

NOTES for the FAVERSHAM FUTURE FORUM held in The Guildhall Faversham on Monday 4 September 2017

Present: The Mayor, Cllr Shiel Campbell, Polly Radcliffe, Robert Morrison, Linda Morrison, Debbie Lawther, Susan White, Janet Turner, Chris Oswald-Jones, Cllr Antony Hook, Cllr Claire Belsom, Chris Williams, Kevin Moon, Cllr Trevor Abram, Dr Alistair Gould, Louise Bareham

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Flower, Cllr Nigel Kay, Cllr Ted Wilcox, Sue Akhurst, Harold Goodwin, Margaret Abram

2. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that that the 333 bus now stopped at the bottom of Western Link and the 3C ran from the town to Oare every hour.

CW expressed concern regarding yellow lines around the Guildhall. KM said traders didn't want the yellow lines, which would stop them loading and thought the money would be better spent enforcing the signage. He also questioned how the market would be able to unload if there were yellow lines. COJ thought loading worked well in Stone Street.

JT noted a lot of time had been wasted and thought that yellow lines do not destroy buildings that more harm was caused by parked vehicles. COJ recommended that comments regarding the yellow lines were made to the JTB and suggested if there was another plan to bring it forward with costings. SC thought it was a quick solution and that designed out ideas took too much time.

3. DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GUIDELINES

The guidelines were presented to the Town Council, but it was agreed they should be in 'planning speak'. It was suggested they went to the Planning Committee.

4. EAST KENT RECYCLING

An update on the proposal to extend works to the recycling works was given. It seems Watermans were claiming the ZF1 footpath was separate to the road, however it runs adjacent. The original path cuts through the quarry (now filled with water). This change to the footpath pre-dates 1965. The existing footpath has been used for over 50 years as a PROW. There are currently 80 lorries a day using the road, but the planned increase is to 160. The SSSI is only metres away and an outfall of dust and waste is dropping into the area.

Reports have been received that EKR drivers have been told to avoid using the Oare site and lorries have been going to Aylesham instead. This is because they have become aware that lorries are being counted at Oare.

Concerns were also raised regarding lorry traffic through Ospringe, particularly affecting the Maison Dieu and air quality.

5. DEVELOPMENTS

An update was provided on Perry Court and Bovis sites.

6. 20's PLENTY AND SPEEDWATCH

AH reported that 16 surveys were taking place to monitor the speed of vehicles through the town over a period of 7 days. KCC's policy is the average speed of vehicles is below 24mph then only a change of signage is required to implement 20mph. If the average is higher more costly traffic calming work would be required.

CW thought the highest speed vehicles were travelling at were also important to note and not just the average.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the Hop Festival was very good this year.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 30 October, 7pm, The Guildhall