

Notes on Parish Partnership Meeting Feb 5th 2020 at Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices

Cllr Martin Coffin on platform

Cllr Nicholas Heslop in chair

RUBBISH

Alison Sollis, Waste Contract Officer: She said the rubbish collection is, "Getting better." 47% have opted for garden waste collections. 10 recycling sites have been agreed

The Head of Waste at KCC will award a contract on Feb 25th.

Fly tipping enforcement. There is a £250,000 budget. There will be 'Days of action' in conjunction with Kent Police who will be stopping suspect vehicles. She showed one of the new posters. (The latest lorry load of fly tipped rubbish in the entrance to the nature reserve Dr and Mrs Shelley look after was almost opposite one of these posters, tipped soon after it was put there)

Cllr Heslop: "None of us were happy at all with the collections in the first 2 weeks of January. They have responded positively since. It is still not perfect but it is better."

There are 143 telephone responses per day. Enquiries as well as complaints. Cllr Heslop said that he noticed dustcarts being fuelled in the morning. They are now being filled in the evening ready for the next days work.

There are problems on the Medway Bridge on the A21.

Roger Dalton. Burham: There are still numerous missed bins. He has been involved with missed bins in Peters Village and mentioned a bin that has been missed many times. "The state of the road down from Bluebell Hill is a disgrace". He asked about street cleaning. He said there has not been any in Burham since October November 2019. Answer. The contractor has to improve. Inspectors are now looking at this, since the missed bin problem now requires less of their efforts.

Issue. Crews throwing the small bins. Some of the temporary staff are being given permanent employment which should allow them to be better controlled, it was said.

Fly tipping in East Malling: Lanes get blocked. Need covert cameras. KCC campaign is about educating households. The households can be fined £400 if their rubbish ends up being fly tipped. Householders should check credentials and get receipts. Covert cameras will be looked at.

Harry Rayner: £250,000 is for policing hot spots. The same boroughs keep coming up e.g Swale. The A20 corridor has consistent problems. Some councils are more pro active than others. Has TMBC asked for help? Response is that they would find out.

Street Cleaning has not happened in Hadlow for some time. Others, on the other hand, said street cleaning was being done in their Parishes. Complaints will be passed onto Urbaser.

Phase 2 “Has to be some customer service” it was said. Bins to be put back where they come from not left in drives. Cars have been damaged by lorries. No Personal Protective Equipment for staff. Batteries are being thrown into black bins.

There is a separate dedicated food caddy collection lorry. Twin pack lorries. One side for food waste, one side for black bin refuse.

CAR PARKING CHARGES

Consultations are open until February 9th. Phase 11 parking plan. Aylesford: consultation being undertaken under the road traffic act. Will be reported to the street scene advisory board in June. Final decision will be made by cabinet in October.

PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr. David Lettington. 21 days from notification. A decision cannot be made before that time. Longer periods are at the discretion of the LPA. The council is often told that “We take no notice.” Representations made should focus on material planning considerations in terms of planning law. Over use of site and over shadowing can be taken note of. Traffic. If Highways say that all matters have been considered, TMBC cannot do anything. We were told to Look on the web to see what is a material consideration. The relevant link is: <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/planning-and-development/planning/planning-advice-and-guidance/advice-and-guidance/right-to-speak/material-planning-considerations>. The list is:

- local, strategic, regional and national planning polices, and any previous planning decisions
- whether the proposed use is a suitable one for the area, taking into account noise, smell, disturbance resulting from the use
- design, appearance, materials, layout and density of buildings
- significant overshadowing, overlooking or loss of privacy
- highway safety, parking, access and traffic generation
- whether, in the case of an application for an advertisement, the proposed sign is of an acceptable size or location;
- visual effect on the landscape, nature conservation, loss of trees or hedgerows
- effect on a conservation area or any historic buildings, and local archaeology
- size and location of proposed advert signs

Some applications have to be advertised in press, others don't. TMBC does allow people to speak at planning committee meetings.

One of the areas of review is to align deadline dates. List B goes out automatically. Previously did not have a 21 day rule. Actual papers go out later.

Wrotham Parish Council: They have a qualified highway consultant. Planning responded that they do respond to such expert opinions.

There was a question about amendments. David Lettington said that this will be part of the review

KENT POLICE

Sarah Barker. We have quarterly meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner.

She said they wish to promote the e watch magazine. <https://www.e-watch.co> We were told that PCSOs should be having regular meetings with parish councils.

KCC UPDATE

Mention was made of the fact that we are going to be encouraged to use trains more but there are not enough of them.

Mike Taylor: Requested that the leaflet on fly tipping enforcement should be circulated electronically. This was agreed. Second Thames Crossing. Cllr Heslop said that there was very little about infrastructure improvements. He said that representatives from Highways England were at TMBC on Friday. Issues are potential problems on M2, A229, M20 etc. He said there are, "Some alarming figures about Thames Crossing": 180,000 vehicles a day rising to 214,000 by 2024. Lower Thames Crossing will add another 7%. "Speeding through M20 roadworks by foreign lorries is quite shocking."

At the next PPP meeting there will be an update about shop front improvement

The next KALC meeting will be on April 16th

The next PPP meeting will be on June 11th. The following one will be September 3rd.

Tom Shelley