

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STREETLIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2015, 7.30PM AT 9 HIGH STREET, WEST MALLING

Present: **Mr K Bullard (Chairman)**
 Mrs T Dean
 Mr J Galloway
 Mrs C Lane
 Mr R Selkirk

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
15/491	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> were received from Mr Carroll and Ms Marlor; also from co-opted members Mrs Luck and Miss Shrubsole			
15/492	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – none other than those routinely declared			
15/493	<u>MINUTES</u> of the meeting held on 17 August 2015 were approved and signed			
15/	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda			
494.1	(15/383.2) 55 Swan Street, Paving – Mr Selkirk reported that the builders had been required to put metal sheets in place to cover the dips.			
15/495	<u>STREETLIGHTING, REPORT FROM SIMMONS LIGHTING</u> Their most recent scouting report dated 6 September 2015 is appended to these minutes (separate attachment) According to Simmons' report there were four lights not working. Mr Bullard suggested that it was necessary to compare Simmons' lists across the months. In Mr Bullard's opinion Simmons' response was patchy but good in the case of emergency work e.g. light outside the church.			
	Junction Lavenders Road/Swan Street – Mr Selkirk reported that this appeared to have an intermittent fault. The Clerk was to report this again to Simmons.	Clerk	✓	
15/496	<u>RE-TENDERING OF STREETLIGHTING CONTRACT</u> In view of the lack of response the Clerk was to re-send the tender documents as agreed.	Clerk		
15/497	<u>MARWOOD ELECTRICAL COMPANY/LED LIGHTS</u> (minute 15/380.3 refers) Mr Bullard, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk had had an informal meeting with Mr David Player of Marwood Electrical on 22 September 2015 to discuss LED Lights. Mr Bullard reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated cost £400 - £600 per lantern • Mr Player to be coming to WM next week to have a look round • Mr Player had said that LED lights were not necessarily the best option • Mr Player had been given a hard copy of the inventory but he had asked for a soft copy. 			
	The Clerk was to ensure that the inventory was sent electronically to Mr Player.	Clerk	✓	

15/ 498	<p><u>BUDGET</u></p> <p>Mr Bullard agreed to provide the Clerk with his version of the Committee budget so that this could be provided to members.</p>	KB Clerk	✓	
15/ 499	<p><u>PARKING REVIEW, PUBLIC MEETING</u></p> <p>Mrs Dean reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCC providing display boards for public exhibition on 30/31 October 2015 at WM CEP School • Mr Andy Edwards and Mr Andy Bracey (T&MBC) had not replied as to what they would provide • No T&MBC officers would attend • WMPC members had volunteered to man the exhibition on both days • Planning application in respect of Church Centre had been submitted by the PCC to T&MBC • On 30 October 2015 there would also be a public meeting about this application 			
15/ 500	<p><u>RESEARCH WORKER</u></p> <p>Mr Bullard reported that he had drawn up the terms of reference. Mrs Dean reported that there had been seven applicants, of whom one had subsequently withdrawn. Deadline given was end of October 2015.</p>			
15/ 501	<p><u>SCHOOL PARKING</u></p> <p>Mrs Dean reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not possible to improve school parking without two-way traffic on the access road • would have to acquire land from elsewhere; loss of any land from the WMPC-owned Cricket Meadow would cause opposition • after-school facility desirable 			
15/ 502	<p><u>ST LEONARDS STREET, SPEEDING</u></p> <p>Mrs Dean reported that this project was on hold. There would in due course be a public meeting.</p>			
15/ 503	<p><u>SWAN STREET, SPEEDING</u></p> <p>An e-mail had been received from someone who would be moving to Swan Street shortly; concern was expressed about traffic speeds.</p> <p>Mrs Dean had already replied as follows:</p> <p>“The Parish council has recently had our 20 mph 'zone' re-designated to a 20mph 'limit'. This required additional signage which was put in place in spring. It means that Police enforcement action can be taken, whereas previously the zone was intended to be self-enforcing.</p> <p>The Council requests Police enforcement following crashes, or speeding incident or reports of speeding from residents. We have had none of these in the past few months.</p> <p>We did request at formation that the limit signs be placed to include the More Park School and church and the station down line access. This was however refused by the Police.</p> <p>We also have a Speedwatch Group who operate equipment which records vehicle speeds , and feeds information back to the Police. I think I am right in saying it has not yet operated in Swan Street, and this may be either because there are no volunteers in Swan Street, or the Police have not yet authorised a site from which it</p>			

	<p>can operate. I am copying this to Keith Bullard, Chairman of our Highways Committee, who may wish to add to this explanation.</p> <p>If I may suggest that once you have moved in and observed the traffic speeds for few days, perhaps you will contact us again if you still have a concern and we can request Police action, or make arrangements for Speedwatch to do some data collection.”</p>			
	Mrs Dean reported to this meeting that she had met Chief Inspector Gill Ellis. It was accepted that there was a need to demonstrate <i>via</i> Speedwatch that there was a problem.			
	Mr Bullard agreed to ask the Police if Swan Street could be assessed as to suitability as a Speedwatch location.	KB		
	Mr Selkirk suggested possibly a feature in Downsmail asking for volunteers in order to make Speedwatch more effective.			
15/504	<p><u>ST LEONARDS STREET, FLOODING SITUATION</u></p> <p>Mr Bullard reported that the drainage system had been repaired by Kent Highways. The pipe had been blocked by tree roots so the pipe had been replaced by a larger pipe.</p> <p>FloodSax - 200 units covered in the budget. Mr Selkirk agreed to store those for Frog Lane.</p>			
15/505	<p><u>KCC SURVEY ON STREETLIGHTING IN KENT</u></p> <p>Mrs Dean reported that she had 50 hard copies of the consultation document.</p> <p>Mr Bullard reported that he had been unable to download this from the KCC website.</p> <p>Mrs Dean reported that the previous consultation had been carried out exclusively online, and this was not permitted – hence the need to re-consult.</p> <p>Mrs Dean explained that the preferred system allows KCC to control lights individually. The survey did not ask if respondents were aware of certain sensitive areas which ought to have all-night lighting.</p> <p>Respondents need to indicate if they feel that certain KCC-lit roads ought to have all-night lighting (those roads with WMPC-owned lighting had never switched to part-night lighting) .</p> <p>There was also a question about dimming lights.</p> <p>Deadline for responses was 19 November 2015.</p>			
15/506	<p><u>KCC HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SURVEY 2015</u></p> <p>Deadline for completion 27 November 2015.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to complete this individually.</p>	All		
15/507	<p><u>KCC PARISH AND TOWN SEMINAR</u></p> <p>Mr Bullard agreed to represent WMPC at this Seminar on 29 October 2015 at Ditton Community Centre.</p> <p>Agenda items had been suggested by WMPC as agreed at Full Council (minute 15/398.7 refers)</p>	KB		
15/508	<p><u>JOINT PARISH COUNCILS TRAFFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP</u></p> <p>Mr Bullard reported from their meeting on 12 October 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Jane Heeley (T&MBC Environmental Health) had attended • At present only measuring with passive monitors • JPCTCG represents half of T&MBC parishes • 30 people attended last meeting <p>Mrs Dean also reported that at that meeting the issue of possible change to the T&MBC Area Planning Committee system was raised; as a result many parishes wrote to T&MBC. It was suggested that contact be made with other groups such as Parish Partnership Panel.</p>			

15/	<u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u>			
509.1	Zebra Crossing – Mr Selkirk was of the opinion that the lighting on the zebra crossing was sub-standard. The Clerk was to report to Mr Michael Heath that the downlighters were not considered sufficiently bright.	Clerk	✓	
509.2	Long- Stay Ryarsh Lane Car Park – Mr Galloway reported again that crossing the entrance as a pedestrian was dangerous in view of the lack of visibility to drivers. Mr Galloway suggested that possibly T&MBC could install a sign warning drivers leaving the car park saying “STOP - Pedestrians Crossing”. Clerk to contact Mr Andy Edwards.	Clerk	✓	
509.3	Date of Next Meeting – the next scheduled meeting would be on Monday 21 December 2015. Mrs Dean and Mrs Lane would not be able to attend, and it was likely to be problematic because of proximity to the holiday period. It was agreed instead that the next meeting be held on Monday 23 November 2015.			
	Clerk to notify all members and co-opted members.	Clerk	✓	
	Clerk to book the Clout.	Clerk	✓	
15/ 510	<u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u> totalling £1,272.39 were approved.			
	There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.45pm Signed..... Date.....			