

**Minutes of the Sevenoaks Town Forum Meeting held at  
Sevenoaks Town Council Offices, Bradbourne Vale Road, Sevenoaks  
On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 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 Matthew Dickens	Sevenoaks District Council
Cllr Marilyn Canet	Sevenoaks Town Council
Cllr Mrs Walshe	Sevenoaks Town Council
Mrs Helen Wills	National Council for Women
Mr Jonathan Drury	White Hart Residents Association
Dr Geoff Brown	St John's Residents Association
John Stambollosian	Sevenoaks Society
Mr Colin Drage	WHERA
Mr Roger Walshe	Sevenoaks Society
Mrs Helen O'Sullivan	Granville and Eardley Road RA

The Chairman, Cllr Peter Fleming OBE, invited Mr John Strachan, Parking Services Manager, Sevenoaks District Council to give his presentation of the Car Parks in the town of Sevenoaks prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**1. Sevenoaks Parking/Enforcement Team**

a) Parking in brief:

The main purposes of parking are to, support the local economy, highway safety, prevention of congestion and management of on street spaces.

- Bradbourne Car Park has been open for a year and proving very popular
- Swanley has exclusion zones in 3 schools which they are rolling out in Sevenoaks
- Bradbourne Car Park has 216 parking spaces
- Buckhurst 2 Car Park has 300 spaces
- Environmental Park car park to complete March/April 2019 – with work programme on track
- Disabled Blue badges (KCC) - entitled to park on double yellow lines, unless other restrictions are in place

b) Enforcement Team in brief:

- SDC has 8 Parking Enforcements Officers. Currently compliment down to 7 officers. Not only do they enforcement parking for safety of public but also carry out community work [e.g. elderly gentleman forgot where he was, so the officers gave him a coffee and searched for his car]. They are ambassadors for Sevenoaks District Council.

c) KCC/SDC roles– in brief:

- Dropped kerbs = KCC application, SDC planning application/enforcement
- Zig zag lines = SDC enforcement
- Yellow lines = Joint Transportation Board's consultation body with decision making undertaken by KCC
- Pavement Parking yellow lines = complex enforcement picture, depends on a number of variables
- Blocked driveways = SDC Enforcement upon request

The Chairman thanked John Strachan and the meeting commenced.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Elizabeth Purves, Cllr Richard Parry, Mr J M Bamforth, Henry Pound, Mr Peter Scott, and Mr Edward Oatley

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The Minutes were agreed as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were none.

**5. Sevenoaks District Council Updates**

i) Premier Inn Hotel

Rooms can be booked from 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 via their website. Hand over to Whitbread due to take place end of June 2018. An opening event will take place for immediate neighbours end of August early September.

ii) South Eastern Trains Car Park

Travellers had recently set up encampment in Westerham.

iii) New smaller buses

With less fumes, looks fuller, more manoeuvrable, less noisy, cheaper to run and cheaper drivers.

iv) Farmer's Site

SDC remain in contact with owners

v) Salmon Site

Building work continues; well managed and professional.

vi) Bentley Garage

Bentley garage relocated to Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells.

vii) Pembroke Road – Edwards Electrical / Ideas Site.

The planning application to use the land as a temporary car park for three years, for approximately 70 spaces without disabled car parking spaces, was refused.

viii) Buckhurst 2 Car Park

Building work going well.

## 6. Open Forum

- i) Halstead
- ii) There had been a number of applications for crematoria in Halstead although the one with permission is still to be built out. Local Plan  
Out to consultation early July for 8 weeks. 10% only of all the sites put forward for being developed by land owners are being considered. 90% are not.  
Green belt land in Edenbridge for 3 x General Practitioners [GP] for new health surgery in case the only existing GP retires. The new housing will fund this significant community benefit.  
If sites are not included in the Local Plan, any developer can go to the inspector to plead their case. The Local Plan carries weight as goes to public consultation and is approved by Councillors at committee, the final plan has to be agreed by a government appointed inspector.
- iii) Sevenoaks Hospital  
Cllr Fleming advised that the NHS are looking at all their sites as to how hospitals will exist in the future. Report in the Sevenoaks Chronicle is incorrect.
- iv) Air Quality Management  
Cllr Dickins to forward web link of the annual air quality reports KCC Rural Buses  
Consultation regarding rural transport's [*Home to school – currently taxis used*]  
Big Idea to have a Control Centre with all drivers volunteering to have a log on so that whilst en-route they can be diverted to other jobs

## 7. Date of Next Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018

To be held in the Council Chamber – 6pm for coffee and 6:30 meeting starts.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm

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