

MINUTES OF THE FAVERSHAM PUBLIC REALM GROUP MEETING
held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Thursday 22 March 2018

Present

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

Peter Flower (PF)
Mike Knowles (MK)
Chris Oswald-Jones (COJ)
Eddie Thomas (ET)

In attendance

Louise Bareham, Town Clerk (TC)

1. Apologies for absence

Simon Algar, Alan Blackburn

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of 25 January 2018 were agreed.

- COJ reported that Lorry Watch was progressing.
- The bollard in Central Car Park still needed repairing
- Concerns were raised over the potential parking of vehicles on West Street before the pedestrian only sign.

RECOMMENDATION that Faversham Town Council requests double yellow lines outside Saddlers from the junction of West Street and Market Place and the pedestrian only sign

- Further locations for benches were discussed. Locations included West Street, where the phone box has been removed, the Post Office, Stonebridge Pond and outside Superdrug. **Action: LB will consult with neighbours in West Street**

4. Town Walkabout

The report from the walkabout on 15 March was received and details are included on Matters Arising matrix.

5. Cycle Questionnaire

It was agreed that many of the questions on the draft questionnaire had already been answered by the recent Town Centre User Survey and that there was no need for further questions at the present time.

6. Any Other Business

PF questioned whether FTC would incur any legal expenses should the Footpath go to a further inquiry. He was reassured that it would be the full responsibility of KCC, should this happen.

AW noted that the exit from Belvedere Road was dangerous, as it was difficult to see down Quay Road. She asked if a mirror could be placed on the wall opposite. MK confirmed that this was the responsibility of KCC Highways and thought it could be something that the residents could organise. The wall is owned by Shepherd Neame.

COJ raised the question about CCTV cameras. It had been decided that the use of the cameras was no longer effective, although SBC were reviewing it.

COJ had been monitoring the café table and chairs and reported that there had been no issues of encroachment.

7. Date of Next Meetings

Thursday 17th May (Walkabout – location tbc)

Thursday 24th May

Walkabout Notes

15 March 2018

Present: Cllrs Wilcox, Abram
C Oswald-Jones, E Thomas, L Bareham

Napleton Road

- Damage to corner (junction with South Road) caused by large vehicle
- One Way sign needs straightening
- Dislodged kerb, outside the Almshouses, causing trip hazard
- All of the lamp posts need repainting
- Speed hump signs need removing
- Damage to speed hump
- Stump of old lamp post still to be removed
- Bollards need repainting



Westbrook Stream

- Entrance to Westbrook Stream, Duck sign needs straightening
- Chart Mills sign needs replacing with brown tourism sign
- Footpath along Westbrook Stream falling away in places, needs building up in a similar way to other areas
- General state of footpath in most areas
- An area of waste/flytipping noted to rear of property that backs on to Westbrook Stream
- Water pump station: general state noted in poor condition, with graffiti – a repaint recommended
- Overhanging bushes along footpath by property in Nobel Court
- Slippery path outside Chart Mills
- Questions raised over cloudy substance leaking into stream outlet near Chart Mills





Stonebridge Way

- Damaged lamp post
- New sign required for Beech Close leading to Stonebridge Way & Chart Close (junction of Lower Road)
- Gatefield Lane crossroads near lamp post EGAG009 two no cycling signs need replacing

Ospringe Road

- Junction with St Ann's Road: flooding/puddle

School Road

- Graffiti on lamp posts and railway bridge
- Spillett Close signs need replacing
- Graffiti to footpath to rear of King's Road

- Graffiti to underpass
- Blocked gully to junction of Saxon Road



Progress Sheet and Matters Arising
Public Realm Group
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Item	Progress/Comment	Action	Update/Complete	PRIORITY	RISK OF SLIPPAGE
Yellow Lines West Street	Letter to MK formally requesting additional yellow lines outside Saddlers	LB/MK		High	High
Town Quay	Letter sent to Anne Adams SBC	LB/TW		High	High
Cannon Carriages	Seeking local quotes for repair/restoration	LB		Medium	Medium
East Street Entrance Barrier	Quote requested for matching gate as a temporary measure until VAW can be further considered	LB		High	High
Preston Street Island	Works to centre stone remaining	MK/AB	Faversham Society to fund granite centre stone. Understand that once granite centre stone has been sourced, works will be arranged and completed by stone mason.	Medium	Medium
Benches	Request for Memorial Garden benches to be relocated to the Mount has been made	LB/MK	Bench is now located outside Your Move, Perch seat installed outside Station	Medium	Medium
Right hand turn into Preston Street	Request to JTB	LB		Medium	High
Secure Cycle Parking	Agreed that the recent Town Centre Survey covered travelling into town	LB		Medium	Medium
Electric Car	Contact made with Richard Acton at	LB		Medium/Low	Medium

Charging Points	<p>Tesco who will look into the possibility of charging points, but 'it may take some time'.</p> <p>Jeff Kitson reports that SBC's current contract is due to expire in approx 12 months before which they plan to carry out a review of EV point usage and availability across Swale and will include Faversham.</p>				
Napleton Road area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to road entrance corner • One way sign • Dislodged kerb • Lamp posts repainting • Speed hump sign removing • Damage to speed hump • Stump of old lamp post needs removing • Bollards need repainting 	Gary Gibbs/LB	<p>Not a hazard</p> <p>Enquiry raised</p> <p>Unsafely but safe Enquiry raised</p> <p>Not a priority</p>	Medium	Medium
Westbrook Walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duck sign • Fly tipping • Overhanging foliage • Stream contamination 	Gary Gibbs/LB	<p>Non-urgent – will be replaced in new financial year</p> <p>Reported</p> <p>Reported</p> <p>Reported to EA</p>	Medium	Medium
Stonebridge Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damaged street light 		Enquiry sent to Street lighting by GG	Medium	
School Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various graffiti on posts/walls etc 		Something for the new caretaker	Medium	
School Road/Saxon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blocked gully 		Reported	Medium	

Road								
Junction of The Mall/A2	Request an update from AB	AB					Medium	Low
Salt Bin – Saxon/Norman Road	Location was considered unsightly. AB to look at relocating	AB					Low	Low
Faversham Pool Sign	Needs updating	GW				Roger Lake progressing	Low	Low
Station Road Works	Agreed to seek quotation from QS					Quotation received	Low	
Air Quality	Item deferred until a proper plan is put in place by members of the community	GW					Low	
Replace missing bollards West Street	Agreed FTC minutes 9/3/15					AB and COJ to liaise	Low	
Newton Road Puddle at crossing point	Awaiting indicative costing	AB				Programmed	Low	
West Street	Residents undertaking Lorry Watch						Low	
St Catherine's footbridge	Update from Network Rail					Work to commence next year, but will not be DDA compliant unless other funding can be found	Low	
Middle Row Puddle	AB to consider cutting a slot as suggested by COJ	LB AB				1 out of 5 complete.	Low	
Interpretation boards	Permission awaited to proceed with repairs	SBC				COJ to follow up with list of ownership	Low	
Napleton Road	Bollards need repainting. Road closure required AB to follow up. Tanner Street bollards completed	AB COJ				Anticipated completion 2-3 years	Low	
SBC Trees overhanging Central Car Park	Update from GW	GW				No further works planned	Low	

