

MINUTES OF THE FAVERSHAM PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING held at
The Guildhall, Faversham, on Thursday 23rd January 2020, 9.30am

Present:

Cllr Thomas	Cllr Saunders	Cllr Williams
A Andrews (FTC)	A Blackburn (KCC)	G Reeves
C Oswald-Jones		

In Attendance:

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

38.	<p><u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from Cllr Barker, Cllr Perkin, M Knowles (SBC) and A Peters (SBC).</p>	
39.	<p><u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interest</u> None</p>	
40.	<p><u>Minutes and Matters Arising</u> It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED that the decision on the bench for Westbrook Stream be devolved to the Town Clerk and Ward Members.</i></p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr Saunders, seconded by Cllr Thomas and on being put to the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED to proceed with the highlighting tape and signage to the cycle racks.</i></p> <p>It was confirmed that the Abbey Residents' Proposal was on the next JTB agenda.</p> <p>The HIP Report had been delegated to AA, who will liaise with Cllr Thomas.</p> <p>Flooding was still an issue and Cllr Thomas will continue researching this.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders confirmed that pedestrian safety in the Stonebridge Pond/West Street area would be on the agenda of the next JTB.</p>	<p>TC JS</p> <p>AA</p> <p>AA ET</p> <p>ET</p>

	<p>Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Meeting dated 5th December 2019</p>	
41.	<p><u>Walkabout</u> Proposed shared cycle and pedestrian footpath - School Road to Athelstan Road – low bridge may be a risk; railings may also cause an issue (AB) Agreed to paint the bollard black and white, as originally.</p> <p>Proposed shared cycle and pedestrian footpath - Preston Park to St Catherine’s – east end railings too narrow and may cause congestion, solution may be a dismount sign (AB) Meeting suggested with the KCC Traffic Schemes Team</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding safety issues at Flood Lane</p> <p>All items to be included on the HIP</p> <p>It was agreed to investigate the siting of a bench near St Catherine’s church and to formalise a location at St Mary’s Church.</p> <p>Broken kerb at Preston Park reported.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders had requested a number of dropped kerbs along the A2 as a route to Macknades. The proposal was being considered by KCC.</p> <p>2 benches at The Mall, AA has reported one as being loose and will bring quotes for replacement timber to next meeting.</p> <p>Signage for areas of biodiversity needed to be simplified. Cllr Williams raised concerns that they may be perceived as being ‘a mess’ if there wasn’t adequate explanation. There was also a lack of natural history, which could be resolved with a QR code. AA will also investigate better quality signs.</p> <p>The signs in Whitstable Road had been damaged.</p> <p>AA had reported the graffiti on the telecoms and will check it has been cleaned.</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>TC</p> <p>AA</p> <p>AA</p> <p>AA</p> <p>AA</p> <p>CW AA</p> <p>AA</p>

	<p>It was agreed to include dropped kerbs by the footpath from School Road to Athelstan Road on the HIP, although this may cause the loss of parking spaces.</p> <p>AA had provided photographs of cycle ramps at the Canterbury East Station, Cllr Thomas agreed to contact Network Rail for permission to site the same in Faversham.</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>ET</p>
42.	<p><u>Footpath Signage</u></p> <p>Footpath signage does not include destinations or timings and it was agreed this would encourage more walking and should be the start of a general approach.</p> <p>It was agreed to review the advice from MK on any by-laws that exist for the current footpaths.</p> <p>Liaising with the Faversham Society, Faversham Future Forum and Faversham Footpaths Group, the idea could include a QR code. A scheme needs to be drawn up with a list of priorities and costings, which would also look at encouraging walking from new developments.</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Saunders works with the Town Clerk to bring a draft proposal to the next meeting.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>AA</p> <p>JS</p> <p>TC</p>
43.	<p><u>Forbes Road Underpass</u></p> <p>Two quotes had been received, Network Rail had inspected the bridge and found no issues. It was agreed to consider the quotes received at the next meeting.</p>	<p>AA</p>
44.	<p><u>Jet Wash</u></p> <p>AA presented a quotation for a jet wash which would draw water, but confirmed that Swale Borough Council would lend their machine. The FTC van was adequate to pull the machine, but would require a tow bar to be fitted. AA to obtain quotes.</p>	<p>AA</p>
45.	<p><u>Town Centre</u></p> <p>It was agreed that Cllrs Williams and Perkin work with the Town Clerk to bring a proposal to the next meeting on what they wish to achieve with regard to access, parking, disabled parking, cycling, speeding, best use of the town gates and what this area would include such as Court Street, Market Place and Preston Street.</p>	<p>HP</p> <p>CW</p> <p>TC</p>

	The CSU briefing at SBC was noted as an opportunity to ask advice regarding speeding vehicles.	
46.	<u>Action Plan</u> Cllr Thomas and the Town Clerk to liaise on the proposed layout for the Action Plan	ET TC
47.	<u>Any Other Business</u> None	
	The meeting closed at 11.05am	