

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways and Lighting Committee held on
Monday 13th June 2022 at 7.00 pm at Russell House,
Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mrs L Bird (LB)
Mrs S Sheen (SS)
Mr K Thompson (KT)
Mr B Holt (BH)

In attendance: Town Clerk: Miss E E Rodgers (ER)
One member of the public

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> None.	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th April 2022</u> Were approved at the Council meeting on 23 rd May 2022.	
4.	<u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> 5.5 A member of the public from Pootings representing the Pootings Committee attended the meeting and reported the ongoing issues with speeding through Pootings. The feasibility study for reducing the speed limit to 30mph was discussed at length and the resident agreed that the Pootings Committee would pay for the study conducted by KCC. The Assistant Clerk was to send confirmation to KCC and instruct them to conduct the study as soon as possible.	ER
5.	<u>Highways</u> 5.1 Community Speed Watch Campaign – A successful speedwatch session took place on 26 th May 2022 at the new site on Main Rd, Crockham Hill. Further sessions have been booked in for 30 th June at another new site in Crockham Hill. Committee agreed to aim for 1 session per month. 5.2 Kent Police Speed Checks – The Assistant Clerk had requested Kent Police speed checks take place in Westerham and Crockham Hill as soon as possible. 5.3 Highways Improvement Plan 2022/2023 – Noted by committee. Assistant Clerk informed KCC of a mistake in Crockham spelling and has now been corrected.	ER ER

	<p>5.4 20 is Plenty Campaign – Assistant Clerk updated committee that the Tonbridge 20 scheme had been delayed significantly owing to attaining road space to complete works on the side roads. The completion date planned for these works were the end of May. Whilst KCC have reserved 20 signs to be allocated to Westerham, they are receiving more requests for Tonbridge areas meaning there may be a limited amount of signs for Westerham.</p> <p>Speed Surveys – the surveys have been completed in London Road and Croydon Road. KCC will give feedback when results have been published. Assistant Clerk to chase.</p> <p>5.5. Pootings – Chair of Pootings Committee attended meeting. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Pootings Committee would pay for the feasibility study for installing a 30mph limit. Assistant Clerk to instruct KCC accordingly.</p> <p>5.6 Hosey Hill – Footpath – KCC have advised again that in order to do anything on this proposal a feasibility study would be required at a fee of £1,447.16. KCC would not be able to undertake any feasibility work until payment has been made. Assistant Clerk has advised the resident who had proposed the footpath and has informed them that H&L committee do not have the budget to fund this. It was advised the resident gains local support to try and raise the funds.</p>	ER
6.	<p>Street Lighting</p> <p>6.1 Repairs and responses – Following the discussion on the church lanterns, it was agreed to schedule in 1 replacement to the vandal proof one piece bowl using budget line 'Upgrade and Improvement.'</p> <p>6.2 LED Rollout – The Assistant Clerk reported lights in the Council car park are now fully LED.</p> <p>6.3 Church Floodlights – Assistant Clerk reported the two non functioning floodlights had been repaired.</p>	ER
7.	<p>Sevenoaks District Council</p> <p>7.1 Sevenoaks Joint Transportation Board – nothing to note.</p> <p>7.2 Electrical Charging Points – There was no update of when works were likely to begin.</p> <p>Assistant Clerk attended zoom meeting with KCC to discuss the option of using Westerham's street lights as charging points. KCC advised that UKPN would not approve this usage due to safety issues not yet addressed. Therefore, should Council decide to proceed, it would be solely the council's responsibility should something go wrong with the power supply. This includes the costs to repair and reinstate electrical supply which would be invoiced by UKPN.</p> <p>KCC do not have a strategy in place for EV Charing points on street lights because of these complications and are awaiting further information by other council's experiences.</p> <p>7.3 Sevenoaks Urban Area Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan – Assistant Clerk requested comments from committee via email in order for Assistant Clerk to upload them onto the plan.</p>	ER

8.	<u>Public Transport</u> 8.1. Go Coach – Nothing to note.	
9.	<u>Financial</u> 9.1 Financial Statement up to 31st April 2022 – this was noted. 9.2 3-year budget plan – This was noted. Thanks were given to Cllr Sheen for her time and hard work on this.	
10.	<u>Climate Change/Environmental & Bio Diversity</u> 10.1 ECO Policy Action Plan – this was noted.	
11.	<u>Correspondence</u> 11. 1 Tfl Ultra Low Emission Zone consultation – Assistant Clerk circulated consultation to the committee. Committee stressed their concerns on how this would affect residents, visitors and people working in the affected areas. Assistant Clerk requested and welcomed comments and would respond on committee's behalf.	
12.	<u>Reports from Councillors</u> None.	
13.	<u>TN16, Edenbridge Magazine, Website, Social Media</u> Speedwatch information and updates.	
14.	<u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u> None	
15.	<u>Further matters for consideration at the next meeting</u> None	
16.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Monday 5 th September 2022	

The meeting was concluded at 8.30 pm

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman