

Minutes of the Public Spaces of Faversham Town Council

Thursday 24 September 2020, 10am

Present:

The Mayor, Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr E Thomas
Cllr H Perkin	Cllr C Williams
G Reeves	C Oswald-Jones
Deputy Mayor, Cllr T Martin	A Blackburn (KCC)

In attendance:

Louise Bareham – Town Clerk

68. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from A Andrews, M Knowles (SBC) and A Peters (SBC)

69. **Declarations of Interests**

None

70. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

Cllr J Saunders confirmed that due to public feedback the bench by the Westbrook stream has been re-positioned. It was noted that the Friends of Westbrook and Cllr Jackson would be interested in having another bench added further down the stream.

It was agreed that further discussions about the placement of the bench need to be discussed with the Westbrook Stream Group and the Public Spaces Committee.

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Saunders and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Public Spaces Committee Meeting dated 23 July 2020***

71. **Faversham's HIP**

A Blackburn highlighted that there are no plans at this current point in time to change alleyways in Faversham, as no modification can be made. But if a scheme design was sketched out then plans could be put forward to KCC Safety Audit as an alternative.

A Blackburn confirmed that the broken curb that was highlighted in the previous meeting has been marked up by KCC to be repaired.

It was requested by Cllr Perkin, that the committee should have a town-wide review on dropped curbs. It was agreed that Cllr Perkin and A

Andrews should have a site visit so that a further discussion could be had with both Cllr Saunders and A Blackburn.

Cllr Perkin raised concern regarding vehicles parking by the town centre gates and how emergency vehicles may have difficulties gaining access to the town. It was requested that additional signage should be added to the gates to make it clearer to delivery drivers where the nearest loading bay is. It was agreed that further signage should be created for the public spaces to approve in the upcoming meeting.

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Deputy Mayor T Martin and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £1126.40 to add a railing on the entrance of the footpath which leads from Ospringle Road to Lions Field.**

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was **RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £300 for an additional Bike Rack on the junction of West Street to South Road**

Cllr Williams confirmed that KCC were looking at additional drainage to Whitstable Road and Park Road to ease the flooding. He will report further at the next meeting.

Cllr Thomas is dealing with concerns raised at Finch Close and Hilton Close regarding parking on bends and SBC will carry out an informal consultation regarding the siting of yellow lines.

The JTB agreed with the Abbey Street Residents' proposal.

72. **Update on Tranche 2 Active Travel Fund**

It was noted that nothing further had been heard regarding this and it seemed the government were timing their time.

73. **SBC Town Centre Improvement Funding**

Cllr Thomas confirmed his request for totem style signage. It was agreed that the Faversham Society and Swale's Conservation Officer should be consulted. Members were asked to email Cllr Thomas and the Town Clerk with any ideas for town centre improvements. Other items being considered are 1) accessibility/shop mobility, 2) disabled bays, 3) key pedestrian and cyclist approaches, 4) drinking fountain/water bottle refilling station

74. **Power for Market Place Proposal**

Cllr Thomas confirmed investigations were being made regarding power in the Market Place and several options were being considered. KCC would be approached with regard to costs for attaching to the lights. Cllr Thomas and Facilities Manager to action

75. **Cycling and Walking**

The Commonplace website is highlighting ways in which Faversham can be improved for walking and cycling.

Cllrs Williams and Saunders were working on a virtual Cycle Fest.

76. **CCTV**

It was noted that Swale are not authorised to fine/report vehicles who drive through the town. As the police are required to see the CCTV for fines to be issued.

Cllr Saunders confirmed the CCTV within the town centre covers Market Place, Court Street, West Street, all of Preston Street until the railway station and East Street up to the post office. CCTV is also covering Gatefield Lane. SBC officer Stephanie Curtis progressing CCTV at Faversham Rec.

77. **Any Other Business**

Cllr Perkin expressed the concerns on behalf business regarding buskers within the town. It was noted that busking isn't licenced by SBC, it was suggested that contact should be made with Faversham Market in the first instance.

The meeting closed at 10.55
Minutes typed by Brooke Williams