

Minutes of the 20's Plenty Working Group – Tuesday 23 May 2017

Present: Cllr Claire Belsom (FTC) (CB)
Antony Hook (KCC) (AH)
David Simmons (SBC) (DS)
Amanda Russell (AR)

Louise Bareham (LB)

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Mike Henderson (MH), Tim Stonor (TS), Gulliver Imminck (GI), Ellie Jupp (EJ)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Minutes dated 24 January 2017 and Matters Arising

AR reported that nothing further had been heard from Tunbridge Wells. They had funding from their KCC Member and were not required to put forward as much information as being requested of Faversham. MH is yet to give a list of developers. AR noted that the pub sign has been removed from Ospringe Road.

4. Update for Cllr Hook

AH confirmed that he had tabled a question for the first KCC meeting requesting a positive response by the June JTB meeting. Officers will draft a response for Mr Balfour to provide at the meeting and then AH can ask a supplementary question. AR reported on the two presentations she had provided on 19 December and will send copies to AH. Unfortunately the crash data is not good, as not enough people have been knocked down and not sufficient health indicators. She felt it was more about funding than whether it was a good idea.

5. The Way Forward with KCC

AH asked how the figure of £50k was reached. AR confirmed it was based on £2-3 per person in the town. TS also did an exercise on junction numbers following the consultant's report. DS thought it was not just about funding, but that there was a fundamental resistance to implementing 20mph. KCC were applying a different criteria than the DfT. The support of the JTC, FTC and the public were noted. AR thought that the obesity figures in Faversham would mean the town did qualify. It was generally agreed that Ian Grigor, our main point of contact, was opposed to anything progressive. 20mph had to be self-enforcing and would have wider environmental benefits.

6. Any Other Business

AH raised concerns regarding Whitstable Road and noted that he was working informally with Cllr Flower and a group of residents. They wanted a second crossing; there were different ideas but a common plan. It was noted that only A roads had pelican crossings because of the traffic flow, however it was felt if the zebra crossing could be on a raised platform this would be beneficial. AH confirmed that he had invited TS to the meeting.

Regarding the crossing at Ospringle Road, concerns had been raised by parents who considered the pavements to be too narrow by the crossing. Could the school employ a lollipop person, either paid or as a volunteer. Also, concern regarding cars mounting the pavements as they turned into Water Lane, could bollards be placed on the pavements? However, this may cause disruption to traffic on the A2.

It was noted that the 20's Plenty petition had almost 1000 signatures and it was questioned whether a proper push should be given by door to door campaigning. It was also considered whether a petition could be placed in Newton Surgery or the library.