

**Main points arising: London Road North pedestrian crossings /
Operations Manager's update for September 2015 / Updates from Task &
Finish Groups parented by FIED Committee**

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT (FIED) COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON
MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2015 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Vice Chairman: Cllrs Mrs J Sewart

Cllrs: L Berry, L A Clarke, Mrs S J Gilmore, Mrs S Horsman and M Sewart

Also attending under SO 56: Cllr M Beanland.

25. Questions from members of the public

Mrs Louise Kidd from 4 Lakeside Drive spoke regarding the difficulty and dangers of crossing London Road North from the direction of South Park Drive towards Glastonbury Drive when taking her children to and from Lower Park Primary School. She commented that dog walkers, school children and other families had experienced the same issue. There is a pedestrian refuge near the end of South Park Drive, which is quite narrow and when waiting to cross, with traffic passing at speed on both sides is quite frightening particularly during the dark winter months.

Mrs Kidd requested the installation of a pelican crossing on this main road into Poynton in line with all the other main roads into the village.

The Chair explained that Cheshire East Highways are the decision making body for highways issues and the Town Council can only note resident concerns and forward them to Cheshire East.

Councillors agreed that the pedestrian refuge is small and difficult to use; that the bollards at the location are dirty, restricting visibility; that this is the only main road into Poynton without a pelican crossing.

RESOLVED: That Poynton Town Council write to Cheshire East Council Highways (enclosing a location map) noting that this is the main access route into Poynton from the North and an appropriate site for a pelican crossing; requesting Cheshire East make an assessment of the safety of children crossing this junction to and from school; requesting that the existing bollards are replaced with modern highly reflective ones. (NC)

26. Apologies for absence

Cllrs H Murray and Mrs T Lorde.

27. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None.

28. Minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 21st September 2015.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee of 21st September 2015 are agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman. (NC)

29. Update for September 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager

RESOLVED: That Decision Request: 1.5 is approved and that ANSA be appointed to grit Waterloo and Anson Roads for the winter 2015/16. (NC)

RESOLVED: That Decision Request: 2.3 is approved with the amendment that the felled oak be used for two log benches, one on Lady's and Prince's Inclines and that a quote be sought for transforming one section into a natural sculpture. (6 for and 1 against)

RESOLVED: That Decision Request: 2.4 is approved and that Town Council accept 13 new litter/dog waste bins from ANSA to be located on Park Lane, Fountain Place and at the Civic Hall, at an installation cost of not more than £1,000. (NC)

RESOLVED: That Decision Request: 2.5 is approved and that the Operations Manager is given permission to investigate the costs of carrying out a street cleanse of the poor condition areas of Park Lane, following an audit of the pavement condition. (6 for and 1 abstention)

Cllr Clarke declared an interest in this item and abstained from the vote.

RESOLVED: That Decision Request: 5.4 is approved and that the Operations Manager further investigate the viability of a Business Café based at the Civic Hall with Poynton In Business and report back with a budget to the FIED Committee on 30th November 2015. (NC)

It was requested that the Operations Manager remind Cheshire East of their obligation to sweep leaves in Poynton as in other neighbouring areas.

RESLOVED: That the written update for September 2015 from the Operations and Events Manager is received with thanks. (NC)

30. Update from the Queensway Revitalisation Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED: That the email from Cllr G Smith is received and that a list of the Task and Finish Group actions, including completion dates, is requested. (NC)

31. Update from the Visitor Economy Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED: That the update from the Visitor Economy Task and Finish Group is received and that Cllr Gorst be requested to call a meeting to select a new leader. (NC)

32. Update from the Middlewood Station Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence from the Middlewood Station Task and Finish Group is received. (NC)

33. Update from the Heritage/Memorial Garden Task and Finish Group.

Cllr Mrs Sewart updated the committee following the Task and Finish Group's first meeting. Cheshire East Council have been contacted as the owners of land and subsequently requested a report including a map, a basic plan and details of the Group's proposals.

The Task and Finish Group proposed that the group be renamed as Poynton Heritage Garden.

RESOLVED: That the Heritage/Memorial Garden Task and Finish Group is renamed the Poynton Heritage Garden Task and Finish Group. (NC)

Cllr Mrs Sewart confirmed that the members of the group include seven members of the community and two councillors.

RESOLVED: That the verbal report by the Poynton Heritage Garden Task and Finish Group is received and that the group's proposals as follows are agreed: that no memorial plaques be used; that the garden area is enlarged by 60/70%; that colourful, attractive planting including evergreens is used; that one metre square planters be used; that a sculpture/monument be the focal point; that designs are put on blank walls; that litter bins are included; that grids remains as they are and that wooden materials are used to be environmentally friendly. (NC)

34. Update from the Footpaths/Cycling Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED: That the update from the Footpaths/Cycling Task and Finish Group is received and that the membership of the group be amended to include Cllr Beanland. (NC)

35. Update from the Village Accessibility/Mobility Task and Finish Group.

Cllr Mrs Sewart informed Cllr Berry of a member of the community who may like to join the Task and Finish Group.

RESOLVED: That the update from the Village Accessibility/Mobility Task and Finish Group is received and that Cllr Mrs Sewart be removed and Cllr Mrs S Horsman be added to the group's membership. (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm