

**Minutes of the Sevenoaks Town Forum Meeting held @ Sevenoaks Town Council
Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks on Wednesday 13th April 2015 at 6.30 p.m.**

NOTED PRESENT FROM COMPLETED DELEGATE FORM

Cllr Peter Fleming, as Chairman

Cllr Simon Raikes	Sevenoaks Town Councillor
Cllr Robert Piper	Sevenoaks Town Councillor
Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks Town Councillor
Cllr Mrs Pam Walshe	Sevenoaks Town Councillor
Cllr Elizabeth Purves	Sevenoaks District Councillor
Cllr Avril Hunter	Sevenoaks District Councillor
Cllr Matthew Dickins	Sevenoaks District Councillor
Mr Keith Loney	Lyle Park Residents Association
Mr Geoff Brown	St John's Residents Association/SAHA
Mr J M Bamforth	Hitchen Hatch Lane Residents Association
Mr Roger Walshe	Sevenoaks Society
Mr Byron Brown	Bradbourne Lakes RA
Mrs Marcia Walker	Sevenoaks Town Residents
Mr Henry Pound	Knole Paddock
Jonathan Drury	White Hart Estates Residents Association
Mr Graham Lodge	Redlands Residents Association
Mr Edward Oatley	St Johns School, Hollybush Resident Association

Also in Attendance:

Linda Larter MBE, Town Clerk, Sevenoaks Town Council
Michèle MacDonald, Council Committee Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Stephen Arnold	Mayor of Sevenoaks
Cllr Rodi Hogarth	Sevenoaks Town Councillor
Cllr Tony Clayton	Sevenoaks Town Councillor
Ms Helen Willis	NCW Sevenoaks Branch
Mr Peter Scott	St Botolph's road Residents Association and St Nicholas
Mrs Ann Howard	West Kent Mediation
Mrs Fiona Pagnell	National Council of Women
Mr Edward Oatley	St Johns School, Hollybush Resident Association
Mr John Ingram	Bradbourne Resident Association

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH NOVEMBER 2015.

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

- 4 (d) Finances: *having made savings over the past 10 years* to be replaced with:
having targeted savings over the past 10 years
4.1 the numbering of bullet points 4.1 to 5.5 be replaced with 4.g to 4.k

3. MATTERS ARISING

Further to Minute points:

- 4 (a) Buckhurst Car Park Decking: Cllr Fleming advised he had seen initial drawings
of a dug in car park.

- 4 (b) Building of an Hotel: Cllr Fleming advised that the planning application had been submitted and display boards on show at the back of the Council Chamber showed the prospective look of the 80 bed hotel – Premier Inn.

The Town Council had recommended refusal on the following grounds:

- i. the detrimental impact on the street scene, character of the area and on the residential amenities of surrounding properties.
- ii. The proposal will result in increased congestion in the surrounding roads, in particular at the already congested Bradbourne Park Road/Mount Harry Road Junction. In additions it will draw traffic through the residential Bradbourne Lakes area
- iii. The proposal will have a detrimental impact on the schools in Bradbourne Park Road by limiting their ability to expand in the future due to the additional congestion in Bradbourne Park Road
- iv. There is no assessment of the proposal's impact on air equality over an adequate area.

Cllr Fleming advised that this was due for determination in May 2016 and also confirmed that there is historic access over this land.

- 4 (c) Sennocke Car Park: Cllr Fleming advised that Network Rail, owners of the station land, would like to meet with Sevenoaks District Council, possible funders of the car park. Cllr Mrs Purves requested that notes of this meeting be made available to the Town Forum. Planning permission to be sought for a temporary 110 space car park in the short term.
- 4 (f) Bradbourne Lakes: Mr Byron Brown disappointedly update all that the HLF Grant Application submitted in December 2015 had been rejected in February 2016 and that no further application will be pursued.

Happily Bradbourne Residents Association and the Sevenoaks District Council held a successful meeting with a clear development strategy for the lakes:

- Possible landscape artists
- Ongoing maintenance list being derived jointly
- Town Clerk suggested an integration with the Bat & Ball development
- Exploration of other funding resources

The Mayor of Sevenoaks planted a tree as a result of a successful grant application awarded by the Town Council. The District Council had put up a boundary fence and carried out essential tree work. Sevenoaks Primary School had funded a new notice board jointly with Thames Water.

- 4 (g) Bat & Ball Centre: Mrs Larter advised there were no further developments. The Town Council awaits planning permission for Raleys to release funds to proceed.
- 4 (h) Cricket School: Mrs Larter advised that the Town Council will take forwards.
- 4 (i) Farmers Site: Hurricane Katie winds caused damage to the hoarding, mended by the District Council. Cllr Fleming advised that the owners had started to discharge planning permission and thus there is forward movement.
- 4 (j) Edwards Electrical Site: the owners agents had contacted the District Council, but failed to keep the meeting. Cllr Fleming advised there appeared to be more interest. Cllr Fleming was requested to request that temporary barriers be put up to stop vehicles parking across the entrance to the site.
- 5.5 Highways Maintenance: KCC to change their maintenance system. No longer will KCC be liable once pot holes were reported. Instead they will white mark pot holes and give an order to fix to local contractors. Cllr Fleming was requested to invite a member of the KCC Highways Maintenance team to the next meeting of Sevenoaks Town Forum. KCC Highways are to check the dwell phase at Pembroke Road traffic lights with the High Street and Suffolk Way.

- 5.9 Pound Lane: Cllr Fleming advised that he hadn't liaised with KCC Highways. SDC gave planning permission whereas the road closure was a matter dealt with by KCC.

4. UPDATES

- A) Pedestrian Crossing at Sevenoaks Railway Station: The KCC Engineer for Sevenoaks advised this be a complex junction with waves and modifying behaviour of car drivers and pedestrians with only 3 minor injuries over the last 10 years. KCC Highways advised that the remaining railings thus need to stay.
- B) Street Cleaning: Cllr Fleming to request that street cleaning dates be added to the SDC website as well as currently advertised on Street lamp posts.
- C) Information Session Resident Associations and SDC Planners: the following request from Cllr Hogarth was agreed to be used as the basis for the next meeting of the Town Forum with SDC Planners and Members in attendance.

It was proposed that an information session be arranged for residents' associations and other local groups, to meet with District Council Planners and the Conservation Officer to boost awareness of current planning policy documents (Residential Character Area Assessment, Conservation Area Management Plans etc) and District Council planning procedure. This proposal was discussed at the Sevenoaks Town Neighbourhood Plan meeting on the 11th April 2016 where it was agreed that it was most appropriate for this to be carried out as an offshoot of the Sevenoaks Town Forum as it required Sevenoaks District Council support.

Cllr Fleming will extend invitations and requested that all Resident Associations attend the Sevenoaks Town Forum meetings.

5. DISTRIBUTION OF TOWN CRIER

The Town Clerk, Linda Larter, advised that historically the Town Crier had been distributed to the Chairmen of all Resident Associations for distribution amongst their neighbours. These are available electronically, are on the Town Council's website and may be emailed and are produced four times annually in May, August, November and February annually.

6. NEXT MEETING

This was agreed to take place on 14 September 2016 at STC offices, coffee at 6 p.m. with a 6.30 p.m. start. It was noted that Michèle MacDonald would be on annual leave.

Cllr Fleming to invite the Conservation Officer and the Senior Planning Officer with regards to Minute Point 4C above.

Kent Highways will be invited to attend a future meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.34 p.m.

