

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF A HIGHWAYS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON 19th DECEMBER 2016

Councillors Present: M. Carter, Mrs. J. Curteis, Miss N. Gooch, M. Hickmott (Vice-Chairman), R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge, K. Mulholland, J. Nelson, and A. Sugden.

Officers Present: Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham.

Others Present: One member of the public.

3107 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllrs. Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Smith and Thorpe.

3108 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

3109 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meetings held on 7th and 28th November 2016 were confirmed and signed as correct records.

3110 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

3111 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

3112 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.** None.

3113 **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.** None.

3114 **EXTENSION OF THE GRANGE ROAD CYCLE ROUTE.** Consideration of a possible extension to the cycle route was **DEFERRED** pending further information being received.

3115 **MAINTENANCE FACILITY.** It was **RESOLVED** that a surveyor would be engaged to assess the suitability of the area of St. Michaels Recreation Ground behind the public toilets for a maintenance storage facility. This option would use the hard access which was due to be installed soon.

3116 **RESURFACING OF ACCESS TO TENTERDEN RECREATION GROUND.** It was **RESOLVED** to engage a surveyor to assess the access and make recommendations to ensure that the new surface was capable of taking the weight of heavy vehicles.

3117 **SPEEDING ISSUES.** The results of the KCC speeding survey at Rolvenden Road and Ashford Road (near to the London Beach Hotel) were **NOTED**. The report did not show sufficient danger for KCC to implement traffic calming. It was hoped that the Tent 1 development would lead KCC to assess the traffic speed on Smallhythe Road.

3118 **TENNIS PROVISION.** Cllr. Carter reported that Mr. Carlton (who ran tennis coaching on Tenterden Recreation Ground) was interested in setting up a formal tennis club, which would see greater use of the courts. Members concurred that Mr. Carlton would be invited to address the committee when the recommendations of the Lipton Group (following its thorough consultation process) had been received.

3119 **MINOR MATTERS.**

- (a) Kent Police. Two weekly rural policing updates were **NOTED.**
- (b) KCC Public Rights of Way. A diversion of path AB49 near Pickhill was **NOTED.**
- (c) Road Works. Restricted access between the Smallhythe Road entrance to the development and Plummer Lane (off Rolvenden Road), for drainage work for 10 weeks from 6th February 2017, was **NOTED.**
- (d) Kent Minerals and Waste Plan. A call for sites was **NOTED.**
- (e) NHS South East Commissioning Support Unit. Information on a new Health and Social Care plan was **NOTED.** Cllr. Isworth reported that between the East Cross Clinic and Westwell Hospital, there was a lot of underused NHS space in the town, which could be put to use to provide local care for local patients, in line with the aims of the scheme.
- (f) Kent County Playing Fields Association. The October newsletter was **NOTED.**
- (g) Ashford Borough Council Leaders' Briefing. Information on recycling services was **NOTED.**
- (h) Recreation Ground Waste Facility. It was **NOTED** that a further minor amendment had been made to the waste facility planning application.

3120 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** The Deputy Chairman expressed disappointment that he had been overlooked to chair the committee in favour of Cllr. Mrs. Smith, following the resignation of Mrs. Hannett.

The meeting opened at 8.25pm and closed at 9.02pm.

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Highways & Amenities Committee held on the 30th day of January 2017.

Chairman _____ (30.01.2017)