

MINUTES OF THE FAVERSHAM PUBLIC REALM GROUP MEETING held at The Guildhall, Faversham, on Thursday 26 July 2018

Present

Ted Wilcox, (Chair) (TW)	Peter Flower (PF)
Trevor Abram (TA)	Mike Knowles (MK)
Geoff Wade (GW)	Chris Oswald-Jones (COJ)
Anita Walker (AW)	Adam Andrews(AA)

In attendance

Louise Bareham, Town Clerk (TC)

1. Apologies for absence

Simon Algar, Alan Blackburn and Eddie Thomas

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of 24 May 2018 were agreed. COJ noted that he asked for Station Road to be taken off the matrix. He also noted that David Simmons, Antony Hook and Mike Henderson were on the walkabout.

- TW confirmed that there were no plans for putting white lines on pavements for parking and without a TPO parking on the pavement would be breaking the law. COJ noted that Napleton Road footpaths were built with 2ft wide concrete which would take lorries.
- Interpretation boards would be taken over by the FTC office.
- TW reported that we had received a better deal to purchase a van outright, rather than lease.

4. Caretaker Update

- The Guildhall risk assessment and evacuation are complete
- The asbestos survey is complete
- The fire alarm is to be updated
- Measurements for the gate at East Street have been taken. Unfortunately the bollard still had concrete around them and need refurbishing. S&A are carrying out the works and will arrange a permit to work as part of the installation, as well as checking for services.
- COJ asked about the white markings, but AA is locating the gates in a different area to make use of existing bollards.
- The work is to be undertaken within permitted development
- Alleyway in Middle Row is complete and residents are very pleased
- A fire safety certificate for 12 Market Place is required
- Legionnaires certificates required for the Guildhall and 12 Market Place

- Working with SBC regarding Partridge Lane; bins and signs need updating
- GW asked that when the van arrives AA looks at growth around the bottom of trees, particularly Twymans Barn
- Approximately 150ft of ZF18 was cleared, but the footpath is now being re-routed.
- The next cutting session is due to start in Faversham
- The dispute about borrowing SBC's graffiti removing kit has been resolved.

A formal thank you was given to Adam for the work undertaken so far.

MK confirmed the yellow lines to the junction of West Street and Market Place would take affect from 3rd September.

5. Town Walkabout Report

The report from the walkabout on 19 July was received and details are included on Matters Arising matrix.

6. Air Quality

GW reported on the FFF meeting, where AQ was discussed. The Faversham Society is working with the University of Kent, looking at the build up of particulates. This information will hopefully provide evidence against applications such as that from EKR. Particulates can come from tyres and brakes. GW also reported on concerns from residents of The Mount over the lack of communication. David Simmons had implied the A2 at Ospringe had the most serious problem, however this should also include Canterbury Road where vehicles accelerated to get up the hill.

TW reported that the air monitoring station would be reactivated in August, which would have a PM10 monitor to measure particulates. The PM2.5 was too expensive, to the modelling exercise would be used instead. Swale's Air Quality Report was looking at the full length of the A2 from Brenley Corner to Upchurch. The report had indicated that older lorries were worse.

RECOMMENDATION: Faversham Town Council writes to Swale Borough Council expressing concern over the high figures on the AQ report

RECOMMENDATION: Faversham Town Council requests diffusion tubes to be placed in West Street

7. Cycle Racks

PF confirmed that cycle racks needed to be convenient to use and lockable in at least two places. There were innumerable designs, but he recommended a stainless steel clean and simple style. AB had provided a report on cycle racks which showed that spiral designs were not the best. PF had produced a map of suggested areas, which included: Preston Street/junction with Stone Street and Court Street/junction with Crescent Road.

AW preferred the cycle racks to be black to match existing street furniture.

Action: PF to write a piece for the newsletter

Action: LB/AA to get costings for cycle racks

8. Any Other Business

MK noted the Delivering for You initiative from Swale would refurbish some existing bus shelters in Faversham including Court Street, Crescent Road, Bysing Wood Road and Love Lane. The backlog of replacing street names plates would also be cleared using Members' Grants.

COJ asked that the land to the rear of 12 Market Place been added to the matrix .

AW noted that the perch at Station Road was too high for her.

TA asked about work to repaint the pump, TC confirmed it was in hand.

GW noted that parking enforcement sign to Priory Road was in place.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Walkabout 13 September at 10am

PRG 20 September at 9.30am

PUBLIC REALM GROUP WALKABOUT

Thursday 19 July

Court Street: Grout required in cobbles



Patridge Lane: Road needs cleaning



Thomas Road Scouts: Graffiti on window, area could do with tidying up



Thomas Road Car Park: Known trip hazard on steps. Gap under top steps, needs re-laying



Request whether the Town Council can have a container in the space next door



Tree could be cut back to provide parking spaces for motorbikes etc. Yellow lines require an end line

Trees require cutting back



Private bins should not be there left in the area



Fly-tipping of soil (reported)



South Road/West St Weeds – Reported to Paul (Biffa) who will remove



South Road: pedestrian crossing – believed due an upgrade



West Street: Serpentine bench requires maintenance (Adam)



Sign needs straightening



East Street/Preston Street (outside Specsavers) trip hazard



Crescent Road: railing need maintenance (Adam)



Crescent Road: Grass cutting left



Weeds in road

