



WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee Meeting held on Monday 23rd June 2014 at 7.30pm in Russell House, Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Rodgers (LR) Chair

Mr D Le Breton (DIB) Mr N Moore (NM) Mr S Wilkie (SW) Mr R Buckley (RB)

In attendance: Assistant Clerk: Mrs D Rogers (DR)

Item		Action
1.	Apologies for Absence None	
2.	Declarations of Interest not previously declared None	
3.	Minutes of the Meeting on 28 th April 2014 Were approved at the Council meeting on 19 th May 2014.	
4.	Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda None	
5.	Highways 5.1 M25 Widening – Junctions 5 – 7 Work between junction 5 (Sevenoaks) and junction 7 (Godstone) of the M25 was complete. This section of new smart motorway officially opened on 30 April 2014 and included CCTV being used by the Highways Agency for safety and speeding. 5.2 KCC Lorry Watch Awaiting date from Simon Humphreys PCSO for a lorry watch/speed watch session to take place on London Road. Cllr Rodgers reported that there had been an increase in lorries travelling through Westerham spilling their load onto the Highway. It was unclear where the lorries are travelling to/from. The Clerk had spoken to the Environment Agency who advised that there was no legal requirement to sheet a vehicle. Cllr Rodgers and Cllr Buckley to attend KALC Area Committee Meeting 11 July	

	sing speed gun. This would allow speed checks to take place at speeding	
	otspots where there is no area for vehicles to be pulled in.	DR
	.4 <u>Drainage Issues</u>	
	he Smith Lane water leak had not been resolved. Assistant Clerk to speak to	
	Clerk regarding escalation of issue.	DR
	.5 Highways Fund	
	lighways fund money had been received from Cllr Parry.	
	.6 Parking in Westerham – Parking Working Group	
	Cllr Rodgers gave an update on the Darent Car park extension. The field for	
	parking will not be open all the time, only at weekends when weather is dry.	
	DC is willing to pay £1,000 towards costs. Work cannot commence until a	
	emporary licence is granted. The Clerk to chase. Cllr Wilkie queried what was	
	ne budget and specification for the work required. The Clerk to confirm.	AH
	.7 Christmas Tree – Crockham Hill Gardens Quote received for £1,700. Cllr Wilkie advised that it was planned for the	/ (11
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	electrical supply to also be used for the Crockham Hill Memorial, therefore this	
	project may be able to help with the costs. Cllr Wilkie to discuss at F&GP. 8.8 British Family Fayre 2014	SW
	request had been received by James Bradshaw to place a banner across	
	Vesterham High Street for the month of August to advertise the British Family	
	ayre. H&L Committee objected to the request due to the area being a wind	
	unnel and complaints received in the past from residents due to noise of the	
	canner or bunting moving in the wind.	
	.9 LIGHTS OUT, 4th August 2014	
	was noted by the Committee that streetlights, emergency lights and other	
	essential lighting cannot be turned off. Assistant Clerk advised that the event	
	ad to be included in the July Gazette. Assistant Clerk to forward information	
	on "Lights Out" to Westerham Town Partnership.	
	.10 Drain Survey	55
	lo update, ongoing. Assistant Clerk to carry forward.	DR
	.11 Air pollution	DR
	Assistant Clerk to contact James Fox, Scientific Officer, Environmental Health to	DK
re	equest location of air pollution readers within Westerham and request a reader	
	or London Road at junction with High Street if there was not one currently at	
th	nis site.	DR
Α	Assistant Clerk had registered the Council with SDC's Free Air Alert Service.	
Α	Assistant Clerk to contact Practice Manager at Winterton GP Surgery to request	
d	lata on patients suffering from Asthma and respiratory conditions.	DR
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S	treet Lighting	
	.1 Lighting Repairs	
	Minor Repairs had been undertaken. Assistant Clerk advised Committee that	
	ighting contractor, Streetlights had increased the Maintenance Contract	
	Charges for 2014/15 by 4%. Increase noted by Committee.	
	.2 Budget Lanterns	
	was noted by Committee that these were no longer available.	
	.3 Request for New Light for Oak Road	
	he Assistant Clerk had contacted the Oak Road Residents Association who will	
С	contact residents and ask them their views on an additional street light and its	DR
	ocation.	
6	.4 Smiths Lane, Crockham Hill	

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	KCC advised that there was no legal requirement to light road speed humps. No further action required.	
	6.5 CCTV Column, Westerham High Street	
	The light on the CCTV column outside The Hospice in the Weald Charity Shop	
	was not working. The street light was not owned by WTC. SDC and KCC had	
	said that they do not own it. The CCTV column which the light was attached to	
	was owned by SDC, who had recently re-painted the column. Assistant Clerk to	DR
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	find out who is paying for the electricity to the light.	
7.	Sevenoaks District Council	
	7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transport Board Meeting – 12.03.14	
	Noted.	
	7.2 Oak Road – Parking Issues	
	Cllr Rodgers gave an update. There was now a dispute between residents and	
	SDC regarding the location of a new disabled parking space. Funding was not	
	available from WTC for the proposed parking changes. The residents are now	
	proposing a drop kerb to enable parking on the grass, which SDC have agreed	
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	in principle subject to KCC approval. The Clerk to approach West Kent Housing	
	Association for funding. Cllr Wilkie raised concern that WTC should make it	
	clear to all parties concerned that WTC do not own the grass and if parking is	
	allowed on the grass WTC would not be responsible for any future	
	issues/problems arising.	
	7.3 Request for new bus shelter, London Road, Flyers Way	-
	The Assistant Clerk to obtain quotes for a new bus shelter.	DR
8.	<u>Consultations</u>	
	None	
9.	Financial Statement to 30 th March 2014	
/.	Noted. Committee requested update on electricity billing/payments at next	
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	meeting.	
10.	Correspondence	
	None	
11.	Reports from Councillors	
	Cllr Rodgers advised that London Road, between Pilgrim's Way and Force	
	Green Lane, would be re-surfaced by KCC on Saturday 28 June (weather	
	permitting) between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Traffic will be controlled by "Stop &	
	Go" boards.	
	Cllr Rodgers advised that SDC had confirmed parking will be free on Saturday	
	26th July, for the Summer of 1914 celebrations.	
12.	Newsletter and web-site	
	None.	
1.0	Mathewater District and County Councilles	
13.	Matters for District and County Councillors	
	None	
14.	Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting	
14.	Air Pollution	

15.	<u>Date of next meeting</u>	
	Monday 22 nd September 2014	
	Cllr Rodgers gave apologies due to holiday. Cllr Moore to Chair.	

The meeting was concluded at 9.03 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman