

# WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STREETLIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 APRIL 2016, 7.30PM AT 9 HIGH STREET, WEST MALLING

**Present:** Mr K Bullard (Chairman)  
Mrs T Dean  
Mr R Selkirk

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
16/223	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> were received from Mr Carroll, Mr Galloway and Ms Marlor; also from co-opted member Borough Cllr Mrs Luck			
16/224	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> – none other than those routinely declared			
16/225	<b>MINUTES</b> of the meeting held on 21 March 2016 were approved and signed			
16/226	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda  Mr Bullard expressed his appreciation on behalf of all members for the unstinting efforts and support of Ms Marlor who had tendered her resignation from the Parish Council. He was particularly appreciative personally of her support to this Committee.			
16/	<b>STREETLIGHTING</b>			
227.1	<b>Emergency Responses</b> - Mr Bullard reported that Mr Ken Bonner of “Streetlights” had agreed to respond to emergency issues. Mr Bullard had issued a full tender and followed it up with a phone call. KCC had indicated that they had to pass it to their contractors.			
	Mrs Dean proposed that Mr Bonner’s quote be accepted; this was seconded by Mr Selkirk and agreed unanimously. Mr Bullard agreed to follow this up.	KB	✓	
227.2	<b>Replacement of Four Columns</b> – it was agreed to defer consideration of these until Mr Bonner had carried out his survey as other work might also be flagged up.			
227.3	<b>Next Meeting</b> – Mr Selkirk suggested that Mr Bonner be invited to the next meeting of this Committee on 20 June 2016. [subsequent to this meeting an informal meeting was held with Mr Bonner on 3 May 2016 and he agreed to attend on 20 June 2016]			
227.4	<b>LED Lights</b> – Mr Bullard was to express an LED interest in WMPC joining KCC’s contract for LED lights.	KB		
227.5	<b>KCC Light next to zebra crossing</b> – the Clerk was to remind Mr Dan Pritchett that the lighting column next to the zebra crossing in the High Street had still not been replaced. It was felt to be important that this be replaced as it provided illumination of the zebra crossing.	Clerk	✓	

<b>16/</b>	<b><u>PARKING CHARGES</u></b>			
<b>228.1</b>	<p><b>Letter in Kent Messenger</b> – reference was made to the letter in the KM on 22 April 2016 from Cllr Heslop, Leader of T&amp;MBC. Mrs Dean was to ask Mr Meader (Chairman of WM Chamber of Commerce) to respond.</p> <p>Mr Selkirk reported that he had written to Tesco re their parking spaces.</p>	<b>TD</b>		
<b>228.2</b>	<p><b>Public Notices</b> – Mrs Dean reported that the notices displayed by T&amp;MBC were incorrect. T&amp;MBC had not yet cleared these with The Farmhouse nor Tesco. Mrs Dean had arranged for research regarding land ownership to be carried out but this was still not clear. Mrs Dean reported that the consultation was on the basis that registration numbers would not be taken but the new system did require registration numbers.</p>			
<b>228.3</b>	<p><b>Call in Procedure</b> - Mr Selkirk reported that he had written to Ms Julie Beilby (Chief Executive, T&amp;MBC) requesting a meeting but to date no response had been received. Mr Selkirk reported that a reply had been received from Cllr Allan Sullivan (Chairman of T&amp;MBC's Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee) on 20 April 2016; Cllr Sullivan had replied:</p> <p>“Dear Ms D’Silva Thank you for your emails dated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 and 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Apologies for not responding sooner but I have been abroad. As you know the date for call in has passed (expired on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016) and in any case since I support the Cabinet decision reached on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 I would not have called this matter in. “</p> <p>Mr Selkirk explained that WMPC had not asked Cllr Sullivan to agree with WMPC's view but had asked that he call in the decision.</p> <p>Mrs Dean explained that the call in procedure was not much used by T&amp;MBC.</p> <p>It was noted that the letter from WMPC had been sent to Cllr Sullivan's dedicated T&amp;MBC e-mail address, whereas Cllr Sullivan had replied using his personal e-mail address.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk respond to Cllr Sullivan on behalf of WMPC (and copy to Ms Beilby) explaining that the request to call in had been submitted on time to his T&amp;MBC e-mail address; it was to be expected that T&amp;MBC would have monitored e-mails sent to the T&amp;MBC e-mail address.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>	✓	
<b>228.4</b>	<p>Mr Selkirk reported that Cllr Howard Rogers had stated on 22 March 2016 that no date had been set for the Steering Group.</p> <p>Mr Selkirk reported that in the Decision Notice there was no reference to agreements in respect of the school's walking bus.</p> <p>Mr Selkirk suggested possibly asking the National Audit Office for an assessment of the situation.</p>			
<b>16/ 229</b>	<p><b><u>RESIDENTIAL PARKING</u></b></p> <p>In response to an enquiry from Mr Harriott, Mr Robert Styles had stated on 11 April 2016:</p> <p>“.... the implementation of the parking review proposals will take place over the next few months as part of a programme of works. I have never stated that the works would happen at the same time as the introduction of charges and I did not actually speak at full Council. What I have said consistently is that I will undertake a review a year after the charges have been introduced and the level of enforcement in the town will be enhanced significantly as part of the charging proposals “</p> <p>It was agreed that Mr Selkirk draft a reply on behalf of WMPC.</p>	<b>RS</b>		

16/ 230	<p><b><u>PARKING, OTHER AREAS</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that Kings Hill Parish Council had lodged their objections to the introduction of parking charges in WM.</p> <p>Mrs Dean reported that Ms Beilby (Chief Executive, T&amp;MBC) had indicated that T&amp;MBC had “no plans” to introduce parking charges in Snodland or Martin Square, Larkfield car parks. However, in the T&amp;MBC budget papers it was stated that there would be a review of those areas.</p>		
16/ 231	<p><b><u>SPEEDWATCH</u></b></p> <p>Mr Bullard pointed out that more volunteers were needed</p>		
16/ 232	<p><b><u>ST LEONARDS STREET TRAFFIC CALMING</u></b></p> <p>Mrs Dean reported that KCC members had been briefed earlier in the day (25 April 2016) about funding: KCC were to charge a design fee at the end of a project which would be 15% of the cost. Subsequently the project would have £500 in addition. Mrs Dean had already paid Mrs Elaine Hendren for a design so Mrs Dean wished to ensure that this would not be charged twice.</p>		
16/ 233	<p><b><u>123 BUS ROUTE</u></b></p> <p>WMPC members felt it was important to have a bus route serving WM High Street which is an important retail centre; this was particularly important now that parking charges were being introduced.</p>	KB/ Clerk	
16/ 234	<p><b><u>RAIL SERVICES</u></b></p> <p>Mr Bullard agreed to provide the Clerk with an update.</p>	KB	
16/ 235	<p><b><u>THIRD THAMES CROSSING</u></b></p> <p>It was noted that T&amp;MBC had opted for Option C.</p> <p>WMPC’s response is appended to the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 21 March 2016.</p>		
16/ 236	<p><b><u>J5 SLIPS</u></b></p> <p>Mr Bullard reported that the KALC report was due at the end of April 2016.</p>		
16/ 237	<p><b><u>JOINT PARISH COUNCILS TRANSPORT CONSULTATIVE GROUP</u></b></p> <p>Mr Bullard reported that the JPCTCG AGM had been held on 7 April 2016. Their minutes would follow shortly.</p> <p>Their next meeting would be held on Monday 27 June 2016.</p>		
16/ 238	<p><b><u>BUDGET STATEMENT</u></b></p> <p>The statement of Receipts &amp; Payments for this Committee was received.</p>		
16/ 239	<p><b><u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u></b></p> <p>Payments totalling £8,995.08 were approved.</p>		

<b>16/</b>	<b><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNCILLORS</u></b>			
<b>240.1</b>	<p><b>Ryarsh Lane</b>                  Mr Selkirk reported that in the unadopted part of Ryarsh Lane, potholes had been filled in by someone using broken bathroom tiles. The Clerk was to ask KCC Public Rights of Way to inspect</p>	<b>Clerk</b>	✓	
<b>240.2</b>	<p><b>Lucia Victoria Shop, West Street</b> – Mr Selkirk commented that the lighting at this new shop was in his view excessive. Mr Stevens had already reported it to Environmental Services, who had replied as follows:                  “I am not aware of any legislation that would control the amount of light coming from a premises per se. However, light is included in the list of possible Statutory Nuisances within the Environmental Protection Act 1990. For this to be used, the light must have a material effect upon someone at their property, merely noticing the light would not be sufficient. Thus if the lights only affect someone whilst walking past the premises, the legislation would not be able to be used.                  If you believe that the lights are sufficient to affect road users, then this would be a matter that, I believe, you should raise with the Police. “                  Mrs Dean agreed to have an informal word with the proprietor.</p>	<b>TD</b>		
<b>240.3</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> – Monday 20 June 2016 @ the Clout			
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.06pm                  Signed.....                  Date.....</p>			