

MINUTES OF THE FAVERSHAM PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE on Thursday 23 July, 9.30am

Present:

Cllr Thomas

Cllr Saunders

Cllr H Perkin

C Oswald-Jones

P Peters (SBC)

A Andrews

In Attendance:

L Bareham (Town Clerk)

58.	<p><u>Apologies</u> Apologies were received from A Blackburn (KCC), M Knowles (SBC) and Cllrs Williams and T Martin</p>	
59.	<p><u>Declarations of Pecuniary Interest</u> Cllr Saunders Minute 65 DNPI</p>	
60.	<p><u>Minutes and Matters Arising</u> Cllr Thomas has received correspondence suggesting there was no need for a further bench at St Catherine’s Church. The item will be included on the HIP. He also noted that the Action Plan should be linked to the HIP.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was <i>RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Public Spaces Committee Meeting dated 28 May 2020</i></p>	
61.	<p><u>Highways Improvement Plan</u> The HIP was discussed, it was noted that the town centre pedestrian safety concerns had been instigated by residents and shopkeepers who had raised concerns about speeding traffic. It was agreed that this committee was not taking the lead in the short term road closure measures, but were more focused on the long term.</p> <p>KCC officers had designed a potential build out for West Street/Stonebridge Pond pedestrian safety but Government Tranche 2 money had a bias to cycling and so was unlikely to meet the criteria for funding.</p> <p>It was agreed to request an audit of items 2, 3, 4 from KCC.</p>	AA

	<p>Flood Lane to be recognised as a shared route, no centre line required but better signage. Research examples of shared used signage.</p> <p>It may be more viable to relocate an existing bench at St Catherine's but quotes for an accessible bench had been obtained and this style of bench was favoured.</p> <p>Experimental sharing of alleyways may prove some to be too narrow and inappropriate.</p> <p>The need for a material palette and public realm strategy was recognised as was the need to understand what is working well from existing signage and not to add to street clutter by using existing posts. Alison Peters is producing a document for Sittingbourne, but there are no plans to provide one for Faversham. The Town Council's previous Streetscape document will be circulated.</p> <p>Adding walking times to signs had been discussed, Faversham Society and Faversham Footpath group would be contacted.</p> <p>It was agreed that everyone should take a walk around the town looking a signage to provide photographic records and a 'map of mapping'. The Commonplace app will be gathering information and might provide information on how people walk around the town.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders proposed, seconded by Cllr Thomas and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £120 to remove the self-seeded tree at Flood Lane</p>	
62.	<p><u>Planters</u> Alison Peters will provide a guide to planters, what is attractive or not; all year planters; size; shape; mobility etc. Ideas for location of planters required.</p>	AP
63.	<p><u>Biodiversity</u> Brooke Williams will be coordinating the Google map for tree locations.</p>	
64.	<p><u>Cycling and Walking</u> The Commonplace App will provide information on where cycling and walking needs to be improved.</p>	

65.	<p><u>CCTV</u></p> <p>Agreed to check whether the CCTV covers the cycle racks. Ongoing anti-social behaviour at the Rec was noted, but new lighting together with a Ranger should help. Traffic violations were being reported but no feedback being received. It was agreed to continue to feed issues to SBC, there may be a need to relocate the cameras if they were not covering the areas with most concern.</p>	
66.	<p><u>Benches</u></p> <p>The bench by Westbrook stream is due for delivery in early August.</p>	AA
67.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>The following actions were requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate drinking fountain in Market Place to reduce single use plastic • Power supply in Market Place to reduce use of generators <p>Noted that the railings at the crossing near the Rec were white and should be black.</p> <p>Concern raised about van blocking East Street gates when delivering and perhaps they should be provided with the postcode of the nearest car parks. The loading bay to the rear of 12 Market Place was also noted. It was agreed to watch this area, but the entrance for emergency vehicles was via Court Street gates.</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>AA</p> <p>AA</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 10.55am</p>	