

## WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STREETLIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 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
19/574	<b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> – none			
19/575	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b> – none			
19/576	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b> of the meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> August were approved and signed.			
19/577	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b> –			
577.1	<b>19/451 – Norman Road Junction with Alma Road</b> – letter to homeowners to be drafted.	<b>Clerk</b>		
577.2	<b>19/463 – Tesco Car park ticket machine</b> – Mr Bullard reported that the machine is still faulty but possibly on an intermittent basis.			
577.3	<b>19/463 – condition of road / parking bays near St Marys Abbey</b> – Clerk reported that photos of the bays had been sent to KCC			
19/578	<b><u>STREETLIGHTING</u></b>			
578.1	<b><u>Update</u></b> Work undertaken since last meeting was noted, in particular: Repairs to Wickens Place, Fartherwell Avenue, Lavenders Road, St Leonards Street and replacement column on Town Hill.  It was noted that a number of KCC streetlights within the town are day burning. Ms Barkham, Mr Stapleton and Clerk have reported these over a number of weeks.			
578.2	<b><u>Swan Street – additional column</u></b> It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that an additional streetlight column be installed in Swan Street; to be funded from general reserves. Cost of £2270 for Streetlight contractor and estimated UKPN costs of £1153.  Clerk to note agenda	<b>Clerk</b>	✓	
578.3	<b><u>Streetlight budget 2020/21</u></b>			

	<p>It was agreed that during the next financial year, the parish council would continue to upgrade the mercury lights to LED.</p> <p>The recommendation will be that the remaining 4 High Street mercury lights are upgraded plus, 1 on St Leonards Street, 1 on Fartherwell Avenue, 1 on Alma Road and two on Ewell Avenue.</p> <p>It is anticipated that costs will be in the region of £7000. Costs to be confirmed with Streetlights.</p>														
<p><b>19/579</b></p>	<p><b><u>SPEEDWATCH</u></b></p>														
	<p>A number of sessions have taken place since the last meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask if there could be a police presence at a future session. Clerk to speak with PCSO and Sgt Alvey.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>													
<p><b>19/580</b></p>	<p><b><u>HIGHWAYS INSPECTION OF HIGH STREET &amp; SWAN STREET</u></b></p>														
	<p>October Inspection:</p> <p>Inspection by Nick Stapleton and Gwyneth Barkham.</p> <p>Sinking bricks in the road, outside Wisteria House, High Street. This was identified in the July inspection with Trudy, Nick and KCC, but has deteriorated since.</p> <p>Strip across the road, outside 104 High Street. Bricks are sinking. This was identified in the July inspection with Trudy, Nick and KCC, but has deteriorated since.</p> <p>Fire hydrant metal cover in the road outside Arundel House, 88 High Street. Bricks around cover are sinking. This was identified in the July inspection with Trudy, Nick and KCC, but has deteriorated since.</p> <p>Metal cover (water?) outside Lovely Chinese, on the junction of West Street and High Street. Bricks around the cover are sinking and have moved to the side due to turning wheels on vehicles on the junction.</p> <p>All other issues were identified on the July inspection and KCC are aware. These issues seem to have not deteriorated. No other work has been done since the August inspection.</p>														
<p><b>19/581</b></p>	<p><b><u>LAND ADJACENT TO K2 CARPETS</u></b></p>														
	<p>Consideration to be given to WMPC clearing and maintaining the small plot of land adjacent to K2 carpets; this piece of land is owned by KCC. It was agreed that this ought to be a matter for consideration by the Amenities Committee.</p> <p>Clerk to note agenda</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>	<p>✓</p>												
<p><b>19/582</b></p>	<p><b><u>FINGERPOSTS / NOTICEBOARDS</u></b></p>														
	<p>Revised costs were considered and agreed, however, consideration was given to a reduction in the scheme on the basis of need and budget and the Clerk was asked to seek the views of the Chamber of Commerce.</p> <p><i>Subsequent to the meeting, Mrs Smith (Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce) suggested that the post-mounted noticeboard by K2 Carpets be dispensed with as this stretch of the town does not have sufficient footfall to warrant a noticeboard.</i></p> <p>Costs and spec to be revised as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="185 2011 1316 2089"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Unit</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>								Unit						
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	Price								
Noticeboards:									
Post mounted									
1500mm x 1000mm (1 required)	£1,975	£1,975							
Wall Mounted (1 required)									
841mm(w)x 1188mm (H)	£1,271	£1,271							
Fingerpost 1	£1,006	£1,006							
Fingerpost 2	£1,093	£1,093							
Fingerpost 3	£1,469	£1,469							
<b>Total</b>		<b>£6,814</b>							
<b>19/583</b>	<b><u>HIGHWAYS BUDGET 2020/21</u></b>								
	Consideration was given to Highways budget. It was agreed that WMPC continue to use the services of Streetlights and that their maintenance fees be factored into the budget.								
	Draft budget as follows: Energy – projected costs to follow - £7489.00 Maintenance - £5250.00 Painting & numbering of columns - £1408.00 Phased repair programme - £7,000.00 One off repairs - £2,000.00 Seasonal - £300.00 Speedwatch materials £100.00								
<b>19/584</b>	<b><u>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</u></b>								
<b>584.1</b>	<b><u>Number 58 bus</u></b>								
	Residents are pleased with the new service, but there is concern that the year- long trial service is not being used enough. Members questioned if the service was being publicised at the hospital where the bus terminates.								
	The Clerk did not have feedback from the recent review meeting.								
<b>584.2</b>	<b><u>Southeastern</u></b>								
	The launch of a compensation portal and 'Delay repay 15' was noted.								
<b>19/585</b>	<b><u>KCC</u></b>								
<b>585.1</b>	<b>Highways Steward</b> – it was noted that Paul Barge has been appointed as the new Tonbridge & Malling Highways Steward.								
<b>585.2</b>	<b>Planned Works Programme 2019/20-2020/21</b> – the new scheme was noted; works on London Road and Lucks Hill are listed.								
<b>19/586</b>	<b><u>NATIONAL HIGHWAYS &amp; TRANSPORT NETWORK-</u></b> Public Satisfaction Surveys								
	It was agreed that WMPC would not respond to this survey but that it would publicised on social media.								
	<a href="https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Nationaltransportsurvey2019_20/consultationHome">https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Nationaltransportsurvey2019_20/consultationHome</a>								

	Deadline 29 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.			
<b>19/587</b>	<b><u>JOINT PARISH COUNCILS TRAFFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP</u></b>			
<b>587.1</b>	<p>Mr Bullard attended the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September; draft minutes to be circulated.</p> <p>Mr Bullard reported the following: Number 58 bus – concerns that the service is not being utilised.</p> <p>Speedwatch – members of the group expressed dissatisfaction that Police are not in attendance at Speedwatch sessions.</p>			
<b>587.2</b>	Future meeting date of 26 <sup>th</sup> November was noted and Mr Bullard hoped to be in attendance. It is understood that this meeting will concentrate on the issue of air quality.			
<b>19/588</b>	<p><b><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC &amp; COUNCILLORS –</u></b></p> <p>There were no members of the public present.</p> <p>Mr Stapleton reported that following requests from residents, a proposal to introduce double yellow lines on Water Lane (Old Parsonage Court) will probably go to formal consultation.</p> <p>Mr Thompson asked if there had been any progress with regards to KCC or the utility company correcting the pink tarmac on Police Station Road. Mr Stapleton to chase.</p> <p>Mr Thompson raised the issue of large fallen branches on Station Approach and concern regarding the condition of the trees. Mr Thompson has reported to Network Rail. Clerk to also report.</p>	<b>NS</b>	<b>Clerk</b>	✓
<b>19/589</b>	<b>Next meeting of this committee – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019</b>			
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 8.36</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>			