

Minutes of the 20's Plenty Committee Meeting held on Thursday 1st August 2019

Present:

Cllr E Thomas
Cllr C Jackson
Cllr A Hook

Cllr C Williams
Cllr J Saunders

Cllr C Belsom
Cllr S Blair

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Election of a Chair and Vice Chair

As Cllr Thomas had previously been elected as Chair to the Task & Finish Group it was agreed he should continue as Chair.

Cllr Jackson proposed, seconded by Cllr Blair and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to elect Cllr Saunders as Vice Chair.**

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was agreed that the minutes from the last Working Group had previously been approved by the Town Council.

5. Public Consultation

Cllr Hook provided background information on the works to date and meetings with KCC Officers, Nikola Floodgate and Paul Brand. KCC indicated 3 levels – roads requiring just signage, roads requiring major work and roads which are not suitable.

In mid-May Cllr Mike Whiting commissioned a revision of the policy, however Cllr Hook felt the improvements were still too restrictive. PJA had been commissioned to provide two reports.

6. Funding

KCC had already indicated that they had no funding unless it was in an area of deprivation, but this had only paid for small schemes in the past, such as the one on the Isle of Sheppey. Despite KCC's budget increase to £70k, Faversham should expect no contribution to their scheme. KCC Members' grant is currently £20k but this may be reduced next year. Swale Borough Council had not made a commitment, but this could change with the new

administration, particularly as funds were being made available for projects. Faversham Town Council could agree some funding.

A decision needed to be made on the roads that KCC had already signed off, including costing. Abbey or Priory Wards could have the required signs for about £5k each. Other areas requiring traffic calming would be more expensive, however cheaper methods such as removing the middle white line or using planters could reduce the costs.

It was agreed to follow up the change of policy with Nikola Floodgate.

7. Traffic Calming

A number of people had raised concerns, specifically in Newton Road, with cars being used for traffic calming. Bysingwood Road would require major traffic calming which could cost in the region of £50k. Lower Road would also need substantial traffic calming.

8. Other Issues

It was agreed that it was too early to include any consultation in the next edition of the newsletter.

9. Terms of Reference

It was noted that options would be dependent on funding.

10. Community Groups

It was agreed at an appropriate point to include community groups, particularly the Community First Responders.

The letter from the Chair of the 20's Plenty Community Working Group, was discussed and a response agreed to welcome all community working group members to observe the committee meetings and to invite a member of their group to have a non-voting position on the Committee. Cllr Thomas was proposed as a representative on the Community Working Group.

11. Action Points

It was agreed:

- To write to KCC to ask for confirmation on the agreed roads and types of traffic calming.
- To present several options with costs per residents and be led by public opinion.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 23rd September at 8pm