## WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STREETLIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016, 7.30PM AT 9 HIGH STREET, WEST MALLING

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

> Also in attendance: Ms G Barkham (member of WMPC) Mrs S Luck (Borough Councillor, co-opted member)

Minute		Action by	Action	Response
16/ 592	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – none.			
16/ 593	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none other than those routinely declared.			
16/ 594	MINUTES of the meeting held on 20th June 2016 and 15th August 2016 were approved and signed			
16/ 595	MATTERS ARISING from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda			
	(16/460.1) Ryarsh Lane – potholes filled with tiles in un-adopted part of the road. Clerk had reported this twice using the online reporting system, but to date has received no response. Clerk to write to Highways officer at KCC.	Clerk	✓	
	<b>(16/461.3)</b> Streetlights - Swan Street streetlight column 67 and King Street streetlight column 20 – order has been placed to replace these columns (with Heritage columns and lanterns). Mr Harriott to confirm timescale.	SH		
	(16/462) T&MBC Parking – Double yellow lines, response still awaited from Mr Robert Styles together with safety report	T&MBC		
	<b>16/464)</b> Noticeboards & Fingerposts – Planning application is now with Tonbridge & Malling. Timescale of 7 weeks to obtain planning consent and once this is obtained the order can be placed. Mrs Dean has met with Mr Nicholas Heslop (Leader, T&MBC) who was concerned the government funded money had not yet been spent. It was agreed to review the bid and to see which items could be processed quickly.			
16/ 596	STREETLIGHTING			
	Update: Phase 1 is completed except 2 doors to be fitted. Health & Safety work came in as per the quote. Phase 2 emergency works – order has been placed for emergency works. Prices assume road closures. Phase 2 a – revised price £5216.50 Phase 2 b – Columns 44, 73, 41 & 65 to be Heritage columns etc resulting in price increase.			

	Road closures accommodated for in this figure. Discussion regarding possible re-siting of bins that are currently situated on lighting column 41 (church end of High Street) as column is tilting due to previous road traffic incident which may be being made worse by the weight of the bins. Lamp outside Church to be replaced by Heritage lamp (currently LED lamp). Phase 3 – indicative programme and includes lantern replacements / cracked glass / missing panels etc. <b>Tender for structural survey:</b> Clerk to contact Sue Kinsella (Streetlighting Manager) at KCC to find out which contractor undertakes their structural column inspections. Discussion as to whether structural survey could be delayed until next year, however, it was agreed that on a Health & Safety basis the structural survey ought to be carried out at the	Clerk ✓		
	earliest opportunity. It was agreed to delay repairs on column 44 (High St / St Leonards St) & 65 (Frog Lane), but to deal with day burning lanterns, ensuring any money saved can be put towards structural testing.			
16/ 597	T&MBC PARKING CHARGES & RESIDENTIAL PARKING			
	For the benefit of members Mrs Dean recapped on both the parking report conducted by Mr Byatt and the Parking Liaison Meeting which took place on the 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2016. Mr Byatt's research had shown that West Malling needed 160 more car parking spaces for workers alone. At the Parking Liaison meeting, at the request of WMPC, T&MBC agreed to identify a new car park within the Local Plan. T&MBC were not prepared to vary the car parking charges and stated that a free period was unenforceable. T&MBC have not looked at the effect on local shops and businesses The car park has seen a 20/25% decrease in the number of cars visiting and T&MBC figures for the month of September show a 34% reduction. Mr Selkirk stated that the car park running costs have already been met since the charges were introduced. Residential & short term car parks – car registrations are not currently written on the permits at the time of issue which means that drivers can hand the permits on to other drivers, T&MBC are to look into whether vehicle registrations can be put onto permits at the time of issue. Kings Hill and St Martin's Square in Larkfield are both experiencing more pressure on their car parks	Clerk		
16/ 598	SPEEDWATCH			
	Mr Selkirk reported that risk assessments were up to date and that the Council were now waiting on details of online training. A list of volunteers has been compiled and is being added to. Speedwatch equipment is to be on display at the Local Plan event on 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2016.			
16/ 599	PARISH SEMINAR			
	It was agreed that provided there was capacity for 2 representatives, Ms Barkham and Mr Byatt were to attend the Kent Highways seminar to be held on 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2016. Clerk to book	Clerk	✓	
16/ 600	KCC LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN			

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