

Minutes of the Town Projects Committee meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2015 at 6pm in the Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea.

Present: Cllr Clarke (Chairman), Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Mrs Burge, Cllr Miss Parkin, Cllr Jones
Cllr Hancock, Cllr Cox (Ex-Officio)
Mrs D Emery – Town Clerk, Mrs L Williams – Deputy Town Clerk,

Paul Martin – Project Manager for Tesco 106 Project

The Chairman apologised for the late start of the meeting at 6.08pm

10/15/TPC Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Cllr Young (work)

There were no declarations of interest

Cllr Clarke invited the registered speaker Mr Alex Turco to the table

- Speaking as a resident and business owner within the Town Centre
- Communication was poor, especially no financial updates regarding spending of Tesco 106 monies since December
- There were many problems concerning the lighting and columns particularly in Victoria Street
- Recent High St. works were to a very poor standard
- Hopes the Town Council will scrutinise carefully all the problem areas and get them dealt with accordingly

Cllr Clarke informed members that a snagging list had been created after a walk about by 2 councillors and the Clerk on Monday 30th March.

The quality of the work was deemed very poor in the events area including the road surface, brickwork, road markings.

Cllr Clarke invited Paul Martin to speak – Mr Martin would be taking up all matters with Somerset County Highways who are the responsible authority including the street lighting. Mr Martin said the County Council had the Clerk of Works who would oversee and would sign off the work.

All members had either received negative feedback from users of the High Street or had seen for themselves the poor state in which the area had been left. There was also concern regarding the very marked buff coloured road surface. Although this colour had been agreed at a working party meeting on the 12th December 2013 members ALL AGREED that when talks took place with SCC to make good the road surface that discussion should take place about the possibility of changing the colour.

RECOMMENDATION for the replacement colour to be black or terracotta

It was also agreed that a **RECOMMENDATION** be made to the Town Council meeting that the colour of the tarmac for re-surfacing the Esplanade be reconsidered and that either Terracotta or black be used.

6:26 Cllr Lawson joined the meeting

Members were concerned to hear there had been a number of trips and falls reported within the events area. The Clerk informed members that there had been a discussion with SCC highways on this matter on the Friday 27th March. As the road-works were very new it was too early to know if they were a factor.

The Clerk informed members that no payment had been made for work on the road and like any other contract payment would be made after the snag list had been dealt with.

Mr Turco was asked if he would let the Clerk have a copy of his snagging list, which he was happy to give.

Cllr Jones had informed the Clerk he was retiring as a Councillor at the end of item 3 of this agenda

6.36 Cllr Jones and Cllr Miss Parkin left the meeting

Cllr Clarke invited a member of the public to speak on lights not working in Regent St. and drainage gullies in the block paving

6.42 Cllr Miss Parkin re-joined the meeting

11/15/TPC Tesco 106 Project

Members considered the report on Flag Poles and as the points raised previously had all be addressed Cllr Clarke proposed and seconded by Cllr Nicholls and ALL AGREED

RECOMMENDATION: to install the new flag poles and buy the multiple flag package.

This project would be coming out of the Events and Promotions budget.

12/15/TPC Date of Next Meeting

Members NOTED the next meeting of this committee was to be held on Monday 15th June at 6pm at The Old Courthouse, Jaycroft Rd.

The following matters being confidential business, it was proposed by Cllr Miss Parkin and seconded by Cllr Nicholls that members of the Press and Public should be asked to leave in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.