

## WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STREETLIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019, 7.30PM AT 9 HIGH STREET, WEST MALLING

**Present:**        **Mr N Stapleton (Chairman)**  
                      **Miss G Barkham**  
                      **Mr K Bullard**  
                      **Mr D Thompson**

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
19/227	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Borough Councillor Luck			
19/228	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> – none			
18/229	<b>MINUTES</b> of the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed.			
19/230	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda  (19/103) Miss Barkham reported that the pothole near the zebra crossing on the High Street had still not been fixed. Clerk to report again to KCC Highways.	Clerk	✓	
19/231	<b>STREETLIGHTING</b>			
231.1	<b>Phase 5/painting of columns</b>  Phase 5 materials have now been ordered and it is anticipated that the work will commence from June onwards.  Clerk to draft a letter to those residents/businesses who have lanterns on their properties and will be affected by the phase 5 works  Painting and numbering of columns will commence from the end of May but this is dependent on weather.  General discussion regarding the use of section 106 monies for new developments such as the Bellway Homes Lavenders Road application should it be granted.	Clerk		
231.2	<b>UMS Certificate</b>  The updated streetlight inventory has been sent to UK Power Networks with a request for a new certificate and supporting inventory.			
231.3	<b>Swan Street</b>  A meeting with Mrs Dean to discuss an additional streetlight in Swan Street is to be convened before the next Highways meeting.			
19/232	<b>SPEEDWATCH</b>			

	<p>Mr Stapleton reported that there have been 4 more Speedwatch sessions since the last meeting.  Town Hill – 385 cars, out of which 40 were recorded speeding  Swan Street – 103 cars, out of which and 26 were recorded speeding.  St Leonards Street – 197 cars, out of which 23 cars were recorded speeding.</p> <p>A sack barrow has been purchased to enable the unit to be moved from the parish office to the Speedwatch locations.</p> <p>One more resident has volunteered – Clerk to arrange a convenient date for training.</p> <p>Miss Barkham noted that one of the batteries appears to be losing charge very quickly. Mr Stapleton to contact Kent Police Speedwatch to seek advice in the first instance.</p> <p>General discussion regarding the need for more volunteers and for more regular/consistent sessions.</p>	Clerk	✓	
<b>19/233</b>	<b><u>NORMAN ROAD – SPEED LIMIT</u></b>			
	<p>Councillors receive a number of complaints about the speed of traffic travelling on Norman Road. Members of the committee agree that drivers are on the whole not exceeding the speed limit on this stretch of road but are perhaps driving too fast for the width of the road.</p> <p>Following discussion, members agreed that a 20mph speed limit on Norman Road would be appropriate.</p> <p>Clerk to discuss way forward with Mrs Dean &amp; KCC</p>	Clerk	✓	
<b>19/234</b>	<b><u>NORMAN ROAD JUNCTION WITH ALMA ROAD</u></b>			
	<p>A request for high visibility markers on the corner of Alma Road has been received. It is difficult/dangerous for cars to exit onto Norman Road and it would appear that drivers miss the sign denoting a turning.</p> <p>It was agreed that this is a particularly difficult junction and that high visibility markers on the walls should be considered.</p> <p>Clerk to speak with KCC</p>			
<b>19/235</b>	<b><u>CYCLE RACKS IN HIGH STREET</u></b>			
	<p>It was agreed in principle that cycle racks in the High Street would be beneficial to the community, but that the position of any new racks would need to be considered carefully.</p> <p>To be considered further at the next Highways meeting and in the meantime for members to monitor usage of the T&amp;MBC racks in the car park and to consider options for the High Street.</p>			
<b>19/236</b>	<b><u>JUNCTION 5 SLIPS PETITION</u></b>			
	<p>Online and paper petition now available. Mr Bullard to speak with Tim Shaw with regards to posting the details on the West Malling Facebook page.  Link to the online petition as follows:  <a href="https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/234542">https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/234542</a></p>			
<b>19/237</b>	<b><u>SOUTH EASTERN FRANCHISE</u></b>			
	<p>Receipt of email dated 10<sup>th</sup> April was noted.</p> <p>The Department of Transport have started discussions with South Eastern about the possible extension of the current franchise to enable the Department of Transport more time to review and award a winner for the next South Eastern franchise.</p> <p>An initial extension of 5 periods from 23 June 2019 to 10 November 2019 is being discussed</p>			

	with an option for up to a further 5 periods if required, up to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020.			
<b>19/238</b>	<b><u>JOINT PARISH COUNCILS TRAFFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP</u></b>			
<b>238.1</b>	Draft minutes of the meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> March were received			
<b>238.2</b>	Next meeting date of the 20 <sup>th</sup> June was noted. Mr Bullard hoped to be in attendance.			
<b>238.3</b>	Future meeting dates scheduled as follows – 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September & 26 <sup>th</sup> November			
<b>19/239</b>	<p><b><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC &amp; COUNCILLORS –</u></b></p> <p>Mr Bullard reported that Norman Kemp of bus company Nu-Venture, has requested that the parking outside of Tesco be changed to parallel parking which will make it easier for the buses to turn in the High Street.</p> <p>Mr Thompson has been in contact with the West Malling train station manager regarding the condition of the approach road including the area of dirt/mud now being used on a regular basis by HGV's. It is hoped that the station manager would agree to attend a Highways Committee meeting, perhaps on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Miss Barkham requested that the local schools be made aware of the 'Kids Walk' being organised by the road safety charity Brake. Clerk to notify West Malling primary School.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>	✓	
	<b>Next meeting of this committee –17<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>			
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>			

<b>Highways and Transportation Committee</b>					
<b>Income</b>		<b>Budget 2019-20</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget 2018-19</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
Members Grant - Speed Equipment				600.00	
Speedwatch Safeguarded			26.78		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>26.78</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Budget 2019-20</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget 2018-19</b>	<b>End of Year</b>
Energy		7489.00	539.22	6656.00	6526.86
Maintenance		5000.00		5000.00	4554.81
Painting & numbering of columns		1408.00			
Phased repair programme		10190.00		10000.00	9624.00
Phased repair programme 17/18					5095.00
One off repairs		2000.00		4200.00	3759.65
Seasonal (Salt, Floodsax)		300.00		300.00	249.10
Speedwatch materials		100.00	26.78	200.00	4.40
Speed watch equipment					600.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26487.00</b>	<b>566.00</b>	<b>26356.00</b>	<b>30413.82</b>
<b>Surplus/-deficit</b>		<b>-26487.00</b>	<b>-539.22</b>	<b>-25756.00</b>	<b>-30413.82</b>