

PUBLIC SPACES WORKING GROUP MINUTES
24th MARCH 2022

Present:

Cllr E Thomas
Cllr A Reynolds

Cllr H Perkin
C Oswald-Jones

Cllr J Saunders

164. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Hook and Williams, Mike Knowles and Dean Radmore of SBC.

165. Declarations of Interest

None

166. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Cllr Thomas confirmed the bench at London Road had been installed. The new bench at Westbrook Stream had suffered from vandalism during that night. He confirmed that the Environment Committee would take forward items such as the missing tarmac in West Street.

Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Perkin and on being put to the meeting it was ***RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Public Spaces Group dated 27th January 2022***

167. KCC Highways

Cllr Thomas reported the crossing at South Road had been updated and the white lines had not been replaced as requested. The West Street tarmac is due to be replaced with bricks and other areas in Market Street were noted. Swale Borough Council are paying for the replacement from the town centre funding but are awaiting KCC scheduling the work.

168. HIP Review

Cllr Saunders noted the status of the LCWIP and how KCC viewed it within the HIP and that SBC would share it with developers. Some of the recommendations were in the HIP, but not all.

The Active Travel Committee would encompass the HIP, LCWIP and 20's Plenty.

169. Benches

The Town Clerk confirmed the procedure previously used for the placement of benches, which included providing locations and photographs being sent out to residents in the proposed vicinity to make comments. It was agreed if this had worked so far, then to continue the process and share with other councillors who

may wish to propose locations for benches.

170. Matters for Report

Cllr Saunders noted the parking of cars outside of ex-Iceland building. The Town Clerk confirmed that this was private land and had tried to engage with the owners on other subjects but had not received any response. The building is owned by a private couple and not Iceland.

Cllr Perkin questioned the removal of the large recycling bins, which had been on trial. Cllr Thomas confirmed that the trial had not succeeded and it was known that more bins did not reduce litter.