

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF A HIGHWAYS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON 13TH MARCH 2017

Councillors Present: M. Carter, Mrs. J. Curteis, Miss N. Gooch, R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge, J. Nelson, Mrs. P. Smith (Chairman) and A. Sugden.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess, Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham and Administrative Assistant Mrs. C. Gilbert.

Others Present: One member of public.

3137 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. Mrs. Ferguson, M. Hickmott, K. Mulholland and T. Thorpe

3138 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

3139 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3140 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

3141 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.**

- (a) Dedicated Noticeboard for Tenterden Regeneration Project. Mr. C. Goodall of Oaks Road made representation regarding a letter he had requesting that a noticeboard be dedicated to the Tenterden Regeneration Project. *Minute 3152 (c) refers.*

3142 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.** None.

3143 **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.** None.

3144 **CEREMONIAL BEACON.** The Lions Club of Tenterden had expressed a desire to donate a permanent ceremonial beacon to the town, and it was **RESOLVED** that this offer would be accepted. It was **AGREED** that a maximum budget of £1,000.00 be allocated for the installation of the beacon. Consideration of the exact location of the beacon would be referred to the focus group which would be set up to investigate the reordering of Tenterden Recreation Ground.

3145 **FOOTBALL PITCH CHARGING.** Tenterden Town Football Club regularly hired the football pitch at £12.00 per session, and it had become evident that other teams and fitness clubs had been using the pitch free of charge. It was **RESOLVED** that the charge to TTFC be withdrawn. However, the charge for use of the Pavilion would remain.

3146 **ASHFORD ROAD PAVING.** It was **NOTED** that Kent County Council would be investigating the possibility of a crossing licence and dropped kerb for businesses between 5 Ashford Road and the sorting office.

- 3147 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON ASHFORD ROAD, ST. MICHAELS.** A request had been received for the Council to support an application for an additional crossing near the Spires Extra Care Scheme (Little Hill). It was **RESOLVED** that this would be supported. Cllr. Carter abstained from voting.
- 3148 **PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE VEHICLE.** It was **NOTED** that a quotation for lease hiring a buggy had been received, but that this would be £4,702.27 more expensive over the period of the lease than purchasing the vehicle. The Town Clerk would therefore pursue the option of purchasing a new buggy at a cost of £16,687.93.
- 3149 **PURCHASE OF MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT.** As a result of the Town Council taking on the Caretaker Scheme, the following additional maintenance equipment was required; two hedge cutters, one pole hedge cutter, two trimmers, one leaf blower and one backpack weed sprayer. Three quotations for these were considered, and it was **RESOLVED** that a quotation of £2,305.59 from Ernest Doe and Sons Ltd. would be accepted. It was further **RESOLVED** that a quotation of £637.50 from E. O. Culverwell Ltd. for two Husqvarna mowers be accepted.
- 3150 **PLAYGROUND REPAIRS.** A quotation had been received to repair the 'wetpour' surfaces of the playground on Tenterden Recreation Ground, repair the old Wicksteed rocking horse, and to replace the little-used skateboard with a bird's nest swing. It was **RESOLVED** that the quotation of £10,195.80 would be accepted.
- 3151 **'CLEAN UP TENTERDEN'.** A request from Transition Town Tenterden (T3) had been received that the Town Council take over the organisation and promotion of the twice yearly 'Clean Up Tenterden' event. It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would adopt this initiative, with the next event scheduled to take place on Sunday, 7th May 2017. The Committee expressed its thanks to the T3 members, specifically Mr. J. & Miss. C. Hickmott for establishing and organising the event.
- 3152 **CORRESPONDENCE.**
- (a) Dog Waste. An email from a resident regarding dog waste in the Ox Lane area was **NOTED**, however a response was not provided.
 - (b) Traffic Issue. A copy of an email from a resident, which had been sent to Cllr. M. Hill at Kent County Council regarding the junction at Beacon Oak Road/Woodchurch Road/Golden Square, was **NOTED**.
 - (c) Dedicated Noticeboard for Tenterden Regeneration Information. Mr. Goodall's letter regarding a lack of publicity for the Tenterden Regeneration project was given consideration. It was **RESOLVED** that the three noticeboards erected by the Weald of Kent Preservation Society (which contained a somewhat dated town map on both sides) would be utilised for advertising the regeneration project, in addition to the noticeboard at St. Michaels Recreation Ground. The three WKPS noticeboards were located outside White Stuff, WH Smith and the Leisure Centre. The map would remain on one side of each of the boards. *Also see Minute 3141(a).*

3153 **MINOR MATTERS.**

- (a) Disabled Persons Parking Bay. It was **NOTED** that Ashford Borough Council had received an application for a disabled parking bay at Marshalls Land.
- (b) Parking Controls in Tenterden. Information received from ABC regarding proposed amendments was **NOTED.**
- (c) Great British Spring Clean/Community Clean-Ups. Information from Kent County Council and ABC regarding the Great British Spring Clean was **NOTED.**
- (d) Fields in Trust. Project updates were **NOTED.**
- (e) Stopping Up of Highway at Danemore. A proposal by the Department for Transport was **NOTED.**
- (f) Volunteer Support Warden Scheme. Information received from KCC was **NOTED.**
- (g) Rural Policing Update 30th January 2017. Information received from Kent Police was **NOTED.**
- (h) Free Extra Support for Vulnerable People during a Power Cut. Information received from UK Power Networks was **NOTED.**
- (i) Notice of Public Path Order re: North of Pickhill Business Centre. Information from ABC and KCC, regarding AB49 an amendment to public footpath received was **NOTED.**
- (j) Small Grant Fund for Kent Sheds. Information from KCC regarding bids for funding for Kent Sheds was **NOTED.**
- (k) Temporary Road Closure - Rolvenden Level Crossing. It was **NOTED** that information had been received regarding the above-mentioned road closure on 11th and 12th March 2017.
- (l) KFRS Fire Hydrant Review Meetings. Information received from Kent Association of Local Councils was **NOTED.**

3154 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

The meeting opened at 8.30pm and closed at 8.59pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Highways & Amenities Committee held on the 24th day of April 2017.

Chairman _____ (24.04.2017)