

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES OF A HIGHWAYS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL ON 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2017**

**Councillors Present:** M. Carter, Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss N. Gooch, M. Hickmott, R. Isworth, K. Mulholland, J. Nelson, Mrs. P. Smith (Chairman), A. Sugden and T. Thorpe.

**Officers Present:** Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Senior Administrator Mrs. C. Gilbert.

**Others Present:** Cllr. R. Knight (not a member of this committee).

3155 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. Dr. L. Lovelidge.

3156 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

3157 **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3158 **MATTERS ARISING.**

- (a) Minute 3126(b) St Michaels Pedestrian Crossing. Kent County Council (KCC) had informed Tenterden Town Council that yellow backing boards on the traffic lights are not legal and would render transgressions un-enforceable. KCC were currently looking at a county-wide scheme of camera enforcement for pedestrian crossings and the St. Michaels Post Office would be considered within that scheme.

3159 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.** None.

3160 **COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS.**

- (a) Parking on Grange Road, St Michaels. Cllr. Ferguson had been asked by a member of the public whether one hour parking restrictions could be enforced in certain areas in St. Michaels Village. The Town Clerk reported that Parking Services at Ashford Borough Council could be contacted direct. Cllr. Mulholland had also been approached regarding the same issue and agreed that one hour parking restrictions would be beneficial if requested. Cllr. Smith did raise her concerns for those residents who live along Grange Road who do not currently have designated parking outside their properties.
- (b) Temporary Footpath between Bells Lane and Smallhythe Road. Cllr. Smith had received more complaints regarding the temporary footpath. Cllr. Smith thought the Committee had agreed that the spare bins we had would be put at the end of the footpath, however, the bins that are already there are fenced off. There were also issues with dog fouling. Cllr. Ferguson responded that she had received complaints regarding dog fouling; it was generally bad and was unsure how the Council could tackle the problem. The Town Clerk would contact Singleton Parish Council for

advice on how they tackled the issue and report back to the External Committee.

- (c) Weald Preservation signs. Cllr. Smith reported that the signs located outside White Stuff and W.H. Smith were in a poor state and required either cleaning or the perspex replacing. Signs that are put in those noticeboards need to be larger.

### 3161 **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

- (a) East Cross Garden. Cllr. Smith reported that the Sub-committee had been unable to meet. However, individual members had indicated their preferences in the colour of the new paving and the results were a tie. Cllr. Smith requested that the Committee decide in order for the project to move forward. The Committee **RESOLVED** the following actions:
- (i) the Town Clerk to register the Fairings path with Land Registry;
  - (ii) instruct Maylands Consulting to provide quotations for the work;
  - (iii) obtain listed building consent for works near the water pump;
  - (iii) request a conservation officer to provide their preference for the colour of the paving.
- (b) Sports Review. Cllr. Nelson suggested that as no meeting was planned for the Sports Review, perhaps one should be arranged. It was **RESOLVED** that a meeting would take place.

3162 **BENCH REQUEST**. It was **RESOLVED** that a commemorative bench would be installed on the south side of the High Street opposite Eaton and Jones Jewellers. The Town Clerk reported that the site in question would easily take two benches, one either side of the lamppost.

3163 **REQUEST FOR ICE CREAM CONCESSION**. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the request from the Montalbano Restaurant for an ice cream concession on the Recreation Ground.

3164 **CARETAKER SCHEME**. It was **RESOLVED** that a contractor be engaged at the daily rate of £115.00 to cover short term periods of ad hoc work; longer term requirements would be referred to the Council.

3165 **ST MICHAELS RECREATION GROUND ACCESS**. Confidential document 585 refers.

3166 **MAINTENANCE FACILITY**. It was **RESOLVED** that Maylands Consulting would be instructed to submit a planning application to Ashford Borough Council for the new maintenance facility at St Michaels Recreation Ground with an increase in the size of the hard-standing area.

3167 **WASTE FACILITY**. An update on the construction of a waste facility in the corner of the Leisure Centre coach park was received and **NOTED**.

### 3168 **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- (a) Caretaker Scheme. A letter from a resident complaining about bush maintenance in William Judge Close was **NOTED**.

3169 **MINOR MATTERS.**

- (a) Speeding on Smallhythe Road. A copy of a letter and petitions to Kent County Council from residents on the Smallhythe Road regarding speeding was **NOTED.**
- (b) Parking on Turner's Avenue. A copy of a resident's letter to Ashford Borough Council and the police regarding parking at Turner's Avenue was **NOTED.**
- (c) Blocking of Danemore. Notification from the Department of Transport was **NOTED.**
- (d) Ashford Borough Council Parking Services. Notice from Ashford Borough Council regarding the removal of reserved spaces in Bridewell Lane car park for season ticket holders was **NOTED.**

3170 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

- (a) Cllr. Hickmott requested that his thanks to the Town Hall staff be recorded for helping to produce the May Fayre flyer and programme.

**The meeting opened at 8.40pm and closed at 9.29pm.**

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Highways & Amenities Committee held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (15.05.2017)