

DENTON with WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

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WEDNESDAY 29th JULY 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom

Chairman - Cllr Allyn Thomas

Vice Chairman – Graham Bevan

In Attendance: Cllrs Allyn Thomas (Chairman), Cllr Graham Bevan (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Penelope James, Cllr Terry Hodges.
Clerk – Cathy Skinner

MINUTES

20.27 CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting of Denton with Wootton Parish Council. Apologies for Absences were received from Cllr Bob Akehurst, noted, and accepted.

20.28 COUNCIL

20.28.1 Declaration of any councillor's interest in agenda items other than those registered at previous meetings. None reported.

20.28.2 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests and Voluntary Announcements of Other Interests, and a reminder to think of any changes to the DPI Register held at DDC, such as a change of job or home be used for grant giving as he/she may need this allowance to carry out his/her duties. None reported.

20.28.3 Voluntary Declaration of other non-significant interests None reported.

20.29 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 27th MAY and 17th JULY 2020.

The minutes of the last meetings held on 27th May and 17th July 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record. **Proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Bevan.**

AGREED

20.30 TO RECEIVE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None received.

20.31 TO RECEIVE COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Geoffrey Lymer - Kent County Councillor, Dover West Ward – report by email.

The first wave of schemes to encourage walking and cycling in the county has been announced by Kent County Council. In total there will be four 20mph schemes – two town-wide schemes in Faversham and Tonbridge, and two town centre schemes in Margate and Tunbridge Wells. These schemes are being introduced through an Experimental Traffic Order meaning they will be installed by mid-September and a consultation will run afterwards to decide whether to make them permanent. These trials form part of the government's push for 'active travel' in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and Kent County Council has provisionally been allocated just over £8 million by the Department for Transport to invest in walking and cycling. The first round of funding that has been agreed by government is £1.6 million with the remainder dependent on this first round being spent within eight weeks.

A second wave of schemes will be dependent on the government's decision to award further funding. A submission was made this week and further schemes will be announced once funding has been confirmed. Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport Michael Payne said: "Kent Highways has been successful in being granted 100% of the money that we were able to bid for in the first stage.

"This means the first wave of schemes can now be put in place. These schemes are ready to roll having been chosen by officers from among the many ideas that have been worked on.

"If these initial trials are successful, and we subsequently receive the second tranche of monies that the Government has said it is prepared to allocate to Kent, even more schemes will be rolled out.

"We have to be realistic in that the first round of schemes will not satisfy everyone who has made suggestions, but by concept testing, in a way that has not been previously affordable, we have the chance to encourage more cycling and walking and make our roads safer for all users."

Other schemes within this first wave include:

Somerset Road, Ashford pop up cycle lanes. One lane in each direction will be turned into cycle lanes along New Street, Somerset Road and Mace Lane, segregated from traffic with posts. Gaps will be left to allow access to businesses and homes. There will also be gaps at bus stops and road junctions. Harbour Street and Albion Street, Broadstairs. Through traffic will be stopped from using Albion Street from the

junction with Charlotte Street to the entrance to Albion Street car park. The scheme will create a new pedestrianised zone between 10am and 10pm. Access will be maintained for deliveries, pedestrians, cyclists and buses.

St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury

The pavement will be widened on the eastern section of St Dunstan's Street between Station Road West and North Lane using temporary bolt down posts. The road will be closed at the western end of Kirby's Lane, restricting access for vehicles. Cycle parking areas and new seating and planters will be installed along Station Road West within some of the existing parking bays.

A256 Maison Dieu Road, Dover. Conversion of the nearside lane of Maison Dieu Road into a temporary cycle/bus lane, starting at the junction with Bridge Street, continuing south east to Castle Street, where cyclists will be directed onto a temporary shared cycle route. This route will be segregated from traffic but still allow for vehicular access to homes and pedestrians crossing.

Phase 4B of the Cinque Ports cycle route scheme near the junction of St George's Place, A259, Dymchurch Road, Hythe. With improved signage, a shared use and widened 3m path and cycleway, and the relocation of existing sign posts and street furniture to ensure pedestrian and cyclist movement is relatively unobstructed. It will start from the junction of Reachfields on the A259 Dymchurch Road to St George's Place and connect to the existing cycle route from St George's Place to the new housing development Martello Lakes at Nickoll's Road, near Palmarsch to the west of Hythe. School Street – Drapers Mill Academy, Margate. St Peter's Footpath, which serves the Drapers Mills Primary Academy, will be temporarily closed on weekday mornings between 8am and 9.30am and in the afternoon between 2pm and 3.30pm. In addition to this, signs and road narrowing on College Road will warn drivers of the changes and help to slow down traffic passing the school.

A Park and Stride site will be established with access to an improved public right of way five minutes' walk from the site.

Station Road, Westgate-On-Sea. A one-way system heading west between Roxburgh Road and St Mildred's Road will be created, including changes to parking bays to encourage active travel whilst promoting social distancing in a shared space. Planters, seating and bolt down lane delineators will be used to reallocate road space. Bus operation will be unaffected.

Countywide Public Rights of Way improvements:

Scheme 1 Drapers Mill, Margate. Public Footpath TM4 and Public Bridleway TM5 will see full vegetation clearance, route surfaces scraped and renewed to maximise width and improve safety.

Scheme 4 Harbledown, Canterbury

Public Footpath CB516 will undergo a full vegetation clearance, with the surface scraped, repaired and renewed.

Scheme 5 Blean, Canterbury

Public Footpath CB30 will undergo full vegetation clearance, and the surface will be scraped back and renewed, maximising the width.

Scheme 6 Crab and Winkle Way Canterbury

Public Bridleway CB518 will have the surface scraped back and repaired with a full vegetation clearance. New signage is to be installed to provide detailed information regarding the distance of the route.

Scheme 7 Crab and Winkle Way Canterbury

Public byway CB20 and Public Footpath CB20B will both have a full vegetation clearance with surfaces scraped and repaired to improve quality of use for all. ENDS.

20.32 INFORMATION UPDATES ON ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Fibre Broadband Update

126 interested parties have signed up so far from Wootton, Shelvin and Selsted - with a further 37 in Denton.

Combining the 2 groups may be beneficial but difficulties obtaining information from the suppliers has cause some issues. The costs indicated so far do not include updating the exchange.

Cllr James will contact Mr Clarkson, Rural Engagement Manager as ask what impact joining the groups together might have. BT Open Reach are the only option as a provider of rural services.

Cllr Thomas noted that there are residents who do not require the service but would offer their support 'to make up the numbers' if that is helpful.

The final offer from BT Open Reach is now required.

20.33 FINANCE

Expenditure & Bank Reconciliation

DENTON WITH WOOTTON PARISH COUNCIL				
Finance Report July 2020				
Balance BFWD at 01/04/20			£14,921.85	
Receipts				
DDC Precept		£12,748.00	£27,669.85	
Expenditure				
Clerk	£343.24		£27,326.61	
Wootton VH	£919.55		£26,407.06	
Wootton & Denton Cricket	£462.57		£25,944.49	
Stationery & Office	£23.39		£25,921.10	
KALC Subs	£221.35		£25,699.75	
Clerk Salary	£303.98		£25,395.77	
To Approve at This Meeting:				
J E Cranfield - grass cutting	£115.00		£25,280.77	Ratify
Bank Charges 3 months	£18.00		£25,262.77	
Clerk - June	£327.31		£24,935.46	Ratify
Insurance - Zurich	£587.04		£24,348.42	Ratify
Clerk- July	£327.31		£24,021.11	
Information Commissioner	£35.00		£23,986.11	
Cathy Skinner				
Parish Clerk				
27th July 2020				

**It was proposed to approve the expenditure by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Bevan -
AGREED**

20.33.1 Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed to approve the above bank reconciliation by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Thomas – **AGREED**

20.33.2 Consideration & Completion of the 2019 – 2020 AGAR (Annual Governance & Accountability Return)

It was agreed that the Parish Council are eligible for exemption, and that a Certificate of Exemption is to be submitted: **Proposed Cllr James, Seconded Cllr Bevan.**

The report of the Internal Auditor, Mr Lionel Robbins was noted.

The Annual Governance Statements were agreed and approved: **Proposed by Cllr Thomas, Seconded by Cllr Hodges.**

Asset Register – to be added to the next agenda for discussion.

20.34 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2010hrs

NEXT MEETING 30th SEPTEMBER at 1900hrs