therefore be suspended until such a time as they would prove useful.

3077 **FOOTPATH DIVERSION.** A diversion of footpath AB11 at Ingleden Park Riding Centre was **NOTED**.

3078 **WASTE FACILITY.** It was **NOTED** that plans for a waste facility on the south eastern corner of Tenterden Recreation Ground have been submitted to Ashford Borough Council and the application (ref. 16/01283/AS) was open for consultation.

3079 **MAINTENANCE FACILITY.** It was **RESOLVED** that up to £6,000.00 would be spent on shipping containers to be placed on the recreation ground to provide storage space for maintenance equipment, if they were found to be fit for purpose. A sub-committee would be formed to establish a specification for a permanent constructed building if it were deemed necessary to proceed with one.

3080 **USE OF TENTERDEN RECREATION GROUND.**

- (a) Tentertainment. It was **RESOLVED** that Tentertainment would be required to abide by the terms and conditions of hire, but these would be reviewed by a sub-committee, as they were considered out-dated. Cllrs. Mrs. Hannett, Hickmott and Mrs. Smith would serve on the sub-committee.

3081 **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- (a) Possible Pedestrian Crossing Outside the Gateway. An email had been received from Kent County Council explaining that it would not install an additional crossing, but outlining ways in which the Town Council could take action to fund a change itself if it deemed it necessary. This was **NOTED**.

3082 **MINOR MATTERS.**

- (a) Danemore, Beachy Path. It was **NOTED** that the highway was to be stopped up at Danemore.
- (b) Fields in Trust. The August and September newsletters were **NOTED**.
- (c) ABC Leader's Briefing. Information on initiatives to improve the appearance of Ashford and the implementation of a scheme whereby businesses are paid to provide public toilets was **NOTED**. Cllr. Clarkson would be written a letter asking what plans he had to improve the appearance of Tenterden.
- (d) Tesco "Bags of Help" Funding. A call for eligible projects for funds arising from the 5p carrier bag charge was **NOTED**.
- (e) Caring All Together in Romney Marsh. The CARM annual report 2015-2016 was **NOTED**.
- (f) Car Park Ticket Machines. Information on new ticket machines installed in the car parks was **NOTED**.
- (g) Highways England Consultation. It was **NOTED** that an invitation had been received to attend one of a series of public information events regarding the management of freight vehicles passing through Kent.
- (h) Kent County Council Local Transport Plan. An invitation to participate in a consultation was **NOTED**.
- (i) Love Kent, Hate Litter. An introduction to Kent's anti-littering campaign, appealing for photographs of Councillors holding boards displaying the slogan, was **NOTED**. Information would be sought regarding the name and operating hours of the litter enforcement officer assigned to Tenterden.

- (j) Kent Police Chief Inspectors. Information on the reorganisation of Chief Inspectors in the county was **NOTED**.
- (k) Amendments to Parking Controls. Information on proposed restrictions, including the implementation of yellow lines on Ashford Road opposite Heather Drive was **NOTED**.
- (l) KCC Highways & Transportation Tracker Survey 2015. A report based on an earlier consultation was **NOTED**.

3083 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- (a) Volunteer Litter-Picking Day. It was once again reported that a volunteer litter-picking day had been organized for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

**The meeting opened at 8.26pm and closed at 9.09pm.**

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Highways & Amenities Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (07.11.2016)