

**TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL
EXTERNAL COMMITTEE**

Covid 19 Sub-Committee

Notes of a meeting conducted by e-mail on Thursday, 23rd July 2020

No	Item	Action
1	Present: Cllrs. M. Carter, V. Cole, Mrs. J. Curteis, Mrs. S. Ferguson, M. Hickmott, C. Knowles, Dr. L. Lovelidge, K. Mulholland J. Nelson, R. Quinton, Mrs. P. Smith and A. Sugden. Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.	
2	Apologies. Cllrs. J. Crawford, Miss. A. Gardner, R. Parkin, Mrs. K. Walder.	
3	Declarations of Interest. Cllr. Pam Smith as a High Street business owner and Cllr. Sue Ferguson as MyTenterden and Ancient Boro' customer.	
4	Chairman. Phil Burgess.	
5	Minutes of Last Meeting. 16 th July 2020.	
6	Matters arising. NA.	
7	<p>Road Narrowing outside Nationwide. As requested, the matter was referred to Damian Green our MP. He has referred the issue to Cllr. Mike Hill who has referred it to Highways and received the same answer as before. Therefore, any road narrowing with a pedestrian crossing is not going to happen yet so it is still September time for a review.</p> <p>Mike asked if we could find out what KCC can do along the stretch between the French Gourmet and Sue Ryder. Pam had spoken to the French Gourmet about putting a table outside her shop on a Sunday to help. Claire commented that at the last meeting it was agreed that we would seek KCC's advice on what do along the Sue Ryder stretch and this will be followed up.</p> <p>Justin reported that businesses should not be putting tables and chairs on the pavements unless they have a licence from KCC and should keep within their boundaries.</p> <p>Phil asked whether we should keep the all barriers up around the Town. The consensus was that we keep the barriers in place as not all people will be wearing masks outside from tomorrow.</p>	PB/CG
8	<p>Individual Businesses.</p> <p>(i) <i>Ancient Boro'</i> – complaints been received from disabled people as the pavement has been blocked in front of the Ancient Boro'. Claire had been in touch with the Ancient Boro' highlighting the issue and asked them to remove the offending table and chairs. Phil reported that they are in conflict with current rulings so in order to comply with the law they have two options: if the table is not removed then we might have to consider enforcement by KCC or have to remove the barriers completely which will force their hand. Justin commented that the only solution would be to close the slip road and if we can press for it that will help. Justin also reported that tables and chairs</p>	

	<p>should not block the pavement. Sue asked whether we can we put down some tarmac for a ramp. Phil commented that any adjustments to the highway need KCC approval. Roger commented that KCC are the enforcement authority. Phil reported that he had asked Highways about closing the slip road, but this was refused; Mike asked for pressure to be placed on KCC to relook at the situation. Claire reported that the current situation is not fair on disabled or mobility challenged people and all we are asking is for one table and four chairs to be removed from outside the premises. Ken reported that we should not put up petty rules and obstacles in their way and they are not oblivious to disabled issues; we need to let the business run itself.</p> <p>Callum reported that he had spoken with Ray and supports the suspension of the slip road; deliveries can be made to the rear of the properties. Callum had also provided the Ancient Boro' with the contact details to ask for a longer suspension of the layby. Callum agreed that KCC and TTC should liaise to see if the layby can be suspended. Phil we will attempt again to get a layby closure; if this is not possible and the tables still block the pavement, we may have to remove the barriers. Mike suggested putting plywood sheeting down as a whole walkway area as an alternative if KCC will not shut the layby. Phil confirmed that it is not in our legal power to adjust the highway.</p> <p>It was agreed that Phil will approach KCC again re blocking off the layby and Justin will speak to the Ancient Boro' regarding not blocking the pavement.</p>	PB/JN
9	Barriers – it was agreed to keep all the barriers as they are for now. Justin reported that they are not working as well as they could be, but we must leave them in place for now.	
10	Any other business. None.	
11	Date of next meeting. 30 th July 2020 at 5pm.	