

Minutes of the Public Spaces Working Group

Thursday 22nd July at 9:30am

Present:

Cllr E Thomas	C Oswald-Jones	M Knowles (SBC)
Cllr A Reynolds	Cllr C Williams	A Blackburn (KCC)
Cllr H Perkin	Cllr J Saunders	Cllr A Hook

In Attendance:

B Williams

118.	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from A Peters and A Andrews. Cllr Perkin joined the meeting item 121.
119.	Declarations of Interest Cllr Saunders – Environmental Cabinet Member (SBC)
120.	Minutes of Previous Minutes Agenda amendments were noted. It was noted during the previous Full Town Council meeting that amendments were made to item 119. Cllr Thomas noted that item 117 has been passed onto Dean Radmore. Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was RESOLVED to accept the Minutes of the Public Spaces Committee Meeting dated 27th May 2021.
121.	Benches It was requested for A Andrews to check/make note of the bench's conditions along the highway and to gather prices for their repair. Cllr Thomas will communicate with A Andrews.
122.	Queens Hall Car Park Cllr Thomas provided an update on the Queen's Hall Car Park Development proposal. Cllr Thomas proposed, seconded by Cllr Williams and on being put to the meeting it was RECOMMENDED to contribute £2000 towards the Queen's Hall Car Park refurbishment of the existing raise tree beds from the Public Spaces budget.
123.	Tree Planting

	<p>North Lane, Lower Road, Stone/Preston Street, Whitstable Road and the outskirts of town centre were noted for suitable tree planting locations.</p> <p>Cllr Williams suggested members should consider recommending areas that have high exposure to sunlight so that trees can be used to create shade.</p> <p>The Working Group were informed that if they have any suggestions for locations in the town suitable for trees to pass their request to Cllrs Thomas and Williams.</p>
124.	<p>Pedestrian Priority Sign</p> <p>Cllr Hook suggested that pedestrian priority signage should be located along Abbey Street, to reduce the amount of cycling along the pavement.</p> <p>It was noted that the pedestrian priority sign will be made out of corrugated plastic. A Blackburn advised that the signage should be passed onto Sarah Elcock (KCC) for public signage approval before the printing process.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders suggested that the signage should be reviewed to ensure that they deliver a positive message for both pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Thomas will communicate with S Elcock to finalise both the signage design and positive message.</p> <p>It was noted that the key streets are Abbey Street, West Street and certain areas within pedestrian areas (if allowed.)</p>
125.	<p>Forbes Roads Railing</p> <p>It was agreed for the current Forbes Road railing default design to be used/recommended for any future developments.</p> <p>C Oswald Jones proposed that the railings at Dorset Place (adjacent to Abel's Acre) be upgraded using the Recency design to the next Public Spaces Working Group agenda.</p>
126.	<p>Footway Protection Treatment</p> <p>The Footway Protection Treatment leaflet from KCC and Colas was noted.</p>
127.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>M Knowles will contact Jeff Kidson (Maidstone/Swale Parking Manager) to investigate what suggestion/recommendation he would make for road parking options in Faversham Town Centre and Court Street.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas will organise a meeting with Cllr Hook, T Stoner, A Blackburn, M Knowles and J Kidson to discuss potential town parking development options.</p>

Cllr Williams expressed his thanks to A Blackburn and his team for their work of re-surfacing the road to Abbeyfield.

Cllr Hook requested for more signage to be on display by Faversham Train Station to reduce the amount of idling.

Cllr Thomas will communicate with Julia Oaks, who is currently working on new idling posters for Swale.

It was noted that there is a need for more cycle racks within Faversham.

A Blackburn will communicate with Cllr Reynolds and A Andrews to organise an onsite town centre visit to highlight where it would be feasible to add more cycle racks to the town.