

Minutes of a meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT** Committee held
remotely on Tuesday 25th May 2021 at 7.30pm

Present	Councillors	Alison Arthur Martyn Garrett Richard Jury Kay Moss David Neeves Gareth Owen-Williams Alan Penney Greg Rose Colin Stocks	Vice Chairman Chairman
Also present		Caroline Miles Tracie White	Town Clerk Minute Taking Administrator
		1 Member of the public	

*Denotes non – attendance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public addressed the Committee to gain support for the 20 is Plenty petition that he has been working on. Initially the petition was formed to address roads on the Warren. These roads are currently an unrestricted 60mph zone. However, in line with Tunbridge Wells and other areas it is hoped that a 20mph limit could be extended to the Town Centre and the area around Montargis.

APOLOGIES

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 27th April 2021

9409 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 2021 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairman.

The Chair moved to hear item 7.1 first due to a member of the public present.

20 IS PLENTY

To discuss 20 is Plenty for Crowborough and agree further action.

The Committee reflected on previous discussions with ESCC regarding reducing the speed limit in Crowborough. Historically, CTC has supported lowering the speed limit where relevant. ESCC have not endorsed this action as it has advised that the introduction of 20mph limits would be costly and there has been no evidence that reducing the speed limit in isolation would reduce accidents.

Members would like to see supporting evidence in relation to accidents to determine the costs vs benefits. Cllr Moss, as a Council representative on CSAG, will ask the police for statistics in relation to the number of road accidents in Crowborough and the related speed involved. Once received the statistics will be reviewed by members.

The Clerk is to extend an invitation to Cllr Philip Lunn and Cllr Johanna Howell to attend the next Environment meeting to discuss the matter.

A Member of Public left the meeting at 19:55

REMOVAL OF PAYPHONE

To note the report and agree any further action

The Committee noted the officers report and agreed to the removal of the phone box. The Clerk to write to BT to inform them that the Committee does not oppose the removal.

9410 RESOLVED that the payphone located at Croft Road be removed..

STREET LIGHTING

To note the street lighting update.

The Committee noted that Charity Farm Way was missing from the roads listed within the report despite it being in the same geographical location. The Clerk will check whether this is an oversight. Members also asked ESCC to confirm that the maintenance costs for LED lights would be lower or the same as previous costs.

RANGERS REPORT

To note the new Ranger's report

The report was noted.

A Members enquired about the completion date for the Pocket Park. The Clerk advised completion is anticipated for Spring 2022.

A Member enquired about the broken fence at the Country Park. The Clerk confirmed that funds are due from ESCC to complete the repair.

The Committee requested that the Ranger attend a future Environment meeting.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

To note the finance report and agree any action

Members noted the report.

RAIL REPORT

To note the Rail Report

Members noted the report.

URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING

None

The meeting closed at 8:11pm