

# WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORTATION & STREETLIGHTING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022, 7.30PM AT 9 HIGH STREET WEST MALLING

**Present:** Ms Sara Margetts (Chair)  
Mr Keith Mann  
Mr David Thompson

Minute		Action by	Action taken	Response
22/327	<b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b> – Ms Barkham			
22/328	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b> – none			
22/329	<b><u>ELECTION OF CHAIR</u></b>			
	Mr Thompson proposed that Ms Margetts serve as Chair, seconded by Mr Mann. There being no other nominations Ms Margetts was duly elected.			
22/330	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b> of the meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> April were approved and signed.  It was noted that Mr Thompson left the April meeting mid-way and that as a result the meeting became inquorate. It was noted however that all matters requiring decisions were considered whilst the meeting was quorate.			
22/331	<b><u>MATTERS ARISING</u></b>			
331.1	<b>[22/224] King Hill speeding complaints</b> – it was agreed that in view of the new housing development and complaints received about speeds on that stretch of road that consideration ought to be given to reducing the 40mph stretch to a 30mph.  Letter to be drafted to KCC.			
331.2	<b>[22/224] – Pavement parking on High Street</b> – it was reported that the shop owner has been asked to report incidents on the KCC portal (KCC will take a view as to whether or not this is a safety issue) and that the Parish Council has added the issue to their Highways Improvement Plan.  Highways Improvement Plan to be circulated to members. To be reviewed at the next meeting.  General discussion regarding other locations within the town which might merit action being taken to deter motorists from pavement parking. The use of half bells was discussed.			
22/332	<b><u>STREETLIGHTING</u></b>			
	Streetlights (contractor) have been notified of works to be undertaken within the 22/23			

	<p>financial year.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that a Kings Hill developer had placed a directional sign on a WMPC column on King Hill. The Clerk has requested that the sign be removed and any damage made good.</p> <p>It was agreed to meet with the contractor to discuss the installation of an additional column in Swan Street (money safeguarded).</p> <p>It was agreed to speak with the contractor regarding the suitability of columns for EV charging, in particular specifics about wattage.</p>			
<b>22/333</b>	<b><u>SPEEDWATCH</u></b>			
	<p>Further to the last meeting, enquiries have now been made with Kent Police regarding a new hand held device which would be lightweight and more efficient than the existing equipment.</p> <p>Kent Police have advised that the new equipment is priced from £1300. It is hoped that Mrs Dean's KCC member's fund could be used for a new device.</p> <p>It was agreed that in principle it would be of benefit to the Parish Council to purchase new equipment as the existing equipment is heavy and temperamental. It is hoped that a lightweight device might be easier to set up on an ad-hoc basis and may encourage more volunteers</p> <p>It was noted that the Council has very few Speedwatch volunteers at present.</p> <p>Costs to be obtained for the optional accessories of USB wall charger and hard carry case.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would seek advice as to whether or not volunteers are allowed to wear body cameras as there have been a couple of incidents of verbal abuse. It was agreed that these incidents are rare and outweighed by residents thanking volunteers.</p>	<b>SM</b> <b>Clerk</b>		
<b>22/334</b>	<b><u>PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE STATEMENT</u></b>			
	<p>It was agreed that the following items be added to the statement.</p> <p>Pavement safety improvements Improvements to Town Hill entrance EV charging point lanterns Inter-community cycle path Traffic calming Heritage signage A20 cycle path</p> <p>The statement is to be considered and agreed at the July Full Council.</p>			
<b>22/335</b>	<b><u>GREEN SPACE BY SCARED CROW / CHURCHFIELDS</u></b>			
	<p>On behalf of the Highways Committee the Clerk has written to T&amp;MBC regarding cars being parked on the green space near the Scared Crow. Members of the committee are concerned that the tree root structure is being compromised and that the trees will be unable to thrive as a result. The Parish Council has suggested fencing or wooden bollards.</p> <p>T&amp;MBC have responded stating that the main issue is one of cars parking on the path (rather than fully on the grass) and that the introduction of bollards and knee rails would not stop this. Bollards and knee rails are costly to install and maintain and would potentially make the situation more difficult for pedestrians.</p> <p>It was agreed that the situation would be monitored.</p>			
<b>22/336</b>	<b><u>HIGHWAY INSPECTIONS</u></b>			
	<p>Ms Margetts reported that a number of logged faults had now been corrected.</p>			

	Mr Thompson reported that the Swan Street 20mph sign needed to be cleaned and that the paint on the High Street zebra crossing was flaking.  Ms Margetts to report.			
		<b>SM</b>		
<b>22/337</b>	<b><u>JOINT PARISH COUNCILS TRAFFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP</u></b>			
	It was noted that a new meeting date had not been arranged.			
<b>22/338</b>	<b><u>FINANCE</u></b>			
	Receipt was noted of year to date budget statement – see below.			
<b>22/339</b>	<b><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u></b> - none			
<b>22/340</b>	<b><u>QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS</u></b> - none			
	<b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u></b> – 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2022			
	There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.15  Signed.....  Date.....			

## West Malling Parish Council

17 June 2022 (2022-2023)

## Summary of Receipts and Payments

Cost Center 6

## Highways, Transportation

Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
50 Energy				6,500.00	942.02	5,557.98	5,557.98 <span style="color: green;">▲</span> (85%)
51 Maintenance				4,641.92	1,160.48	3,481.44	3,481.44 <span style="color: green;">▲</span> (75%)
52 Painting & Numbering of Colour				1,408.00	352.00	1,056.00	1,056.00 <span style="color: green;">▲</span> (75%)
53 Phased Repair Programme				6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00 <span style="color: green;">▲</span> (100%)
54 Light Sw an Street							(N/A)
55 One Off Repairs				2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00 <span style="color: green;">▲</span> (100%)
56 Seasonal				100.00		100.00	100.00 <span style="color: green;">▲</span> (100%)
57 Speedw atch Materials				100.00		100.00	100.00 <span style="color: green;">▲</span> (100%)
124 planning application Finger pc							(N/A)
127 Advertising							(N/A)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>				<b>20,749.92</b>	<b>2,454.50</b>	<b>18,295.42</b>	<b>18,295.42 <span style="color: green;">▲</span> (88%)</b>