

KENNINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND PLACES MINUTES



Agenda published 25th October 2023

**A meeting of the Environment and Places Committee,
was held on Monday 30th October starting at 7.00pm,
being held at the United Reformed Church**

- 46/23F To note those present, to receive and consider for approval, apologies for absence and reasons given.**
Present: Cllr Christopher Morley, Cllr Charles Ellis, Cllr John Seaton and Cllr Greg Faulkner
Apologies: Cllr Chacko Jacob
Also Present: The Clerk, 2 members of the public.
- 47/23F To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs), Other Significant Interests (OSIs) or Voluntary Interests (VIs) relating to items on the agenda.**
None declared.
- 48/23F To consider and adopt the Minutes of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on 3rd August 2023.**
Noted: The minutes were noted and will be agreed at next meeting of the Council or next suitable committee meeting.
- 49/23F Public Open Session for members of the public who may make representations, ask and answer questions and give evidence regarding items on the agenda or to suggest issues for discussion at a future meeting.**
Resolved: Agreed that at the invitation of the Chair that public can speak on each agenda item as the item is discussed if they so wish.
- 50/23F Bybrook-Bockhanger Community Facility: Committee to consider the update following the meeting with Ashford Borough Council and agree any next step/actions.**
Resolved: Agreed that the we need to works towards being ready to apply for a grant should a suitable one or multiple become available.
Action: Agreed the Clerk to find out the plans, size and cost of the Victoria Park community development. Additionally how operates and is managed and covers operating and staff costs.
- 51/23F Highway Improvement Plan: Committee to**
1) discuss current projects ongoing and agree any next step/actions.
Action: Agreed Clerk to arrange HIP annual review with Kent County Council and then bring back to next suitable meeting of this committee for recommendation and agreement at Council.
2) review the Highway Improvement Plan to make recommendations to Council for any amendments
Action: Agreed to Clerk to raise concerns /action
1) double yellow lines on the Street despite this not being feasible before to see if increase in accidents, as per being documented by residents regularly.
2) Speed outside the shop parade on Faversham road
3) Bybrook Road 20mph feedback and results following implementation.
4) Speed Indicator consider first location to consider along Faversham Road a little along from the raised section row of houses and layby.
- 52/23F War Memorial Restoration: Committee to consider paper sent to Council 11th October and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Robin Britcher also written article and will be going in next suitable edition of Kent News.
Noted: Agreed that the next steps to be considered reference tarmac surrounding and verges close by, new railings and a suitable vessel for the crosses that are left to be put in at a future meeting.

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- 53/23F Daffodil Bulb Planting: Committee to receive an oral update on current progress and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: The school have again shown an interest however this is often subject to weather constraints and therefore hopeful that this can happen this year and not rained of each time as previously.
Noted: To consider an alternative bulb to be planted to compliment the daffodils as well as in filling by growing daffodils in other location such as in growing bags at the allotments and transferred once flowers have shown through.
- 54/23F Litter Picking: Committee to receive an oral update on current progress and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Clerk has found a group that is already litter picking and looking at setting up some regular litter picks once drier and warmer weather comes next year
Noted: Clerk also working with the Amber Foundation and again once we can borrow or have ourselves sufficient equipment for approx. 20 people.
Action: Agreed Clerk will set up with Amber in the warmer and drier weather of next year.
- 55/23F Friends of Spearpoint proposal: Committee to receive an oral update and agree any next step/actions.**
Noted: Cllr Chris Morley still hoping to set this up and awaiting contact from the new team now looking after the Spearpoint Pavilion and pitches at the ridge.
- 56/23F Noticeboard: Committee to consider a dual style a wall mounted noticeboard for the Spearpoint Pavilion in order to make recommendation to Council.**
Action: Agreed Clerk to work with Freedom Leisure and ABC and bring costings to Council as soon as possible.
- 57/23F S106: to consider any s106 potential submissions for our current or potential future projects list to Council to recommend to Council to submit s106 request to Ashford Borough Council.**
Noted: Clerk is working with ABC to establish and utilise all and any S106 we can use through Kennington and will bring to either to suitable meeting of this committee or Council.
Action: Agreed Clerk will continue to work with Ashford Borough Council as well as look at project preparation in readiness for available funds.
- 58/23F Close of meeting.**
This item was taken after 60/23 as the agenda had been listed incorrectly.
- 59/23F To exclude the public under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960 and sections 100 & 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.**
This item was not required.
- 60/23F Date of next meeting.**
The next meeting will be confirmed once a date can be set next year.
The meeting closed at 20.00pm