

## **Minutes of the Parking Issues Working Group Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.30 am**

Present: Cllrs Buchanan, M Cason, R Knott, J McTavish (Chairman)

In attendance: J Fuller (Community Warden) and S Eggesden (Clerk)

### **1. To note apologies**

Apologies from J Ogden

### **2. To approve the minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

The above minutes were approved on a proposal by Cllr Buchanan and seconded by Cllr McTavish. All voted in favour.

### **3. Review of the campaign to date**

Members felt the launch went well and was well attended by senior councillors at Kent County Council and Gravesham Borough Council as well as the Mayor and local MP. The launch had been reported in the Gravesend Kent Messenger and the Kent Online Messenger.

**Agreed:** Clerk to circulate link to the Kent Online Messenger to members.

It was noted that the banner on Meopham Green had come down in the wind.

**Agreed:** Clerk to ask MPC's Service Contractor to put this back up

**Agreed:** Clerk to write thank you letters from the Chairman to the Mayor, Cllr Sweetland and James Ferrin (for the loan of the sound system FOC).

### **4. To decide on the next phase of the campaign**

Flyers need to be distributed to the schools and shop owners. Cllr McTavish felt that the council should be more pro-active and go to the Camer Parade and Meopham Station to distribute flyers at peak times.

**Agreed:** Clerk to forward the Mercury distribution list to members again so they can agree where they can distribute the flyers and add any further locations.

Distributing the flyers to parishioners was also considered.

**Agreed:** Clerk to investigate the cost for inserting the flyer in local magazines eg. The Net, Handy Pages, Town and Country and Your Borough.

Attendance at events prior to Christmas was discussed and members agreed to keep a look out for any forthcoming events.

Cllr Knott raised a concern that a public meeting had not been held about the parking issues and that all the Parking Working Group meetings were held in private. Cllr McTavish pointed out that a public meeting had been held in January and the main issue raised was parking. Also there is an item on the Planning and Projects Committee agenda for the Parking Issues Working

Group to report and residents are welcome to attend this meeting if they wished. It was agreed by members that they did not see what a public meeting would achieve at this stage.

## 5. Update on the signs

The Clerk had some of the signs to show members. The cost of erecting the signs was not included in the price as first thought.

**Agreed:** to spend the remaining budget on erecting the signs. Clerk to ask the Service Contractor to carry this out under ad hoc work.

Locations for signs were discussed.

**Agreed:** to put 3 instead of 4 signs in School Close and 1 at Neville Parade.

## 6. Flyers and A4 posters – to agree on the distribution of the flyers and A4 posters

Flyer and poster distribution had been discussed in item 4.

## 7. To agree on printing/laminating A3 posters for some of the shops at Camer Parade following on from a request from one of the shop keepers

A shop keeper had requested an A3 poster.

**Agreed:** Clerk to print A3 posters in the office and laminate a couple of posters if required.

## 8. Pedometers – to agree on the distribution / discussion with the primary schools

**Agreed:** M. Cason will talk to Meopham Community Academy and Culverstone Green Primary School about the benefits of walking to school and to provide some encouragement to use the Walking bus by distributing 50 pedometers to each school to start with.

It was noted that feedback would be required for the grant for the pedometers. M.Cason suggested speaking with Rav at the Grand regarding any ideas for distributing the pedometers.

## 9. Camer Parade

**9.1** to note the email from the owner of Fashion Scene and to agree on a response

**Agreed:** Clerk to respond advising that we are progressing with the campaign but there is not an easy solution to the parking problems.

**9.2** Update on actions from the survey list:-

- Trixie mirror
- Potential improvements to the Car Park off School Lane
- Footpath between Camer Parade and the car park
- Service road – clearing up litter and request for a new bin

- Renewal of the double yellow lines on the parade / service road

**Agreed:** to follow the above up in the New Year.

**10. Attendance at future events to promote the parking campaign**

- Culverstone Green Primary School Christmas Fayre – 9.12.17 12-3pm

**Agreed:** Cllrs Buchanan and McTavish agreed to man a table and ask Cllr D Bramer if she would be available.

- Children’s event with a parking safety theme – to review the budget and agree to make a donation, as agreed at the Planning and Projects Committee meeting on 14.11.17

**Agreed:** There was not any money left in the budget to donate to this event.

**11. Any other Business**

Christmas Fayre at St Johns – comments from 4 parishioners were circulated.

**Agreed:** Cllr McTavish agreed to look at the potholes in The Street and Foxendown Lane.

The call from the resident opposite Meopham Secondary School regarding the banner on the land in front of the School was noted.

Pitfield Green Resident’s petition for double yellow lines at the junction

**Agreed:** to put on the Full Council agenda to decide if MPC will support this campaign.

Enforcement Officers – discussion took place regarding the possibility of MPC, in the future, contributing towards the cost of an Enforcement Officer for a number of hours to provide extra coverage in Meopham each week.

**Agreed:** Clerk to investigate with N. May, GBC if this is actually feasible in the first instance.

**12. To agree on a date for the next meeting**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am

The meeting closed at 11.45 am

Signed .....Date.....