

MINUTES OF THE FAVERSHAM PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE on Thursday 28
May 2020, 9.30am

Present:

Cllr Thomas

Cllr Saunders

Cllr Williams

Cllr T Martin

Cllr H Perkin

In Attendance:

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

48.	<p><u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from A Blackburn (KCC), M Knowles (SBC) and A Peters (SBC), Adam Andrews, C Oswald-Jones</p>	
49.	<p><u>Election of Chair and Vice Chair</u> It was proposed by Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and on being put to the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED to elect Cllr Thomas as Chair</i> It was proposed by Cllr Perkin, seconded by Cllr Thomas and on being put to the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED to elect Cllr Saunders as Vice Chair</i></p>	
50.	<p><u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interest</u> None</p>	
51.	<p><u>Minutes and Matters Arising</u> The bench at Westbrook Stream will be installed as soon as possible. Cllr Thomas questioned whether the cycle signage could be better placed. Nothing further to report on Cyprus Road. Cllr Williams reported on the flooding to Whitstable Road where SBC had been cleaning more regularly. KCC had identified a blockage problem. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED to install accessible benches with arms at St Mary's and St Catherine's Churches, subject to necessary approval</i></p>	AA

	<p>Cllr Williams thought QR codes would come under the Climate & Biodiversity Committee and would link in with making Faversham 'wilder'.</p> <p>Network Rail had refused the request for cycle ramps to the underpass but it would be worth asking again in light of recent government guidance on cycling.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas had the Action Plan template and any additions should be sent to him and the Town Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Public Spaces Committee dated 23 January 2020</p>	ALL
52.	<p><u>Future Walkabouts</u></p> <p>Cllr T Martin suggested smaller groups or individuals, Cllr Williams agreed and suggested members walked around their own Wards. It was agreed to feedback into the HIP template or pass on any issues to the Facilities Manager.</p>	AA
53.	<p><u>Highways Improvement Plan</u></p> <p>Cllr Thomas noted items already on the HIP. Cllr Saunders asked that Flood Lane as a potential shared route for cyclists be added, with arrangements to visit site at a later date.</p> <p>Cllr Perkin requested the Abbey Street residents' proposal also be added.</p>	AA AA
54.	<p><u>Forbes Road Underpass</u></p> <p>It was agreed that work to the underpass was not a priority and to write to Network Rail to find out any plans they have for repairs to the bridge, with a view to co-ordinating road closures.</p>	AA
55.	<p><u>Cycling and Walking Strategy</u></p> <p>Cllr Saunders noted the ongoing programme to provide more cycle racks at Standard Quay and Jubilee Way; alleyways opening up to cyclists; better signposting of alleyways. He suggested writing to the Faversham Society, Faversham Future Forum and Faversham Footpaths to help progress. Two large developments will impact on the town and increase the need to focus progress on a 20mph town. The government is committed to walking and cycling and there is an opportunity to improve, the local authority is looking to reallocate road space and KCC is asking district councils for input. £130k has been allocated to Swale. Cllrs Thomas and Saunders had put ideas</p>	AA

	<p>forward, but this was the only opportunity to influence what was being developed, make interventions to encourage cycling and walking and ensure social distancing. Ideas the councillors had already put forward were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian and cycling zones and more cycle parking • Road closure through the town centre • 20mph town wide • Temporary crossing at the A2 • One way system for primary schools • Shared use of alleyways • Sustrans report – improve cycling • Additional pop-up pedestrian crossings (x8) • Making Water Lane pedestrian for school • Roads marked to encourage social distancing. <p>Concerns raised were around Ethelbert School road closure and Preston Street businesses.</p> <p>Cllr T Martin agreed Newton Road, Station Road, Whitstable Road could be made cycle friendly; but raised concerns about the narrowness of Preston Street on the corner of East Street.</p> <p>Cllr Perkin was concerned about businesses in Preston Street, as traffic make be difficult along there, but there was little time to consult.</p> <p>Cllr Williams suggested the need to ensure clear routes to give people the confidence to return to the town centre.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Town Clerk write to Alison Peters, SBC officer to note Councillors’ comments.</p> <p>Cllr Williams was happy to work with the Town Marketing Group and Faversham Market. Cllr Perkin raised concerns regarding disabled parking and it was agreed to ask for Gareth Reeve’s input.</p> <p>Cllr Williams and Perkin to meet with the Town Clerk to consider Preston Street social distancing issues.</p>	
56.	<p><u>Action Plan</u> Items were requested for the Action Plan and will be reviewed at the next meeting.</p>	ALL
57.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p>	

	Send agenda items to the Town Clerk	
	The meeting closed at 10.55am	