

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 8.00pm
Via

Zoom

Present:

Councillor K Bentley (in the Chair)

Councillor John
Councillor Thompson

Councillor Eley

Councillor Shearring

In attendance: Town Clerk, Open Spaces Officer, Councillor O'Brien and 1 member of the public

E171 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Councillor Birch and Kelly

E172 Dispensation Considerations

No dispensation considerations received.

E173 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest received.

E174 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd December 2020 were agreed, minutes to be signed at a later date due to Covid restrictions.

Proposed: Councillor Eley

Seconded: Councillor Shearring

Vote: Carried

E175 Public Questions

1 members of the public present who declined to speak.

8.05pm Councillor John joined the meeting.

E176 Budgetary Position

The current budgetary position as at 31st January 2021 as attached to the agenda was noted.

Review of Earmarked Reserves

Proposed: To transfer £171.00 Fenn Projects Earmarked Reserve to Policy and Resources as this is an outstanding amount from a historic project which is no longer required.

Proposed: Councillor Bentley

Seconded: Councillor John

Vote: Carried

E177 Asda Crossing Ferrers Road

It was **AGREED** that the Town Council support the petition sent to Essex County Council to upgrade the zebra crossing and to contact Councillor Massey by letter to inform him of our support and ask for this to be an item for Essex Highways Panel to consider going forward.

Proposed: Councillor Bentley

Seconded: Councillor John

Vote: Carried

E178 Signage CIL Expenditure

It was **AGREED** to defer this Agenda Item for a later date.

E179 Car Parking and Access to the Riverfront

- Speeding cars along the single-track portion of the road that access' the Riverside car park. It was **AGREED** that the Open Spaces Officer would arrange a zoom meeting with Councillors and Rob Haworth Park Ranger at Essex County Council to discuss this item further.
- Resurfacing of car park area. It was **AGREED** that we do not proceed further with a request of match funding of £7,500 to resurface the Riverfront car park. Councillor Massey to decline the offer made to the Town Council.

Proposed: Councillor Bentley

Seconded: Councillor Thompson

Vote: Carried

E180 The Essex County Council (Chelmsford City) (Covid-19 E-Scooter Trial)2021

The attached correspondence for the E-Scooter Trial for a maximum 12 month period permitting electric scooters to use road spaces restricted for certain vehicle classes and types encouraging the promotion of alternative travel measures. The initial trial launch will be for the Chelmsford City Area was **NOTED**.

E181 Warwick Parade Parking Restrictions

It was **AGREED** that the Town Council will move forward and ask to implement double yellow lines both sides of the road for approx. 10 metres then a single yellow line restriction from the mini roundabout at Warwick parade up to the entrance to Hither Blakers. The committee request Councillor Massey to support this going forward.

Proposed: Councillor Bentley

Seconded: Councillor John

Vote: Carried

E182 Dog Waste

It was **AGREED** to defer this Agenda item until the meeting on the 27th April 2021. Councillor Thompson will work with the Open Spaces Officer to resource possible signage options.

E183 Infrastructure Sub-Group

Councillor O'Brien gave a verbal update to the Committee and will meet with members after March 2nd 2021 to set up terms of Reference and report progress to the Environment Committee and the next meeting on the 27th April 2021.

E184 Chelmsford iMAC Group

Councillor Bentley gave a verbal update

- Park & Ride, Sandon to be expanded prior to start of Army & Navy construction work to mitigate traffic delays at the junction.
- Promotion of Park & Pedal from Sandon by connecting it with Chelmsford cycle network to City Centre through Great Baddow.
- New Park & Ride (Transport Hub) in Widford - 2 sites being considered and negotiations about to begin.
- Army & Navy junction options narrowed to 3 with the flyover option being rejected. Double T-junction option has flood risk issues which ECC are trying to mitigate. If they can mitigate, the Enlarged Roundabout will be dropped, if not the Double T-junction will go. 2 options will then go out for public consultation in the Summer (the Hamburger and one other)

E185 Climate & Ecological Emergency Focus Group

Councillor Bentley updated the Committee to move forward with the Draft Toolkit and requested to bring back to the Committee for discussion before it is published.

Standing Order 3x was suspended to allow the meeting to exceed more than 2 hours.

E186 Working Schedule

The working Schedule was **NOTED** as attached to the agenda. See attached to minutes.

E187 Report to Council

- Asda Crossing Ferrers Road
- Riverside Car Park
- Warwick Parade Parking Restrictions
- Infrastructure Sub-Group

E188 Media Coverage

The Town Council support the petition sent to Essex County Council to upgrade the zebra crossing at Asda Ferrers Road.

E189 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 27th April 2021

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.04pm

Signed
(Chairman of the Meeting)

Date: 27th April 2021