

**Minutes of the Sevenoaks Town Forum Meeting held @ Sevenoaks Town Council
Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Wednesday 29th October 2014 @ 6.30 p.m.**

NOTED PRESENT FROM COMPLETED DELEGATE FORM

Cllr Peter Fleming, Chairman

Cllr Richard Parry	Sevenoaks Town Councillor / Kent County Councillor <i>[arrived 6:48]</i>
Mr Keith Loney	Lyle Park Resident Association
Cllr Elizabeth Purves	Sevenoaks District Councillor
Cllr Matthew Dickins	Sevenoaks District Councillor
Mr Geoff Brown	St John's Resident Association
Mr J M Bamforth	Hitchen Hatch Lane Resident Association
Mr Roger Walshe	Sevenoaks District Councillor
Mrs Pam Walshe	Sevenoaks Town Councillor
Mr Edward Oakley	St Johns School, Hollybush Resident Association
Mr John Ingram	

Also in Attendance:

Linda Larter MBE, Town Clerk, Sevenoaks Town Council

Michèle MacDonald, Council Committee Clerk/Secretary to Linda Larter MBE, Sevenoaks Town Council

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Avril Hunter	Sevenoaks District Councillor
Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks town Councillor
Mrs Marcia Walker	Sevenoaks Resident
Mr David Lewis	Acting Chairman, White Hart Estates Resident Association

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY 2014.

The Minutes of the meeting were agreed subject to the following amendments:

5(b) **It was REQUESTED that** be replaced with "a member suggested that"

3. UPDATES

(i) Bradbourne Lakes

- Cllr Matthew Dickins advised that Saturday 15th November 2014 is the launch of the new scale model boat club from 3pm.
- Cllr Peter Fleming thanks the Bradbourne Resident Association for all their hard work and congratulated the author of the document submitted with the agenda.

(ii) Sevenoaks Railway

The London Bridge Closure over the next two years was considered by all present to be a big issue for the commuters with no real benefit at the end of the term. Cllr Peter Fleming stated that London Bridge is the most heavily used station by commuters from Sevenoaks. It was noted that there are coaches leaving Bat & Ball Station to Canary Wharf providing alternative transport with guaranteed seats.

(iii) Sevenoaks District Car Park

The planning application for a double decked Buckhurst Car Park have currently been postponed.

(iv) Waste Land – Eardley/London Road

The land has been tended to since the last meeting.

(v) Section 106 funds

No longer exists.

- Cllr Peter Fleming advised that the new Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is better. 25% of fees will be paid to Sevenoaks Town Council to spend on projects that help the town.
- Mrs Linda Larter stated that the Town Council will publish on its website its proposed list of projects for CIL funding and how and when it is spent.

(vi) Advertising BT Boards

Matter resolved since last meeting.

(vii) Hitchen Hatch Lane Hedgerow

Now being maintained since last meeting.

(viii) Bowls Club

- Cllr Peter Fleming advised that any more enforcement regarding parking would make the situation worse.
- The removal of two bowling lanes was discussed. Cllr Peter Fleming confirmed this was a Town Council proposal in early stages and would result in shared space with the Indoor Cricket Club. Mrs Linda Larter confirmed that plans would be published/shared within the Sports Strategy forum.

(ix) Lidl

Sevenoaks District Council was asked to put pressure on them to plant the mature trees as required by the conditions attached to their Planning permission.

(x) Foreign Cars

Cllr Peter Fleming advised that Sevenoaks District Council would ticket a foreign car, but confirmed that if the fee was not paid, then it normally became too expensive to pursue for payment.

4 OPEN FORUM

(i) Station Railings

Have been fixed and were looking better.

- Cllr Richard Parry advised that Kent County Council are looking for a solution. Taking out the barriers will also cost money.
- Mrs Linda Larter advised that from the Questionnaire received back from 10% of householders have requested a station square to be more attractive. Part of the Town Council's Strategic Plan is to make the area look more attractive with and consider shared space for pedestrians, cars and cyclists.
- Cllr Peter Fleming agreed that this would be a nice entrance to the town.

(ii) Friends of Bat & Ball Station

Mrs Linda Larter informed all of this new forum and invited all to attend the inaugural meeting on Tuesday 4th November 2014 in the Council Chamber at 7pm.

5 NEXT MEETING

This was agreed to take place on 4 February 2015 at STC offices, coffee at 6 p.m. with a 6.30 p.m. start

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.38 p.m.