

## WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STREETLIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 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
19/444	<b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> – none			
19/445	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b> – none			
18/446	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b> of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> April were approved and signed.			
19/447	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b> - none			
19/448	<b><u>STREETLIGHTING</u></b>			
448.1	<b><u>Phase 5 / painting of columns</u></b>  Phase 5 replacement of Mercury bulbs / lanterns has been completed except for the lantern attached to 107 High Street. It was agreed that this lantern be left until the next phase of replacement work which is anticipated will take place during the next financial year.  An updated inventory has now been provided by Streetlights which has been forwarded to UK Power Networks. This inventory reflects the number of columns / lanterns that are now LED.  The vast majority of columns have now been repainted and numbered.			
448.2	<b><u>Column 9, Town Hill - replacement costs</u></b>  On repainting it was noticed that this column was corroded at the base and in need of urgent replacement. Costs for replacement to be ratified - £2335 + VAT for the work to be undertaken by Streetlights and £2264 for UKPN costs – agreed unanimously. Clerk to note Full Council agenda as this figure is not within budget and will need to be paid from general reserves.	<b>Clerk</b>	✓	
448.3	<b><u>Swan Street – additional column</u></b>  Mr Stapleton, Mr Bonner and Clerk met to discuss the possibility of an additional column at the lower end of Swan Street. Costs for a new column would be £2270 for Streetlights to undertake the work and an estimated £1153 for UKPN works.  It was agreed that this decision be deferred until after the Bellway decision has been reached. If the Bellway application is unsuccessful the costs to be taken to the next Full Council for consideration. If the Bellway application is successful it was agreed that an additional column will probably not be necessary.			

<b>19/449</b>	<b><u>SPEEDWATCH</u></b>			
	<p>The Speedwatch device has now been repaired, the radar head having been replaced. There was agreement amongst the volunteers that the device was working more efficiently.</p> <p>Mr Stapleton reported that there had been one Speedwatch session since the last meeting. This took place in Swan Street – 128 cars passed, out of which 65 were recorded speeding. The session took place over a period of 1 hour and 25 minutes.</p>			
<b>19/450</b>	<b><u>NORMAN ROAD – SPEED LIMIT</u></b>			
	<p>At the April Highways meeting it was agreed to seek advice from KCC Highways regarding potentially altering the Norman Road speed limit from 30mph to 20mph; this alteration has been requested by a number of residents. KCC have responded stating that KCC funding is prioritised to crash cluster sites and that as Norman Road does not have a recent history of crashes, the road would 'not fall under a safety critical area'. Funding for such a scheme would therefore fall to the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would not take any further action in the immediate future.</p>			
<b>19/451</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 the turning. KCC state that visibility markers would be a matter for the homeowners and possibly one that would involve seeking planning permission from T&amp;MBC. It was agreed to draft a letter to the homeowners seeking their opinion.</p> <p>It has been further suggested that Norman Road be made a one way street. Following discussion, it was agreed that there could be benefits to the scheme but this is not something to take further at this point.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>		
<b>19/452</b>	<b><u>CONDITION OF BRICKWORK ON HIGH STREET / SWAN STREET</u></b>			
	<p>Mrs Dean and Mr Stapleton attended a meeting with KCC Highways to look at the condition of the High Street and Swan Street, in particular with regards to the standard of repair work following utility works. Utility companies have a period of 6 months within which to make good and KCC at this meeting noted that some works had not been completed within the timeframe and the roads had been left below standard. KCC to chase the relevant companies.</p> <p>Future inspections - It was noted that KCC only look at 10% of work completed and therefore it may be that work within West Malling has not been checked. Ms Barkham and Mr Stapleton are to review the condition of the roads and report back to the Highways meetings.</p>			
<b>19/453</b>	<b><u>CYCLE RACKS IN HIGH STREET</u></b>			
	<p>It was agreed not to proceed with the installation of cycle racks at the present time.</p> <p>There are racks within the T&amp;MBC Tesco car park which are covered by CCTV cameras and there is also signage. It was agreed that there is not a suitable location within the town to add a rack.</p>			
<b>19/454</b>	<b><u>BT CONSULTATION – SWAN STREET TELEPHONE BOX</u></b>			
	<p>BT are seeking opinions as to whether or not the Swan Street telephone box should be removed from service. The box has been used 10 times within the year. Following discussion it was agreed that the box was used so infrequently that it could be removed; members noted that the Clerk had attempted to seek the opinions of residents via social media and the parish database. Response sent to T&amp;MBC as follows:</p> <p><i>West Malling Highways Committee has considered the proposal to remove the telephone box located on Swan Street and due to its very infrequent use is in agreement that this box could be removed. The Parish Council has sought to seek the views of residents via social media</i></p>			

	<i>and the council database and we have received only a handful of responses; residents that did respond did not suggest that the box should remain for its current purpose.</i>			
<b>19/455</b>	<b><u>A20 LONDON ROAD JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION</u></b>			
	It was agreed that WMPC would not formally respond to the consultation.			
<b>19/456</b>	<b><u>KENT &amp; MEDWAY ENERGY &amp; LOW EMISSIONS STRATEGY CONSULTATION</u></b>			
	It was agreed that this committee would not respond to the consultation but that other committees should be given the opportunity to respond.  <a href="https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/energyandlowemissionconsultation/consultationHome">https://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/energyandlowemissionconsultation/consultationHome</a>  <i>Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk was advised that the Amenities Committee had also agreed not to respond.</i>			
<b>19/457</b>	<b><u>KCC COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GRANT SCHEME</u></b>			
	Receipt was noted of the 2019/20 scheme			
<b>19/458</b>	<b><u>LOWER THAMES CROSSING</u></b>			
	Receipt was noted of the project update Summer 2019			
<b>19/459</b>	<b><u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u></b>			
<b>459.1</b>	<b><u>Southeastern Franchise</u></b> Receipt of email dated 7 <sup>th</sup> August was noted.  The Department for Transport (DfT) has confirmed a further extension to the current South Eastern franchise which will now run to 1 April 2020 rather than expiring on 10 November 2019.			
<b>459.2</b>	<b><u>Number 58 bus</u></b> It was noted that the new number 58 bus timetable / service is to launch on 15 <sup>th</sup> July; this is a year-long trial scheme.			
<b>459.3</b>	<b><u>Southeastern Consultation</u></b> The Southeastern consultation on proposed timetable changes was noted. It was agreed not to respond.  <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5PG2LT9">https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5PG2LT9</a>			
<b>19/460</b>	<b><u>KCC HIGHWAYS STEWARD</u></b>			
	It was noted that Dave Lucas had been appointed as the new Highways Steward for the area.			
<b>19/461</b>	<b><u>JOINT PARISH COUNCILS TRAFFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP</u></b>			
<b>461.1</b>	Next meeting date of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> September was noted			
<b>461.2</b>	Future meeting date of 26 <sup>th</sup> November was noted			
<b>19/462</b>	<b><u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u></b>			
	Accounts in the sum of £2716.80 were approved. See below			
<b>19/463</b>	<b><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC &amp; COUNCILLORS –</u></b>  There were no members of the public present.			

	<p>Mr Bullard reported that the ticket machine in the Tesco Car Park is not working and that this has been the case for a number of days. Mr Stapleton will email T&amp;MBC. Mr Bullard also raised the number of spaces that are now being used as private spaces by Tesco and The Farmhouse; making it more difficult for shoppers to park.</p> <p>Ms Barkham reported that she has noticed more cars clipping the bend where St Leonards Street meets the High Street. It was agreed to monitor the situation.</p> <p>Mr Thompson reported on the condition of the road in Swan Street (near the Abbey) and the grass verge up from the cascade not being maintained. Mr Thompson to take photos and review with Clerk.</p>	<b>NS</b>		
<b>19/464</b>	<b>Next meeting of this committee – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019</b>			
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>			

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<b>Accounts for Payment 19th August 2019</b>	<b>cheques to be drawn</b>		
UK Power Networks	£2,264.00		
(disconnection and reconnection of Town Hill Column) VAT	<u>£ 452.80</u>		<b>£2,716.80</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£2,716.80</u></b>		