



SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
TOWN COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE A G E N D A

For a Meeting to be held at 8.00pm on
Tuesday 25th June 2019

At Champions Manor Hall, Hullbridge Road,
South Woodham Ferrers

Membership:

Councillor K Bentley (Chairman)
Councillor A John (Vice Chairman)

Councillor J Birch
Councillor R Weir-Ewing
Councillor M Lewis

Councillor A Shearring
Councillor I Hammond

Councillor P Wyatt
Councillor D Eley

Local residents are welcome to attend this meeting. At the meeting, your elected Councillors will take decisions affecting YOU, the Community and the Town. At the beginning of the meeting there is an opportunity for you to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda. The public may participate for up to 15 minutes for this purpose. If you have any queries, please telephone the Town Clerk on 01245 321817. Please join us.

Karen Hawkes BSc (Hons)
South Woodham Ferrers Town Clerk
26th June 2019

1. Apologies for Absence

To RECEIVE and ACCEPT any apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

Any Member declaring an interest is asked to state whether this is a pecuniary or Non - pecuniary interest. Clarification, if required, can be sought prior to the meeting with the Chairman or the Town Clerk.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 26th February 2019 as a true record.

4. Public Questions

In accordance with Standing Order 3.e to allow up to 15 minutes for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Committee; Members with pecuniary interests will also not be permitted to speak, address the Committee on those interests and must leave the meeting when the item in relation to their interest is being discussed.

5. Police Report for South Woodham Ferrers

PCSO Sharon Taylor to update on incidents from Mar 2019 to date in South Woodham Ferrers

6. Report from Outside Bodies by Lead Councillors

6.1 Chelmsford & Basildon District Councils Transport Representatives

Councillor Bentley- To give an update re meeting on 4/6/19

7. Budgetary Position

To receive the current budgetary position, to be circulated at the meeting.

8. Misuse of bins in South Woodham Ferrers

The Open Spaces Officer to give a verbal update.

9. Projects 2019/2020

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- To consider disabled access
- Dog Bins

The Garden of Remembrance

- Footpath through the Scattering Copse – P and R agreed budget, awaiting quotes
- Entrance Arch
- Youth Garden

10 Garden Of Remembrance Prices

To discuss price increases for 2019/20

11. Projects 2018/2019

New Benches at Creekview Road and Franklands Fields

To update on positioning and recommendation from Chelmsford City Council re positioning of bins along Creekview Road.

To look at position of bench at Franklands Fields

12. Officers Report

To receive the report regarding on-going items as attached to the agenda.

13. Street Lamps and repair time concerns

Update on reply from ECC re letter sent. See separate cover.

14. Tree Warden Report

Councillor John to give a verbal update on the start of the Tree Warden scheme in March / April 2019.

15. Millennium Place

To discuss future maintenance work. Town Clerk to report: all benches were refurbished in 2018, jet washing companies were contacted for quotes for jet washing the area but advised that unless the area was sealed, weeds etc could become a problem which currently isn't an issue. £1,600 in earmarked reserves

16. Crisp bag recycling scheme

Crisp bag scheme is in situ at Champions Manor Hall. The Town Mayors Charity – Dogs Trust has been registered as the charity to benefit from the scheme but this can be changed. Committee to confirm the registered charity, going forward.

17. Speed limit on Ferrers road

Update from Councillor Massey

Essex County Council undertook a traffic survey on Ferrers Road last month.

The results are summarised below.

Automatic Traffic Count - Ferrers Road, South Woodham Ferrers						
Date	Location		Posted Speed Limit	Direction of Travel	Mean Average Daily Speed	Average daily volume
Apr-19	45m SW of Merchant Street		40mph	Northeast bound	28.0mph	7904.9
				Southwest bound	31.8mph	2748.0

Mean average speed and 85%ile (the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles are travelling) are the most commonly used measures of traffic speed.

Department for Transport guidance (under DfT Circular 01/2013 Setting Local Speed limits) is that Traffic Authorities should continue to routinely collect and assess both, but that mean average speeds should be used as the basis for determining local speed limits.

Based upon the recorded mean average speeds there would be deemed to be very good compliance with the posted speed limit on Ferrers Road and that a reduction to 30mph would likely have little effect.

18. Climate Emergency

Councillor Bentley to provide a verbal update

19. Report to Council

To agree items for report to the next Council meeting on 10th September 2019.

20. Media Coverage

To consider whether any items on this Agenda warrant a Media release, and, if so, to agree a Councillor to comment, if applicable.

21. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is 24th September 2019.

Officers Report

To note the following:

a) Marsh Farm Road – Possible weight restriction (ref LCHE162163). This scheme is in validation as a potential scheme for 2017/18.

Update from Councillor Massey - The 'No HGV Vehicles' sign is advisory. This is usually enough to dissuade HGVs. However, if this fails, and HGVs are seen to continue using the road, then the next option is to issue a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which would be proscriptive and enable enforcement.

TRO's are both time-consuming and expensive to get raised, and consequently the County Council usually takes the 'advisory' route in the first instance. We can request a TRO if there is evidence that HGVs are ignoring the signs.

b) Local Highways Panel

An update has been received on the schemes previously submitted:

- RTI displays at the Station, Broughton Road/Inchbonnie Road and Hullbridge Road/Ferrers Road bus stops.

ECC are still trying to identify the funding for the displays but they are hopeful that two displays will be installed at the Railway Station and the junction of Hullbridge Road / Ferrers Road in the late Summer or early Autumn. Both of the displays will be in-shelter type.

At this stage ECC are unable to supply a display for the Broughton Road / Inchbonnie Road stop but the location is on my list of requests for future consideration if any funding becomes available.

- Installation of bus shelters opposite the Station bus stop.

Passenger Transport have now submitted schemes for new metal bus shelters, as follows –

- Bus stop on Hullbridge Rd, opposite The Railway Public House.
Update from ECC - I am pleased to confirm that funding has been approved. At present we do not have any accurate timescales for these works but I would expect the shelter to be installed in late summer. Dates to be confirmed.

c) The Litter Pick was a great success and well attended on the 12/5/19. Photos and update has been given to the Focus.

d) Highway maintenance – ECC highways have been emailed about improving the road edges from the BP towards Hyde Hall. Awaiting reply.

e) The hanging baskets were placed around town on 10/6/19 and the planters are in now in place since 14/6/19.