

Highways and Amenities Committee – Monday 9th December 2016

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Agenda Item 9

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- 2. Screened from the Jireh by existing trees & less likely to provoke planning opposition.
- 3. Hard access on and off the recreation ground
- 4. Low cost. (steel structure buildings can be purchased for around £30,000).

There would clearly be an additional cost to lay a concrete plinth and connect to the nearby services.

The facility would also obviously be further from the centre of Tenterden than is ideal.

I feel it is worthwhile to instruct surveyors to investigate the feasibility of siting a building there in case alternatives do not materialise. We would then be in a better position to move quickly.

Proposal: That Maylands surveyors should be instructed to assess feasibility and cost involved for this site.



Phil Burgess
Town Clerk

Impact on Crime and Disorder : None

Impact on Bio-diversity : None

Budgetary Impact : From Earmarked reserve

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Highways and Amenities Committee - background for agenda item 8 on 19th December 2016

CYCLING FACILITIES IN TENTERDEN

Background

Councillors are reminded of the council's decision that the council actively seeks ways to improve cycling facilities in the civil parish of Tenterden.

The Tenterden Cycling Strategy steering group has been investigating ways of improving cycling facilities in Tenterden, including extending the existing old railway cycle way that currently runs from Grange Road to Drury Way, so that it runs all the way to Tenterden Town Station, and cyclists can then easily access the High Street via Station Road. Such an extension is likely to be of great benefit to local residents – not just cyclists, but also providing a safe walking and scooter route into town – and in consequence to local businesses, and will reduce vehicular traffic into town, car parking problems, etc.

A possible route, involving only three sets of landowners, has been plotted and KCC is happy to support the extension in principle. There are, however, numerous details to consider and potential problems to resolve: the exact route to be taken, seeking the agreement of landowners and satisfying their concerns, agreeing on the surface of the cycle way, creating it, setting up signage, etc. These details are beyond the resources of a small group of volunteers, which is what the steering group amounts to.

Sustrans, the cycling promotion charity, is able and willing to investigate all these aspects and liaise with the various parties involved, for a fixed fee of £5,000.

Actually creating the cycle way will involve further resources, but if it is established as viable subject to resources for its construction, that will make it more likely that KCC will allocate resources, and grant funding can be sought on the basis of a firm and achievable proposal.

Proposal

I propose that the Town Council allocates £5,000 to be paid to Sustrans to undertake the work involved in further investigating, negotiating and (it is hoped) agreeing the extension of the cycle way as envisaged, with such variations and adjustments as may be recommended.

Crime and disorder reduction impact: None

Biodiversity conservation impact: Reducing road traffic will have a positive biodiversity impact

Impact on budget (and source(s) of funding, if needed): £5,000 from General Reserves

Cllr Justin Nelson - 13 December 2016

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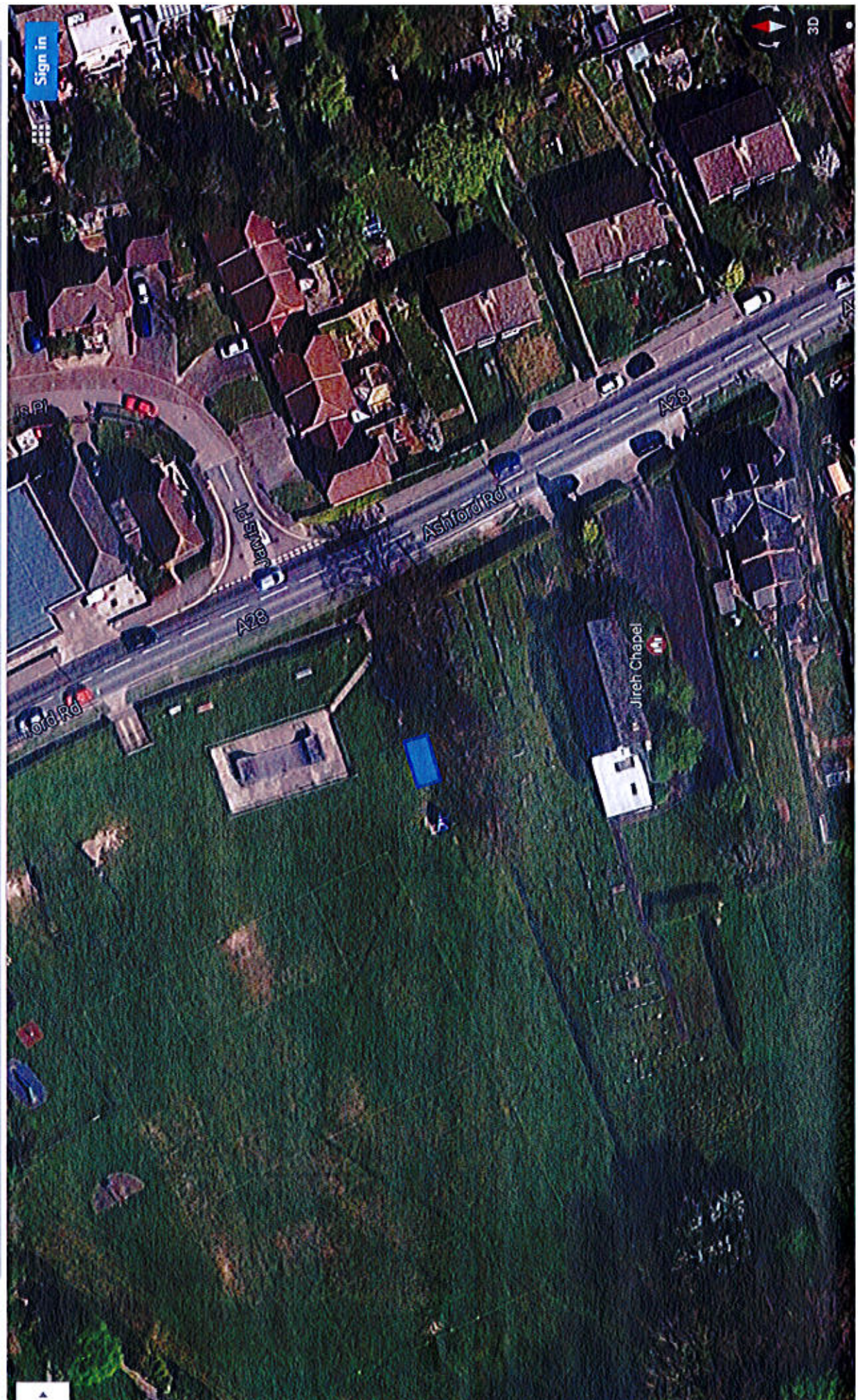


Phil Burgess
Town Clerk

Impact on Crime and Disorder : None

Impact on Bio-diversity : None

Budgetary Impact : From Earmarked reserve



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Tarmacking Recreation Ground Access
Agenda Item 10

The current vehicle access to the Recreation Ground is made up of loose road stones (see attached photo) and three concrete edgings are damaged. The public, particularly the elderly, use this area as a pedestrian crossing rather than the traffic lights. It is proposed that this area be tarmacked. Three quotations have been sought (see attached), with each having their own advantage:

1. Contractor A – cheapest quote.
2. Contractor B – 10mm deeper layer of tarmac; slightly more expensive but would withstand vehicle traffic better.
3. Contractor C – local business; substantially more expensive.

Each of the above Companies are Checkatrade.com/Trading Standards Approved.

Proposal: That a quotation is selected from the above 3 contractors.

Claire Gilbert
Admin Assistant

Impact on Crime and Disorder : None
Impact on Bio-diversity : Minor
Budgetary Impact : From general maintenance



Contractor A

Description	Amount
<p>Quotation - To tarmac the entrance to the park that is already road stoned.</p> <p>Work to be carried out:-</p> <p>Replace three curb stones take, take off all loose stones from the surface area and then lay 65mm topcoat of tarmac using a 10mm hard wearing top coat.</p> <p>Area size to be surfaced is 30sqm</p> <p>The price includes the cost of all materials and labour.</p> <p>Any queries then please let me know.</p> <p>Many thanks Shaun</p> <p><i>Increased from £1100 verified quote - get more quotes</i></p>	<p>1650.00</p>
Total	£1,650.00

Contractor B

Ms Claire Gilbert
Tenterden Town Council
Town Hall
24 High Street
Tenterden
Kent
TN30 6AN

07 November 2016

Dear Ms Gilbert,

Quotation 0033 – Recreation Ground – Surfacing Works

Further to your recent enquiry, we have pleasure in providing you a quotation for the works at the above mentioned site.

The works will comprise the following:

- Over an area of approximately 30m², excavate and dispose of existing stone to a depth of 75mm,
- Replace three damaged concrete edgings,
- Lay and compact 75mm of 10mm DBM tarmac.

Our lump sum quotation for these works, inclusive of all plant, labour and materials is **£1,870.66** plus VAT at the current rate.

Work would be completed in one day.

Contractor C

Claire Gilbert
Tenterden Town Hall
24 High Street
Tenterden
Kent
TN30 6AN
04/11/2016

Estimate

Tarmac pathway

Excavate area to get the correct depth for tarmacking & clearway all debris

Compact the sub base

Replace broken path edgings

Lay base tarmac over sub base then compact & roll

Lay topping tarmac over area then compact & roll

Total £2695

All work Guaranteed

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Highways & Amenities Committee – report of highways meeting on 08 November 2016

Agenda item 11

Present: KCC councillor Mike Hill, two KCC highways engineers (Tara O'Shea and Jennie Watson, Ros Debling (Community Speed Watch, Woodchurch Road), Kent and Medway safety camera partnership representative, town councillor Justin Nelson, and the Town Clerk

Information:

KCC will only do work that progresses its "casualty reduction programme" – KCC has no resources for anything else.

KCC's intervention criteria require 6 or more "injury crashes" within a 3 year period and a 50 metre radius in urban areas (4 or more such crashes in rural areas) with common causes capable of being "engineered out" before they will take action

While the police have suggested that KCC should undertake any required research, KCC take the view that if speed limits are being exceeded then it is for the police to enforce those limits - informed by Community Speed Watch data, perhaps; instead of commissioning a survey, TTC could buy a data-collecting SID to collect speeding data

Third party funding is possible: if a proposal is useful, legal and fully funded, KCC will authorise it. Funding includes £3k for a traffic order, but any proposal must be backed up by data, consultation and drawings

KCC will supply a list of "approved" traffic consultants - but it is clear they are sceptical of consultants' reports, assuming them to be written to suit the client's prejudices, rather than being objective

There are two KCC reports awaited - on traffic speeds on the Rolvenden Road and Ashford Road approaches to Tenterden. KCC officers will chase these up

The last KCC speed review was carried out in 2009 and all recommendations have been implemented (on A roads only, due to budget cuts); KCC will supply details of the review/recommendations for Tenterden

The possible extension of the 30mph speed limit at St Michaels was investigated in 2009, but it was decided that the proposed extension was, in effect, into open countryside, so not appropriate. On the other hand, re-siting the variable speed sign so it applied to the 30mph limit was not appropriate as that would place it in a too-crowded area. The issue is therefore not capable of resolution, whatever resources are made available.

The traffic speed surveys are now in place at both St Michaels and Rolvenden Rd.

Possible actions:

- Introduce countdown signs to speed limited areas (for some reason, KCC do not use these, though they seem effective in East Sussex)
- Change the variable speed sign at St Michaels to read "Slow down"
- Erect "village gates" and add road markings at Woodchurch Road (Clay Hill)