

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STREETLIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 16TH AUGUST 2021, 7.30PM AT 9 HIGH STREET WEST MALLING

Present: Mr N Stapleton (Chair)
Ms G Barkham
Mrs T Dean
Ms S Margetts

Also Present Mr Keith Mann (resident & co-opted member of the Planning Committee)

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
21/420	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Mr Thompson			
21/421	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN</u>			
	Ms Margetts proposed that Mr Stapleton serve as Chairman, seconded by Ms Barkham. There being no other nominations Mr Stapleton was duly elected.			
21/422	<u>ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN</u>			
	It was agreed that a Vice Chairman would not be elected.			
21/423	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – none			
21/424	<u>MINUTES</u> of the meeting held on 15 th February 2021 were approved and signed			
21/425	<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> [21/107] Churchfields Parking – it was noted that at the request of a resident of Churchfields, this matter was to be discussed at a T&MBC Joint Transportation Board meeting. It had therefore been agreed not to distribute a parking questionnaire to residents. Clerk and Mr Stapleton to establish the outcome of any discussions.	Clerk / NS		
21/426	<u>STREETLIGHTING</u>			
426.1	<u>Phased repairs 21/22</u> – it was noted that the phased repairs had been completed and invoiced.			
426.2	<u>Annual inspection report</u> – it was noted that the annual inspection will take place in mid – August.			
426.3	It was noted that a number of posters had been attached to parish owned lampposts – this to be considered further at a future meeting date.			

21/427	<u>SPEEDWATCH</u>			
	<p>Since the last meeting there have been three Speedwatch sessions – data as below.</p> <p>19th May - Swan Street, 159 cars passed with 60 recorded as speeding. 2nd July - Town Hill, 251 cars passed with 58 recorded as speeding. 26th July - Town Hill, 224 cars passed with 36 recorded as speeding.</p> <p>A number of Speedwatch sessions have been organised for September which will concentrate on St Leonards Street.</p>			
21/428	<u>WMPC HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN</u>			
	<p>It was noted that Mr Stapleton and Clerk will be meeting the designated KCC officer tomorrow (17th August).</p> <p>There was a general discussion regarding the 20mph scheme which appears at point 2 on the HIP. Mrs Dean confirmed that Kent Police has now informed her that she would be allowed to fund Police speed checks from her Member's grant.</p>			
21/429	<p>It was noted that the Clerk is still receiving complaints about cars mounting the pavement opposite 134 High Street. Cars are mounting the pavement rather than giving way to oncoming cars and are driving at speed past both a vehicle and pedestrian entrance to a property.</p> <p>It was further noted that the Parish Council has asked that this matter be dealt with as a matter of urgency due to safety concerns. KCC has stated that this will now be given priority.</p>			
21/430	<u>KING STREET- PARKING & SPEEDING ISSUES</u>			
	<p>Mr Stapleton reported that residents of King Street had contacted him regarding speeding and parking issues.</p> <p>Speeding – residents have suggested a 10mph speed limit. It was noted how difficult it would be to have a 10mph speed limit implemented. It was agreed to monitor complaints.</p> <p>Parking – this is an issue of enforcement. It was agreed to monitor complaints and to potentially write to T&MBC to discuss a lack of enforcement.</p>			
21/431	<u>SWAN STREET</u>			
431.1	<p>The Parish Council receives regular comments regarding the safety of crossing Swan Street with people parking on dropped kerbs (for access to driveways) causing an obstruction and completely stopping access for those with mobility issues. A number of residents have asked if a crossing could be considered.</p> <p>It was noted that Mrs Dean, Mr Stapleton and Clerk are to meet with KCC on Monday 6th September to discuss.</p> <p>It was further noted that this is an issue for T&MBC enforcement who should be stopping people from parking on the dropped kerbs.</p> <p>Clerk to ask T&MBC for retrospective figures of how often enforcement officers are in West Malling</p>	Clerk	✓	
431.2	<p>Volume and speed of traffic in Swan Street – Mrs Dean reported that KCC now rely on Ordnance Survey data to determine speed and volume of traffic rather than having wires across the road to monitor. – this is a saving of in the region of £300.</p> <p>It was agreed that Speedwatch would be undertaken on Swan Street.</p>			
21/432	<u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u>			

432.1	Receipt was noted of Southeastern's stakeholder newsletter 'On Track'.			
432.2	Bus Service Improvement Plan - the KCC consultation was noted. Mr Stapleton agreed to draft comments and asked that members send their comments to him. Deadline 29 th August https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/busfuture	NS		
21/433	<u>ROAD SAFETY WEEK 15TH – 21ST NOVEMBER</u>			
	Road Safety Week 15th – 21st November – it was agreed to register. The theme for this year is 'Road Safety Heroes' https://www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week?mc_cid=4698b1d4ef&mc_eid=c30be1fc19	Clerk	✓	
21/434	<u>JOINT PARISH COUNCILS TRAFFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP</u>			
	It was noted that the next meeting is scheduled for 16 th September (via Zoom) and that David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and the Environment will be speaking. Ms Margetts hoped to be in attendance.			
21/435	<u>FINANCE</u>			
435.1	The committee budget year to date was noted – see below.			
435.2	Accounts for Payment – a cheque in the sum of £1583.02 was approved – see below.			
21/436	<u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u> - none			
21/437	<u>QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS</u> Ms Margetts reported that the brickwork on the corner of Police Station Road and Swan Street was now very uneven and a safety issue. Mr Stapleton to report to KCC. Ms Margetts reported that Leicester is turning all of its bus stops into green roof pollinator gardens for bees. https://mymodernmet.com/leicester-green-roof-bee-bus-stops/	NS	✓	
21/438	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u> – 18 th October 2021			
	There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm Signed..... Date.....			

Highways and Transportation Committee					
Income		Budget 2021-22	YTD	Budget 2020-21	End of Year
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenditure		Budget 2021-22	YTD	Budget 2021-22	End of Year
Energy		7000.00	3272.43	7489.00	3129.10 safeguarded
Maintenance		5000.00	1160.48	5000.00	4641.92
Painting & numbering of columns		1408.00	352.00	1408.00	1408.00
Phased repair programme		8086.00	2064.00	7530.00	7530.00
Additional Swan Street Streetlight				5993.00	
One off repairs		2000.00	216.25	2000.00	2181.25
Seasonal (Salt, Floodsax)		100.00		300.00	100.00
Fingerposts and Noticeboard					1175.85
Speedwatch materials (safeguarded)		100.00		100.00	
	Total	23694.00	7065.16	29820.00	20166.12
Surplus/-deficit		-23694.00	-7065.16	-29820.00	-20166.12

Accounts for Payment 16th August 2021					cheques to be drawn
Castle Water (cheque 2311)				1569.19	£ 1,583.02
(invoice for period 1/1/21 - 30/6/21 - allotment & Macey's water usage)	VAT			313.84	
			(less £300.01 credit)		
				TOTAL	£ 1,583.02