

WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STREETLIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER 2018, 7.30PM AT 9 HIGH STREET, WEST MALLING

Present: **Mr N Stapleton (Chairman)**
 Miss G Barkham
 Mr K Bullard
 Mrs T Dean (from 8.20)

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
18/583	<u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u> – Borough Cllr. Luck			
18/584	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> – Mr Stapleton is a resident of Police Station Road which is discussed at minute number [18/587.1]			
18/585	<u>MINUTES</u> of the meeting held on 20 th August were approved and signed.			
18/586	<p><u>MATTERS ARISING</u> from the minutes not otherwise on the agenda</p> <p>(18/455) St Leonards Street, Miss Barkham reported that the road surface was starting to deteriorate outside Malling Place and that the ironworks would appear to have not been completed. Clerk to check with Highway Steward as to progress of ironworks and the patch of deterioration.</p> <p>(18/452) T&MBC Enforcement of parking/taxis etc Clerk is awaiting a response from Mr Garnett.</p>	Clerk		
18/587	<u>STREETLIGHTING</u>			
587.1	<u>Phase 3</u>			
	<p>Phase 3 completed except the streetlight on Police Station Road which remains outstanding. A Heritage Lantern had been attached to the front of the property but all parties are in agreement that it is too large for the property and will therefore be removed. Options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To erect a column on the pavement near the existing telegraph pole. The owner of the property is due to undertake works in this area so we are awaiting further instructions from the owner as to any potential restrictions. • To see if a smaller lantern can be sourced which would sit on the side of the property. The committee are mindful that this is a narrow stretch of road and that the previous lantern was knocked a number of times before being finally removed. 			
587.2	<u>Epsom Close/Norman Road footpath</u>			
	Expenditure of £385 was ratified. Streetlight is now in working order and has been added to the inventory.			
587.3	<u>Budget 2019/20</u>			
	Figures have been obtained from Mr Bonner for future work that can be undertaken in the next			

	<p>financial year; this includes costings for replacement of Mercury lights and the painting of columns.</p> <p>It was noted that the existing 80w Mercury lamps are now obsolete and should a lamp fail they will need to be replaced.</p> <p>Budget to be considered further at December meeting.</p> <p>General discussion regarding solar street lights.</p>			
18/588	<u>SPEEDWATCH</u>			
588.1	<p>There have been a further 4 Speedwatch sessions, 3 on St Leonards Street and 1 on Town Hill.</p> <p>The 3 on St Leonard Street recorded between 7 and 9 speeding cars within 1 and a half hours.</p> <p>The session at Town Hill recorded 39 speeding cars in the same period of time. A total of 357 cars were recorded entering the town via Town Hill during that period.</p> <p>It was noted that drivers of speeding cars who also do not have road tax are sent a letter about this in addition to the letter regarding speeding.</p> <p>Leaflets have been distributed and 3 volunteers have come forward but they to date have not completed the online training. More volunteers are needed to ensure the scheme is successful.</p>			
588.2	<u>Speedwatch Signage</u>			
	<p>Movable signage to warn drivers that they are approaching a Speedwatch session is no longer being used, however, Speedwatch signs are now being placed in other towns on streetlights etc to warn people that they are entering a Speedwatch area. It was agreed that dependent on the size and style of the signage (bearing in mind that West Malling is a Conservation Area) that consideration would be given to having signage in the towns.</p>			
588.3	<u>Mobile SID</u>			
	<p>Mrs Dean is looking to buy from her KCC Members Grant, mobile Speed Indicator Devices which will be located over 4 sites.</p> <p>It is noted that Kings Hill has a solar powered device which would be lighter than the other devices and would not have a battery that would need to be recharged on a fortnightly basis. It is understood that each device costs £3500.00</p> <p>The devices will need to be moved by volunteers or a contractor. Clerk to check with Ken Bonner to see if this is a service that he would be minded to offer.</p> <p>Locations for the devices to be discussed further. Mrs Dean to arrange a meeting between Speedwatch organisers at East Malling & Larkfield PC & West Malling PC.</p>	Clerk		
18/589	<u>BIDDING FOR LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FUNDING</u>			
	<p>Email received from KCC regarding the potential to bid for Local Transport Funding for schemes in excess of £10,000 in value. It is understood that this scheme will now not take place during the 2019/20 financial year but it was agreed that consideration be given to small or medium size schemes that could benefit from such funding.</p>			
18/590	<u>SMART MOTORWAYS UPDATE</u>			
	<p>The Smart Motorway update was received and noted. It is noted that works which were scheduled to take place during the weekend of 10th & 11th November have now been postponed to the following week; this is due to concern that the works will disrupt the WW1 Centenary Remembrance Day events.</p>			
18/591	<u>JOINT PARISH TRAFFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP</u>			
	<p>Mr Bullard was in attendance and a verbal report of the meeting held on the 26th September was received. The meeting concentrated largely on the Local Plan and the impact on transport.</p>			

18/592	<u>PARISH SEMINAR</u>			
	The date of the next Parish Seminar was noted as Friday 2 nd November. Mr Bullard hoped to be in attendance.			
18/593	<u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC & COUNCILLORS –</u>			
	There were no questions.			
	Next meeting of this committee – the next scheduled date is Monday 17 th December @ 9 High Street.			
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.58</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>			

