

**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a Meeting held on Tuesday 26th February 2019, at 8.00p.m.
at Champions Manor Hall.

Present

Councillor K Bentley (in the Chair)

Councillor J Birch

Councillor R Luckman

Councillor S Coley

Councillor A John

Councillor D Eley

Councillor L Kelly

Councillor A Shearring

Councillor P Wyatt

In attendance: Open Spaces Officer and 1 member of the public

E379 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were **RECEIVED** and **ACCEPTED** from Councillors C Weir- Ewing, O'Brien and R Weir-Ewing.

E380 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

E381 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2018 were **APPROVED** as a true record of the meeting, as proposed by Councillor John, seconded by Councillor Kelly and signed by the Chairman.

E382 Public Questions

Mr R Gatford addressed the Committee in relation to Agenda item 12 ECC Local Bus Consultation.

E383 Report from Outside Bodies by Lead Councillors

E383.1 Chelmsford & Basildon District Councils Transport Representatives.

Councillor Bentley reported no meetings and no update. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday 4th June 2019.

E383.2 Community Rail Partnership

No update from Councillor O'Brien.

E383.3

Councillor Wyatt gave the following verbal report – On Tuesday 5th February the opening of the newly constructed Historical Boards Display took place at the railway station.

This was well attended by the Town Mayor, Lynda Stone of ESSCRP – Essex and South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership, Bob Barnes a rail volunteer and Lindsey Palmer a teacher at Woodville School along with students from year 3.

The Display Board shows artwork from local schools, one side is based on the theme of rail safety and the other shows historical information on the railway which was provided by John Frankland who also produced the historical images. Over the coming months Lynda Stone and Bram Bines, a retired train driver, will lead rail safety talks at local schools. Councillor Bentley added that all the primary schools in town would be displaying work over the

coming months.

E384 Budgetary Position

The current budgetary position as at 15th February 2019 as attached to the agenda was noted.

E385 Projects 2019/2020

E385.1 Fenn

- Disabled Access
On a proposal by Councillor Shearring, seconded by Councillor Birch it was **AGREED** for the Open Spaces Officer to provide a map and photographs of the Fenn for the next committee meeting.
- Dog bins – Councillor Bentley suggested looking at re sighting dog bins in SWF and to look at dog bins that are presently underutilised in the town.

E385.2 The Garden of Remembrance

- Footpath through the Scattering Copse
On a proposal by Councillor Bentley, seconded by Councillor John it was **AGREED** to move forward with the project.
- Entrance arch
On a proposal by Councillor John, seconded by Councillor Eley it was **AGREED** to look at types of Archways for the entrance to the Garden of Remembrance on Ferrers Road.
- Youth Garden
On a proposal by Councillor Birch, seconded by Councillor Eley it was **AGREED** to look into Peter Pan design memorials for the Youth area at the Garden of Remembrance.

E386 Projects 2018/2019

New Benches at Creekview Road and Frankland Fields

On a proposal by Councillor John, seconded by Councillor Shearring it was **AGREED** to ask Mr Gees to provide three new benches. The Open Spaces Officer has completed the application for approval by Mr Gees in April 2019. The committee agreed Councillor Massey to be consulted over where the benches are placed.

E387 Officer's Report

Members noted the items in the report attached to the agenda and as shown below:

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

In terms of Marsh Farm Road LCHE162163 the CCLHP at the September 2018 meeting this scheme was prioritised and it is to be funded through the 2018/19 Match Funding available to them.

The scheme will be to implement Unsuitable for HGV signage to stop any unnecessary HGV movements along the road.

The next stage will be to take the scheme recommendations form to the Panel for the 2018/19 Match Funding and Cllr Bentley, as the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure (which includes Highways) will make his consideration.

Once signed off by the Cabinet Member it will then enter the CCLHP Approved Works Programme and an expected delivery date will be provided.

Councillor Massey confirmed that the scheme was signed off w/c 28/1/19 by Cllr. Kevin Bentley – Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, and has been passed to the Essex Highways Direct Delivery Team for implementation. Cllr Massey updated 5/2/19 that the paperwork has now gone to the delivery team so work will be completed as soon as possible.

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.

Yes to our proposed sites however will be completed after the financial year April 2019. The master plan set up will be reviewed, working out costs and funding. Looking at re sighting

- Installation of bus shelters opposite the Station and Broughton Road/Inchbonnie Road stops.

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

- West-bound bus stop on Broughton Road, near junction with Inchbonnie Road
- Bus stop on Hullbridge Rd, opposite The Railway Public House

The Broughton Road shelter will be installed w/c 25/2/19.

Essex Highways maintenance will be replacing several old bus stop poles, flags and timetable frames around Woodham Ferrers by the end of January 19. This will include up to date timetable information and adding timetable frames where they were previously missing.

The shelter on Hullbridge Road is on the LHP list to be agreed in the next financial year. The Open Spaces Officer has completed a consultation with residents with a closing date of 8/2/19. The results will be given to ECC

c) SID is now in place around the Town. Ongoing liaison with Essex Police to report data.

- d) The next litter Pick has been arranged for 24/2/19.
- e) The new bins have been installed on Scholars Walk 31/1/19 and 3 damaged dog bins have been replaced.
- f) The wall at the Curlew pub has now been re built.
- g) Highway maintenance – ECC highways have been emailed about improving the road edges from the BP towards Hyde Hall. Awaiting reply.
- h) Lights along Burnham Road. Ongoing cable issue that has been reported to ECC.
- i) Speed limit on Ferrers road. Councillor Massey to modify earlier request from Environment Committee to include all Ferrers Road to cover Ferrers Road between Inchbonnie Road and Creekview Road roundabouts.
A formal request for consideration would have to come through the Local Highways Panel (LHP) and, unless there was evidence of collisions and that "Speed" was a contributory factor in those collisions, County officers would identify that the proposal would be against national guidance and the Essex Speed Management Strategy.
- j) To note that there are now only three trees available for adoption at the Garden of Remembrance.
- k) Asset Register is ongoing. To be completed by wards.
- L) Awaiting a reply from Asda Head Office regarding Trollies abandoned in the Town.

It was **AGREED** that the Open Spaces Officer accept a donation of 40 new Hi-Vis printed with SWF Litter Pickers and sponsored by Public Sewers Services for community use at future Litter Pick events.

E388 Planters and Floral Displays Summer 2019

On a proposal by Councillor Luckman, seconded by Councillor Eley it was **AGREED** to have 6 floral planters in the same locations as Summer 2018 and to introduce an additional 2 Ivy Leafed Geranium alongside Surfinias in the hanging baskets displays.

E389 Street Lamps and Repair Time Concerns

On a proposal by Councillor John, seconded by Councillor Birch it was **AGREED** that Councillor Shearring will work with the Open Spaces Officer to draft and send a letter to Essex County Council.

E390 ECC Local Bus Consultation

On a proposal by Councillor Eley, seconded by Councillor Birch the committee **AGREED** to collect forms from the library and advertise they are also available at CMH. Advertise in the Focus, website and noticeboards in town.

E391 Tree Warden Scheme

Due to the retirement of the former Tree Warden Scheme Lead, there has been an apparent inactivity. Now the Tree Team at Chelmsford is at full strength and there is now a new Senior Natural Environment Officer. The Council is looking to start up the Tree Warden scheme in March/April 2019. CCC will contact the Town Council to notifying them of this and provide further details and training dates. Councillor John, the Tree Warden and City Councillor will continue to monitor this and provide further information in due course.

E392 Report to Council

- ECC Bus Consultation
- Street Lights
- New Benches at Creekview Road and Frankland Fields
- Tree Warden Scheme
- New Broughton Road Bus Shelter
- New bins at Scholars Walk

E393 Media Coverage

- ECC Bus Consultation
- Litter pick

It was noted and **AGREED** that photos and an article about the Litter Pick on the 24th February can be shared and reported by Maldon and Burnham Standard.

E394 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 30TH April 2019.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed
Chairman of the Meeting

Date: 30th April 2019