

MINUTES OF THE FAVERSHAM PUBLIC REALM GROUP MEETING

held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Thursday 25 January 2018

Present

Ted Wilcox, (Chair) (TW)
Trevor Abram (TA)
Geoff Wade (GW)

Alan Blackburn (AB)
Mike Knowles (MK)
Chris Oswald-Jones (COJ)

In attendance

Adrienne Begent, Deputy Town Clerk (DTC)

1. Apologies for absence

Simon Algar, Peter Flower

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of 23 November 2017 were agreed.

The footpath by the pool – many of the vertical posts are missing and the border is falling into the path.

Graeme Tuff has confirmed that the strip of land in between the paths outside the swimming pool is owned by Swale Borough Council and leased to Faversham Swimming Pool.

ACTION: GW to organise the area being maintained

Cannons – the wooden bases need restoration and the canons need repainting. The cannons belong to Town Council.

ACTION: LB to progress

Pool sign – needs updating

ACTION: Roger Lake is progressing

Salt bin in Saxon/Norman Road was requested by a resident and there had been one historically. The location was considered to be unsightly

ACTION: AB is seeking an alternative location and the bin will be relocated

Right hand turn from Preston Street into Stone Street was not considered to be dangerous and the group could see no reason why it could not be reinstated.

ACTION: AB to refer to Kent County Council Moving Traffic Scheme Team

Bench and Perch Seat Designs

MK confirmed the bench is in position and the perch seat is on order.

Vehicles as Weapons

A gate/barrier at East Street

ACTION: TW to find out who is responsible at Swale Borough Council for vehicles as a weapon

MK to enquire if a plan for a barrier is being considered as part of Emergency Action

4. Membership of Public Realm Group

The meeting discussed the application from Eddie Thomas to join the group and it was agreed that his membership would be an asset. His membership should be implemented ASAP.

5. Town Walkabout

The report from the walkabout on 18 January was received.

ACTION: AB and MK requested that they are sent reference numbers for faults logged with the relevant councils.

6. Town Caretaker

The purpose of the Town Caretaker is to provide 'extra' support. It is not to replace work being completed presently.

ACTION: LB to amend job description to include *complete visual inspection and report problems to relevant bodies* under Highways heading.

7. Cycle Questionnaire

In the absence of Peter Flower the group deferred.

8. Lorry Watch

COJ confirmed that West Street, Bysing Wood Road and Ospringe Road Groups are formed but more volunteers are needed. These groups need be covered by Town Council insurance. The groups are needed to provide evidence to Annette Fletcher (Kent County Council) on lorry movement.

Potential problems of Lorries using the Abbey Street junction were discussed.

ACTION: AB to highlight the location at the crash meeting.

9. Floral display

Changes to arrangements for the floral displays were considered. It was agreed that it was too late to change the arrangement this year but that arrangements for 2019 should be considered in the early autumn.

Action: LB to place the same order as last year with Amethyst Horticulture

10. Any Other Business

Damaged bollard in Central Car Park previously reported by COJ but not repaired.

ACTION: LB to contact Jeff Kitson expressing Town Council concern that it has not been fixed. Alan Horton to be copied in.

Has the deadline for removing the dangerous trees at railway embankment on Whitstable Road passed?

ACTION: TW to investigate

11. Date of Next Meetings

Thursday 22nd March

Thursday 24th May