

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee held on Monday 6th
February 2017 at 7.30 pm in Russell House,
Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mr N Proudfoot (NP) - Chairman
Mr D Le Breton (DLB)
Mrs L Bird (LB)
Mr A Holman (AH)
Mr A Jowett (AJ)

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

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Cllr Jowett – Holiday	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 November 2016</u> - Were approved at the Council meeting on 12 th December 2016.	
4.	<u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 5.6, Replacement of KCC bollards, High Street and north of the Green removed from agenda. Item now on CIL list. 	
5.	<u>Highways</u> 5.1 Parking in Westerham.(Car Parking Working Party) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter to SDC from David Boston was noted. • Cllr Proudfoot advised that New Street residents were awaiting the outcome to their request for` both-side' parking on Saturdays. • Assistant Clerk to circulate parking working group report that was produced last year. • Assistant Clerk had contacted SDC regarding garages in Westerham en bloc and was awaiting response. • Cllr Proudfoot advised that the APFOS Committee were looking into costings following on from last year's consultation with Hartley/Ash Road residents with a view to making some green space into additional parking. 5.2 Hosey Hill – Parking proposal consultation – The consultation had ended and the proposals were agreed. The yellow lines should be painted this month	DR

	<p>and the signage installed.</p> <p>5.3 Lorry Watch – ‘Lorry watch’ sign at the Beggars Lane roundabout reported to need adjusting.</p> <p>5.4 Speed Watch Campaign – A portable ‘speed-watch’ indicator had been purchased. The cost had been funded from the H&L budget as the item did not meet the CIL criteria. Several Councillors and the Assistant Clerk had undertaken the ‘speed-watch’ online training. The Assistant Clerk to contact Kent police for a site visit to set up new equipment.</p> <p>5.5 Road Surface, Hortons Way – The land registry searches were inconclusive. The Deputy Clerk to obtain quotes for the road to be re-surfaced.</p> <p>5.6 Zebra crossing lighting, Market Square. A fault with one of the Belisha beacon lights on the zebra crossing had been made to KCC in November. The fault remained unfixed despite the matter being raised again with KCC. KCC then advised that UK Power Networks were responsible for fixing the cabling fault. Assistant Clerk to escalate with KCC and UK Power Networks as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>5.7 Road Closures – Due for Hosey Hill on 13th February for 4 days and for Puddledock Lane on 20th February, for 2 days, for maintenance work by water companies.</p> <p>5.8 Replacement bus stop concrete pole programme – This will affect one bus stop on Hosey Hill.</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DR</p>
6.	<p><u>Street Lighting</u></p> <p>6.1 Lighting repairs’ report – Noted</p> <p>6.2 New/replacement lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Lane/Hartley Road/Madan Road area. A request for additional lighting had been received. Cllr Bird and Assistant Clerk to undertake a site visit. • Farley Croft/Granville Road – The light had been re-installed but was awaiting connection by UK Power Networks. Since then an additional light along this footpath had been requested. • St Mary’s Church (under yew tree) – The light had not been installed yet. • Vicarage Hill – It was agreed that this was too expensive to install outside the New Vicarage as originally requested and that it would have to go on the opposite side of the road. <p>However, it was agreed that any new lighting request would have to be looked at as part next year’s budget and all request would need to be prioritised accordingly.</p> <p>6.3 Linden Homes Development, Electrical Car Charging Points - Linden homes had recently advised WTC that they were obliged under SDC planning conditions to provide a number of electrical car charging points and that the charging points would be connected to an unmetered supply, similar to the street lights. The Clerk was investigating further and would make WTC’s Planning committee aware of this as a planning condition for future developments.</p> <p>6.4 LED Street Light Rollout programme 2017/18 – The report was discussed and it was agreed that the main roads of Westerham, (London Road, Croydon Road and Hosey Hill) would be converted to LED’s in that order during 2017/18. With the savings on electricity it was agreed that the remainder of London Road be switched back to full night lighting once the LED conversation had</p>	<p>LB/DR</p>

	taken place. The Assistant Clerk to obtain further information on replacing the wooden poles supporting some street lights on Hosey Hill at the same time as converting them to LED and to present this to Committee at the next meeting.	DR
7.	<p><u>Sevenoaks District Council</u></p> <p>7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board (SJTB) December Minutes - Item 25 on Local Air Quality – noted</p> <p>7.2 Westerham residential parking, letter from Nicola Bond – noted and awaiting SDC's response.</p> <p>7.3 Parking proposal consultation – The Grange, Westerham – WTC had objected as it felt that that there was not sufficient evidence as to the value of double yellow lines and the cost was therefore not justified.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Public Transport</u></p> <p>Cllr Proudfoot discussed a proposal for a park-and-ride service from the Darenth Car Park to the Town as suggested by a member of the public. The Committee supported the idea that this should be further investigated.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Consultations</u></p> <p>9.1 KCC Freight Action Plan for Kent Public Consultation – This consultation was completed by the H&L Committee.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>10.1 Financial Statement up to 31 January 2017 - Financial Statement noted. Any underspend will be rolled over to 2017/18 budget for LED street light conversion.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>11.1 Bus route 246 – Complaint received by Mr J Felstead regarding 246 bus service. Cllr Proudfoot had written to Transport for London who had acknowledged that the service had been affected by the development of the new roundabout at Keston, which was now complete.</p> <p>11.2 A25 junction B2024 - Complaint received from Jackie Hicks – This had been referred to Geoff Bineham, Schemes Project Manager KCC. Awaiting response from KCC.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Reports from Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Proudfoot had attended Sevenoaks Cycle Forum and the SJTB.</p> <p>Cllr Bird will be attending the Dynamic Counsellor Course in February.</p> <p>Cllr Le Breton had read an article in the Times regarding the effects of LED lighting on wildlife. A copy will be circulated to Committee members for information.</p>	DR
13.	<p><u>TN16 and web-site</u></p> <p>LED conversion programme update</p>	
14.	<p><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u></p> <p>None</p>	

15.	<u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> New street lighting requests for Sandy Lane/Madan Road area and Farley Footpath.	
16.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 24 April 2017	

The meeting was concluded at 9.35 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman