**WATERINGBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Highways & Transportation Committee Meeting
Tuesday 17th March 2020
7.00pm Wateringbury Village Hall**

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**Cllr M Wells (Chairman)**

**Cllr R Tripp**

**Cllr D Marks**

**Cllr F Fielding**

**In attendance:**

**Mrs S J Cockburn – Clerk to the Council**

**Cllr S Hudson – Tonbridge & Malling Borough Councillor**

**Mr K Bonner - Streetlights**

**0 members of the public**

**The Chairman opened the meeting by reminding everyone in attendance the meeting may be filmed, recorded photographed or otherwise reported and asked if any person present intended to make a video or audio recording of the proceedings –** none

1. **Apologies for absence –** none
2. **Declarations of interest/Dispensations –** none
3. **Minutes of Meeting held on 21st January 2020 to be approved for accuracy –** The Minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.
4. **Matters arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 21st January 2020**

Repairs to the street light in Pizien Well Road had been completed.

Repairs to the track at the playing fields had been completed. It had been reported some of the repairs were breaking up. The Contractor Birby Construction had said the type 1 used was correct and it was the on the two turning points that needed tarmac patch repairs as type 1 would not go into a solid state. Birkby had quoted £750 plus VAT to treat the corners. Cllr Marks proposed acceptance of the quote and this was seconded by Cllr Tripp. All Councillors voted in favour of acceptance of the quote.

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1. **Street Lights –** Ken Bonner of Streetlights attended the meeting to discuss a recent Service Inspection Report that identified a large number of faults with the lights in the village. The most serious of these were 14 mercury lights which are now obsolete and cannot be replaced. The cost to replace these would be £325 per light and there would be a savings on energy costs if they were replaced. The total cost to replace all the faulty lights would be in the region of £13,000/£14,000 but this would result in a saving on the energy bill of around £800 to £900 per annum. There is interest free loan scheme from Salex. Mr Bonner said he would let the Council have more figures in due course. The Chairman thanked Mr Bonner who the left the meeting.
2. **Highway Issues**

**Speed Surveys – Bow Road & Tonbridge Road -**these were in place on the 28th February for 7 days and KCC would receive the results in about 3 weeks

**Highway Improvement Plan –** The Chairman, Cllr Tripp and the Clerk had attended a meeting with Ian Grigor of KCC in Ashford on 11th February when the Highway Improvement Plan was submitted. Various items had been passed to other departments to comment. Copy of plan with KCC notes attached.

**Bus Shelters –** The roofs on two shelters needed repair. The damage caused on the shelter in Bow Road was due to a tree at the back of the shelter. It was recommended the tree be removed to avoid future damage. A quote for both repairs had been received from Bailey Roofing at £2500. It was believed the tree belonged to Clarion Housing who had taken photos and would confirm ownership of the land. It was agreed to wait until further information was received from Clarion Housing

**Wateringbury Village Sign –** the sign outside the hall was presented to the parish by the WI. It had been reported the base of the oak post was rotting and the sign was unstable. Cllr Fielding and Cllr Hudson had looked at the sign and could not find it to be unstable. It was agreed to monitor the sign

1. **Any other business –** a cheque for £124.50 payable to Linux Limited in respect of repairs to the Council laptop was signed.
2. **Public Discussion**

Cllr Hudson referred to the Highway Improvement Plan saying both the ‘gateway’ and pedestrian crossing on Tonbridge Road near Canon Lane were not on the Plan. The Chairman stated these were raised after the plan was completed and submitted. Cllr Hudson complained the Parish Council had not consulted with her or had any consultation with the village on the completion of the plan. After discussion it was agreed to ask KCC about these additional items.

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1. **Resolution -** due to the present Coronavirus situation

It was proposed the Parish Council suspend all future meetings until further notice and in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Parish Council agrees to delegate certain decisions to the Clerk and 2 Council Members. Delegated decisions would be any item already discussed or circulated with a majority decision (including planning), emergency repairs, and agree financial statements. All cheques will be signed once a month by 2 Councillors. All Councillors will be kept informed at all times, by email, of any decisions taken outside any meetings.

Proposer Cllr R Tripp Seconder Cllr F Fielding. All councilors voted in favour. **The Resolution was passed**

 The meeting closed at 8.00pm

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