

SEVENOAKS TOWN FORUM

Meeting to be held at Sevenoaks Town Council

Council Chamber

Tuesday 9th April 2019 @ 6:30pm

Coffee @ 6:00pm

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**

- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2019** (copy previously circulated and attached)

- 3. Matters arising from the minutes**

- 4. Updates since the last meeting**

- 5. Open Forum:**
 - a. Mr Doug Elish "20s Plenty" group

- 6. Date of next meeting**

Please all bring diaries to book in new dates.

**Minutes of the Sevenoaks Town Forum Meeting held at
Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks
On Wednesday 19th January 2019 at 6.30 p.m.**

NOTED PRESENT FROM COMPLETED SIGNED DELEGATE FORM

Cllr Peter Fleming OBE, Chaired the Meeting.

Cllr Avril Hunter	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Andrew Eyre	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Robert Piper	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr S Raikes	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Mrs Walshe	Sevenoaks Town Council
Mr Rindy Bakker	SAHA
Mr John M Bamforth	Hitchin Hatch Lane Residents Association
Mr Byron Brown	Bradbourne RA
Dr Geoff Brown	St John's Residents Association
Mrs Marilyn Canet	SDSAF
Mr Jim Canet	SDSAF
Mrs Irene Collins	
Mr Anthony Collins	
Mr Jonathan Drury	White Hart Residents Association
Mr John Ingram	Bradbourne RA
Mr Nigel Jepps	Linden Chase
Mr Ian Marsh	WHERA
Mr Edward Oatley	St Johns School
Mrs Helen O'Sullivan	Granville and Eardley Road RA
Mr Henry Pound	Knole Paddock Residents Association
Mrs Denise Reynolds	Hillingdon Avenue
Mr John Stamboulouson	Sevenoaks Society
Carer Mr Roger Stringer	Hillingdon Avenue
Mr Roger Walshe	Sevenoaks Society
Linda Larter MBE	Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk
Michèle MacDonald	Committee Clerk

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies were noted:

- Cllr Richard Parry, Cllr Matthew Dickins and Cllr Elizabeth Purves

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The Minutes were agreed as a true record with the amendment that Dr Byron Brown had also been present.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Air Quality Link – Following the meeting in June 2018, Cllr Matthews advised all that the air quality reports may be found by visiting www.sevenoaks.gov.uk, typing 'air quality' into the search, and selecting the first item.

The Town Forum invites the SDC Air Quality Management Group to attend a future meeting to explain the air quality in Sevenoaks and how the road motorway network, living wall, smaller buses and electronic chargers in car parks help improve the local air quality. It was noted that Sevenoaks Youth Council had requested more electronic charging points within the town.

Markets – concern was expressed regarding the Wednesday market. It was noted that the Town Council has asked Sevenoaks District Council to look at alternative venues and are in current discussions. Cllr Fleming advised **a response would be sent** prior to the next Town Forum meeting scheduled for 9th April 2019.

3. SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATES

- a. Tesco Metro – owners are planning re development of the site with retail to the front of the site and residential to the rear.
- b. Buckhurst 2 Car Park - new name is being considered for this Sevenoaks long stay car park.
- c. High Street Pembroke Road/Suffolk Way junction – is complete. Several issues are outstanding such as phasing with all lights tuck on red and no green man but rather a vibrating button etc. Cllr Fleming will meet with the design team **and report back to the next meeting.**
- d. Bradbourne Car Park - won a second prize for its design work.
- e. Edwards Electrical site – KCC have no junction improvements

4. OPEN FORUM

- i) Littering – Cllr Fleming advised that bins would be sited nearer to the Premier Inn and would be emptied frequently – at least daily. Cllr Fleming confirmed that the District Council investigates fly tipping and when there is enough evidence takes cases to court.
- ii) Traffic Road and Drainage issues – Mrs Canet, requested that a 20mph speed limit restriction be applied to residential areas and that the High Street be made safer for pedestrians. A change of attitudes is needed.
- iii) Cllr Mrs Walshe requested that KCC be asked to enforce a speed limit of 20mph around all school in the town as is the case in many other surrounding areas. **Cllr Fleming will raise with KCC.**
- iv) The Town Clerk expressed concern that allegedly new pedestrian crossings [*letter in Chronicle 28.12.2018, attached as APPENDIX A*] were proposed for three new sites, and that KCC knew nothing about them and advised these are not happening. Cllr Mrs Walshe advised that the reported new crossing at the top of Dartford Road, Vine Waste requires a school crossing for the children. **Cllr Fleming to liaise with KCC.**
- v) Verge Parking – Mr Byron Brown advised that photos show this to be a major problem in the area of Betensen Avenue and Robyns Way and paving slabs are cracking. Cllr Fleming advised that KCC should be informed.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9th April 2019 - Town Council Chamber – 6pm for coffee and meeting starts at 6:30pm

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7:32pm.