

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Notice of Meeting

### ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.00 p.m.  
in the Mayor's Parlour, the Town Hall, Kendal**

#### Committee Membership (9 Members)

Graham Vincent (Chair)	Jonathan Owen (Vice Chair)	Giles Archibald
Andy Blackman	Keith Bracey	Tom Clare
Shirley Evans	Jon Robinson	John Veevers

#### AGENDA

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Any member of the public who wishes to ask a question, make representations or present a deputation or petition at this meeting should apply to do so before the commencement of the meeting. Information on how to make the application is available on the Council's Website - [www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/Statutory Information/General/ Guidance on Public Participation](http://www.kendaltowncouncil.gov.uk/Statutory%20Information/General/Guidance%20on%20Public%20Participation) at Kendal Town Council Meetings or by contacting the Town Clerk on 01539 793490.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda**

*[In accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) or Other Registrable interests (ORIs) which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. Members are reminded that it is a criminal offence not to declare a DPI, either in the Register or at the meeting. In the interests of clarity and transparency, Members may wish to declare any DPI which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any ORI.]*

**4. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL (SEE ATTACHED) AND MATTERS ARISING (NOT OTHERWISE ON AGENDA)**

**5. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE (see attached)**

**6. PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 2018**

- 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018
- 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**7. RADAR SPEED GUN UPDATE (REF MINUTE 1032/16/17)**

**8. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT TO REPOSITION 30MPH SIGN ON A6 SOUTH OF KENDAL (see attached)**

**9. UPDATE ON PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND JOINT KENDAL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE PROJECTS**

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10. **LOWTHER STREET TREE REMOVAL UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF FUNDING (REF MINUTE 787/16/17)**
11. **APPROVAL OF CCC TOWN CENTRE BENCH ASSET TRANSFER (REF MINUTE 1041/16/17) (see attached)**
12. **DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH AT VICARAGE PARK SCHOOL – APPLICATION TO CCC (see attached)**
13. **CANAL HEAD ALLOTMENTS FOOTPATH REPAIR UPDATE AND RENEWAL OF APPROVAL TO FUND (REF MINUTE 1076/15/16)**
14. **PROPOSAL FOR INTERPRETATION PANEL AT SCOUTS SCAR AND NEAR KENDAL RACECOURSE (see attached)**
15. **ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**
  - Autumn Edition – Deadline 22<sup>nd</sup> September, publication 30<sup>th</sup> October
  - Spring 2018 Edition – Deadline 26<sup>th</sup> January, publication 5<sup>th</sup> March
16. **REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET 2017/18 (see attached)**
17. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
18. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

**Liz Richardson**  
Town Clerk

By e-mail/post to:      Members of the Committee  
                                 All other Councillors (agenda only, for information)

***Please note that only Committee Members will receive the minutes and attachments, but that other Councillors may request a copy of any agenda papers. Any Councillor who is not a Committee Member may still attend the meeting, as an observer.***

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**Members of the Press and Public are welcome to attend the meeting.**

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL

## Environment and Highways Committee

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.00 pm  
in The Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Kendal**

- PRESENT** Councillors Andy Blackman, Keith Bracey, Shirley Evans, Jonathan Owen and Jon Robinson
- Councillor D Evans joined the meeting for Agenda item 6 - Lakes Line Issues including Rail Study.
- APOLOGIES** Councillors Giles Archibald and Tom Clare
- OFFICERS** Liz Richardson (Town Clerk) and Hazel Belshaw (Temporary Council Secretary)
- 1024/16/17** **ELECTION OF MEETING CHAIR**
- The Town Clerk advised the Committee that The Chair, Councillor Clare, had stepped down due to ill health. She asked for suggestions for a replacement Chair. Councillor Owen volunteered to chair the meeting. Councillor Blackman proposed Councillor Owen be the Meeting Chair and this was seconded by Councillor Bracey.
- RESOLVED** That Councillor Owen will Chair the Environment & Highways Committee Meetings.
- 1025/16/17** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- Mr Andrew Lucas for Agenda item 6 - Lakes Line Issues including Rail Study. Mr Lucas thanked the Lakes Line Users Group for keeping the critical line open and understood that there are still a number of issues so wanted to come along to today's meeting to understand what can be done and what the Council has done in the past.
- 1026/16/17** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- None
- 1027/16/17** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**
- The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017, which had been approved by full Council on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- Councillor Blackman proposed that the minutes be accepted as a correct record and this was seconded by Councillor Bracey and carried with one abstention.
- RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> January be accepted as a correct record.

**MATTERS ARISING (Not on Agenda)****Projects Update (787/16/17)****1028/16/17**

The Town Clerk referred to this minute with regards to Woolpack Yard. SLDC confirmed they have served a Section 215 Notice to the owners of the building and in turn the owners are seeking to serve a notice to their tenants.

The Town Clerk also updated on the tree at the bottom of Lowther Street. She confirmed the tree is still there as it was not possible to gain permission from the Environment Agency by 31<sup>st</sup> March. When permission is granted by the Environment Agency the Town Clerk will then ask the Committee to decide if they want to go ahead. Councillor J Robinson raised the question if there was a better time of year to remove a tree. It was decided to wait for the permission from the Environment Agency and then find out the relevant information.

**1029/16/17****Parkside Road (785/16/17)**

Councillor Blackman referred to this minute with regards to the resurfacing at Parkside Road. He confirmed the work had been completed but unfortunately the hole in the road had to be re-opened due to electric works.

**1030/16/17****LAKES LINE ISSUES INCLUDING RAIL STUDY**

Councillor Owen welcomed Dick Smith and Robert Talbot from the Lakes Line User Group to the meeting.

Mr Smith and Mr Talbot thanked the Committee for inviting them along and for their support. They are an active user group and highlighted that having links with the Town Council gave them better credibility.

Mr Talbot advised Members that the group are all volunteers and he presented a flyer and a business card that had been produced to help promote the Lakes Line and the attractions along the line.

Mr Smith explained that the railway industry have figures based on ticket sales. He explained that due to the Lakes Line being a short line, during busy periods not all passengers would buy a ticket so the figures are not always accurate, leading to under reporting. The Lakes Line have started passenger counts and interview surveys to give a more accurate figure of users of the line. They thanked Kendal Town Council for their help in setting them up electronically. He went on to say they were not surprised with the lack of information on electrification from Northern Rail. Paul Maynard (Rail Minister) was unable to tell the group anything as he was waiting for an announcement in March from Network Rail. On 27<sup>th</sup> March Network Rail advised they had submitted their findings to the Department for Transport and the next stage was under discussion. He highlighted some pressure from Kendal Town Council around that may help.

He explained that Governance For Railway Investment Projects (GRIP) is how Network Rail manages and controls projects that enhance or renew the national rail network. It was understood that we had reached GRIP stage 3 (of 8) and with a single line of 10 miles

there should not be too much to consider. Although Network rail have only confirmed we are at GRIP stage 2.

He advised if Kendal Town Council were to approach Network Rail then another question to raise would be what GRIP stage are we at.

Councillor D Evans asked whether there is any way a project can move backwards in the GRIP stages. Mr Smith advised he was unsure on this point.

He then went on to discuss the importance of electrification and the current old diesel trains. There is a country wide shortage of spare diesel units. There had been a plan for the whole of the North of England and these plans all got held back. A train leasing company had spotted a gap in the market and as a temporary measure could offer 8 or 10 diesel trains that can run on non-electrified lines that they will lease to Northern Rail.

Councillor Bracey agreed with the issues of money being lost on fares as he had noticed that during busy times, especially when events are happening, there are not enough staff to cope with passengers. He suggested approaching Northern Rail to suggest extra staff at busy event times. Mr Smith and Mr Talbot confirmed they had approached them about this but nothing had been done. A way round it was to install a ticket machine. The Town Clerk confirmed there were plans in place for this.

A question was raised about the Community Rail Partnership Lakes Line Study and whether it was just looking at Burneside and Staveley Mr Smith confirmed they are looking at overall capacity and the have been in touch with Network Rail and talked to people in the design process. There is a consultation report due by the 25<sup>th</sup> April with a feedback meeting at Murley Moss. Was anyone from Kendal Town Council attending? The Town Clerk to check. The Town Clerk confirmed £2,000 had been set aside for the study but as it was near complete this would be better for any follow on work required. The money will be kept ring-fenced.

There was then a general discussion around better connections between Kendal and Oxenholme and how current train times do not fit with working hours and also car parking at Oxenholme. Virgin claim the car park is not always full but the £12 a day charge will put people off parking there.

Councillor D Evans suggested using a more strategic approach to put pressure on Northern Rail to improve their service.

Mr Talbot agreed that one of the failures is to do with staff shortages and attention to crew issues was needed.

Councillor Owen proposed that Kendal Town Council write to Northern Rail regarding electrification and crew issues. This was seconded by Councillor Bracey and carried unanimously.

Councillor S Evans thanked the Lakes Line User Group for attending and highlighted how useful it was and an update would be useful.

**RESOLVED**

The Town Clerk to send a letter to Northern Rail regarding electrification and crew issues.

1031/16/17

**JOINT ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS AND KENDAL IN BLOOM COMMITTEE PROJECTS – DESIGN AND FUNDING**

The Town Clerk presented the project update from the joint working that had been previously circulated to Members.

**Bird Cage Plant Bed**

Groundworks have produced design plans for this and there are various options. The plan was shown to Members. One idea is cladding the outside with wood as a more affordable option. Soil can be put down but will need a retainer and preparation work to make air holes for the trees. Another option is to use a simple ground cover plant or bark chippings that could be topped up yearly. Also the Rinteln sign is going in there from the Market Place. It may be that it is done in different stages.

Councillor Owen suggested habitat enhancement around the trees here especially following the removal of the silver birch trees in the Market Place.

Councillor J Robinson asked if there was an opportunity to build seating within budget.

The Town Clerk advised that Members go to look at what is there now and email her with their thoughts.

The Town Clerk confirmed the joint budget is £15,000 with £12,000 from Environment & Highways.

**Dowkers Lane**

Groundworks have produced design plans for this area. The issues are the poor soil in the bed and it is full of tree roots. This will need digging out and quality soil put in and then a fairly simple planting scheme. The designs have been sent to Deb Clarke at SLDC. If we want to go ahead the next stage will be to get costings. We would pay for the plants and SLDC the labour but the soil requirements is a new element. Councillor J Robinson suggested approaching Kendal Conservation as they have done some similar landscaping work in the past. Councillor S Evans thought it is not worth doing if not done properly.

**Crest area on Kirkland**

There is a plan in place for improvements.

**BT Building – corner of Sandes Avenue and Blackhall Road**

A longer term project

**Wattsfield Road Roundabout**

This area is less visible than the other areas being discussed. We are talking to Horticare at the moment regarding this as it is close to them. Maintenance will be an issue and it is possibly easier to replace what is there but this is unlikely to be in time for Britain in Bloom.

Councillor Blackman advised that Deb Clarke from SLDC will be attending the Kendal in Bloom Committee Meeting next week and will have more answers. We will need to await the outcome from that meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That Members will look at the Bird Cage Plant Bed and email their thoughts to the Town Clerk.

**1032/16/17****SPEED GUN PURCHASE**

Councillor Owen discussed the paper he had previously circulated to Members. He advised that Full Council have asked the Committee to consider using the Committee underspend to purchase the speed gun.

The Town Clerk raised an issue from Councillor Veevers regarding funding from the Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner to purchase speed guns (ref Management Committee minute 972/16/17). The Town Clerk has looked into the matter and the local police have to apply on your behalf. She confirmed she has emailed Inspector Paul Latham but has had no response as yet.

Councillor J Robinson suggest we go for our own speed gun and then see if we can get another one through the funding.

Councillor S Evans has residents that would be keen to come to the training session.

Councillor Owen proposed the purchase of the speed gun and this was seconded by Councillor S Evans and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That monies from the Environment & Highways Committee are used to purchase a radar speed gun.

**1033/16/17****WEST STREET LIGHT REMOVAL**

The Town Clerk presented a paper regarding the removal of the street light on West Street. The Town Clerk confirmed that it had been noted as not working in the last two audits of street lights but has just been reported recently by a resident. The light is on an un-adopted back lane and both County and District Councillor supported its removal.

Councillor Robinson proposed that we remove the light and this was seconded by Councillor Bracey and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED**

That the street light be removed on West Street at a cost of £520.

**1034/16/17****LITTER BIN EMPTYING ON KIRKBARROW**

The Town Clerk presented the paper from Councillors Finch and Teasdale regarding the purchase of a new litter bin for Kirkbarrow.

Councillor Finch has agreed to purchase the bin from his SLDC Members allowance but asks the Committee to cover the cost of emptying the bin. The cost for this is approximately £180 per year.

Councillor J Robinson proposed that the Committee agree to pay for emptying the new litter bin and this was seconded by Councillor S Evans and carried unanimously

**RESOLVED**

That the Committee agree to pay for the emptying of the new Kirkbarrow litter bin at a cost of approximately £180 per year.

**1035/16/17****RAILINGS PAINTING**

The Town Clerk presented the re-quotation for the railings on Parkside Road. Due to the additional preparation work the cost had increased by £900. Councillor Blackman asked if it was worth getting another quotation.

Councillor Bracey proposed the approval of the new quotation and this was seconded by Councillor Blackman and carried unanimously.

The Town Clerk will check with The Treasurer if it was required to gain further quotes.

**RESOLVED**

The revised quote for the painting of the Parkside Road railings be approved, subject to confirmation with the Town Treasurer.

**1036/16/17****ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

The Town Clerk confirmed that already on the list are Kendal Castle, the Lakes Line, the Kendal Canal Pollinator Project and Britain in Bloom.

Councillor Owen suggested an article regarding the purchase of the radar speed gun.

Councillor J Robinson suggested the new joint projects landscaping works.

**1037/16/17****REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET**

The Town Clerk presented the review of spend against budget and highlighted the following points:

Underspent by £6,700 but highlighted that it is difficult for this Committee as some of the funds are for maintenance that cannot be foreseen. Some of this had now been allocated for the speed gun purchase.

Development Fund items – The invoice from Heron Hill School has been received.

Maudes Meadow – this is dependent on SLDC.

Kendal Castle – ongoing project.

Councillor S Evans raised a question regarding the Kendal Castle project and asked if Kendal Town Council are funding the paths. A

resident had asked her about the access gate on Sunnyside. The Town Clerk confirmed that most of the work we are involved in is the interpretation panels.

Councillor Owen mentioned that he was working with Stramongate School on an air quality project and the Deputy Head was keen to do some tree planting on the corner of Stramongate and the BT building. There did not seem to be any development fund items for work similar to this. The Town Clerk confirmed that we have submitted a LIP bid for the Green Wall on Longpool and we are currently waiting to hear if we have been successful.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**1038/16/17**

#### **SLDC Air Quality Annual Report**

The Town Clerk presented the annual SLDC Air Quality report. This was discussed and noted.

**1039/16/17**

#### **Windermere Road SID**

Councillor Thornton contacted the Town Clerk regarding the speed indicator device on Windermere Road. He has been looking at a permanent SID on the road and has now received funding for a 2 year trail.

**1040/16/17**

#### **Cumbria County Council Highways Information Management System**

The Town Clerk had previously circulated information to Members.

**1041/16/17**

#### **Town Centre Benches**

The Town Clerk confirmed that the town centre benches were being repaired by CCC this week.

**1042/16/17**

#### **Seat at Hazelwood**

The Town Clerk reported that she had received a letter from a resident regarding a seat at Hazelwood. She confirmed that it did not belong to any of the local authorities. She had asked Councillor Cook to look at the issue further as it was within his ward. Councillor Bracey suggested that if this is not successful we could adopt it. Members were concerned this set a precedent for other benches.

**1043/16/17**

#### **Wildlife Corridor Canal Towpath**

Councillor Clare has done some background work on creating a linear park/wildlife corridor adjacent to the canal towpath south of Parkside Road. He sent a paper to the Town Clerk. There are several issues to consider including funding and that it is owned by SLDC. Councillor Blackman highlighted that Councillor Clare would like to know if the Committee would be interested in supporting this project. Councillor Owen suggested that he speak with Stuart Lockton from the Canal Pollinator project.

Councillor Owen proposed that the Committee is supportive but it was recognised that there is no funding available at present. This was seconded by Councillor Bracey and carried unanimously.

**RESOLVED** That the Environment & Highways Committee are supportive of creating a linear park/wildlife corridor adjacent to the canal towpath.

**1044/16/17** **Cycle Path Burton Road**  
Councillor J Robinson mentioned that as a result of development of the new cycle path on Burton Road, all grass verges have been removed. He wondered if there is something we can do in the future.

**1045/16/17** **Kendal Mint Clean**  
Councillor Blackman mentioned that at the beginning of this financial year he asked for funds for keeping Kendal Mint Clean for stickers and banners. He reported he now has two banners, sticky labels for litter bins and window stickers to help raise the profile. He will be seeking funding for hi-vis jackets next. Councillor J Robinson mentioned that the Fellside Forum did something similar and got funding from Lakeland.

**1046/16/17** **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017**

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

**Summary of Information, Resolutions and Recommendations to Council**

<b>Min</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Information/Resolution/Recommendation to Council</b>	
<b>1024/16/17</b>	Election of Meeting Chair	<b>RES</b>	That Councillor Owen will Chair the Environment & Highways Committee Meetings.
<b>1030/16/17</b>	Lakes Line Issues including Rail Study	<b>RES</b>	The Town Clerk to send a letter to Northern Rail regarding electrification and crew issues.
<b>1031/16/17</b>	Joint Environment & Highways and Kendal in Bloom Committee Projects – Bird Cage Plant Bed	<b>RES</b>	That Members will look at the Bird Cage Plant Bed and email their thoughts to the Town Clerk.
<b>1032/16/17</b>	Speed Gun Purchase	<b>RES</b>	That monies from the Environment & Highways Committee are used to purchase a radar speed gun.
<b>1033/16/17</b>	West Street Light Removal	<b>RES</b>	That the street light be removed on West Street at a cost of £520.
<b>1034/16/17</b>	Litter bin emptying on Kirkbarrow	<b>RES</b>	That the Committee agree to pay for the emptying of the new Kirkbarrow litter bin at a cost of approximately £180 per year.
<b>1035/16/17</b>	Railings Painting	<b>RES</b>	The revised quote for the painting of the Parkside Road railings be approved, subject to confirmation with the Town Treasurer.
<b>1043/16/17</b>	Wildlife Corridor Canal Towpath	<b>RES</b>	That the Environment & Highways Committee are supportive of creating a linear park/wildlife corridor adjacent to the canal towpath.



## Terms of Reference for Environment & Highways Committee

### The Committee

It is the Environment & Highways Committee's remit to make recommendations to full Council concerning the natural and built environment and highways and infrastructure, not dealt with by the Kendal-in-Bloom or Planning Committees. In support of this it will plan the Town Council's programme of works in relation to its Environment & Highways powers.

In particular the Committee will be pro-actively concerned with open spaces, including parks and commons, the landscape of the town, and bio-diversity. It will also be concerned with the appearance of the built environment where not dealt with by the Planning Committee, e.g. the surface of the Yards, graffiti and litter, street cleaning, the street scene (including seats, hand rails but not lights), bus shelters/seats and the War Memorial. The Committee aims to support and promote initiatives relating to action on air quality and Climate Change.

In respect of specific tasks that the Committee identify require work to be undertaken by the Council, it will also request approval and funding, plan and oversee the operational management of such tasks, either through the Council's own staff, through contractors, or by funding work carried out by other statutory organisations.

The Committee will, in addition to managing the application of these powers by the Council, hold an overview and monitoring role on behalf of the residents of Kendal and the Council in respect of environment and highways matters affecting the town. For example, receiving reports from the Bus Users Group and Lakes Line representatives, commenting on cycle path plans etc. It will make representations to relevant bodies about such matters through the Chair as agreed by the Committee following the approval of the relevant minutes by Council.

The Committee will act as the referral point for detailed consideration of any Highway, Travel or Transport plans, or these elements within wider planning consultations, that the Council is asked to comment on. The Committee will also consider any environment or highways issues raised by individual Councillors in their wards to maintain an overview of issues across Kendal, and will support such matters if they fit in with the strategic plans of the Council.

The Committee shall agree an estimate of costs of works that it would like the full Council to fund, to tie in with the Council's budget cycle, in time for the council's budget round. The Committee will oversee the costs of any agreed task, for example requesting financial statements on work in progress or on completion.

All members of the Committee can put forward agenda items for meetings. All Councillors not on the Committee can also request an item to be considered by the Committee either by asking the Chair, or by resolution of the full Council. As per Standing Orders, any motion to be considered by the Committee has to be received and logged by the Clerk within seven days of the Committee meeting.

The Environment & Highways Committee meeting shall be held quarterly, further meetings may be called if necessary.

### **The Chairman**

The role of the Chairman of the Environment & Highways Committee is to provide direction and ensure Committee members work together. The Chairman's duty is to ensure this end is achieved with consensus.

The Chairman will need to ensure:

all points of view are given a fair hearing,

all relevant information is available at the meeting,

that Councillors are clear about the reasons for a decision and/or recommendations,

that irrelevant matters are not brought to Committee,

the Council is protected from outside interference,

that a friendly atmosphere is created and

that business is conducted with reasonable speed.

The Chairman will liaise with the Clerk on drawing up agendas' approve draft Minutes and support the Clerk, as appropriate, in the implementation of the Environment & Highways Committee actions.

## APPENDIX 1

### Statutory Powers of the Council relating to Highway and infrastructure matters

FUNCTION	POWERS
Drainage	Power to deal with ponds and ditches (re footpaths)
Roadside Verges	Power to plant and maintain roadside verges.
Bye Laws	Power to make bye-laws in regard to cycle parks
Bus Shelters *	Power to provide and maintain bus shelters
Footpaths - see also rights of way	Power to repair and maintain public footpaths and bridleways
Highways	Power to light roads and public places
.	Power to provide parking places for vehicles, bicycles and motor-cycles
.	Power to enter into agreement as to dedication and widening
.	Consent of parish council required for ending maintenance of highway at public expense, or for stopping up or diversion of highway
.	Power to provide traffic signs and other notices
.	Power to plant trees, etc and to maintain roadside verges
Lighting	Provision/maintenance of any footway lighting which lights roads or pavements provided the columns are not above specified heights.
Parking Places	Provision and management of car and cycle parks.
Rights of Way	Maintenance of public footpaths and bridleways.
Transport *	Powers to spend money on community transport schemes
Traffic Calming	Powers to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes
War Memorials	Power to maintain, repair, protect and adapt war memorials.
Clocks *	Provision and maintenance of public clocks, on churches or elsewhere.
Seats *	Provision and maintenance of public seats

Where a power is marked with an asterisk a parish or town council may, in addition to exercising the power itself, help another body to act by giving financial assistance.

## KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

To: Environment & Highways Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
From: The Town Clerk	Agenda Item No. 8

### **30 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON MILNTHORPE ROAD (A6) SOUTH OF KENDAL**

On 4th May 2017 you responded to my email concerning various difficulties associated with the entrance to the single-track Helsington Laithes Lane. In respect of the 30mph speed limit sign you suggested that the Council may be able to offer support for the proposal that it be repositioned just south of the Helsington Laithes lane. On 24th May 2017 we wrote to Peter Hosking at CCC Highways putting the case for repositioning the 30mph sign but, todate have not had a response. Town Council support would be welcomed.

There are 18 properties at Helsington Laithes plus The Manor, farm and other properties further up the lane all of which generate a fair amount of traffic. The problem arises when motoring north towards Kendal and turning into the single track lane. A vehicle must slow to less than 10 mph on a main road with a 60mph limit before turning in and if a vehicle is exiting the lane it is not possible to leave the main road which at this point is also single carriageway. As you will be aware, this road can be very busy and so invariably a turning vehicle is being followed by fast moving traffic which can give rise to some quite scary moments. On 18 March 2017 exactly this situation led to an accident involving 3 cars in a shunt. We have proposed that a short "slip" lane be constructed to enable vehicles to move off the A6 before turning but are advised that funds are not available at present.

We understand that when the 110 property Development on Land South of Lumley Road commences it will be necessary to reposition the 30mph sign as it is presently located where the access road will be built. We have been advised that it is intended to place it approximately opposite the Audi garage. We suggest that it would be more logical to position it just south of Helsington Laithes lane (replacing the existing 40mph sign) and repositioning the 40mph sign a suitable distance further south, possibly near the layby. This proposal would be cost neutral. The effect on traffic would be to significantly reduce speed in the vicinity of the Lane and, hopefully, reduce the risk of further accidents.

We consider this proposal to be a fair and reasonable method of easing the difficulty associated with turning into Helsington Laithes Lane and request the support of the Council.

Yours Sincerely

Geoffrey Kenyon

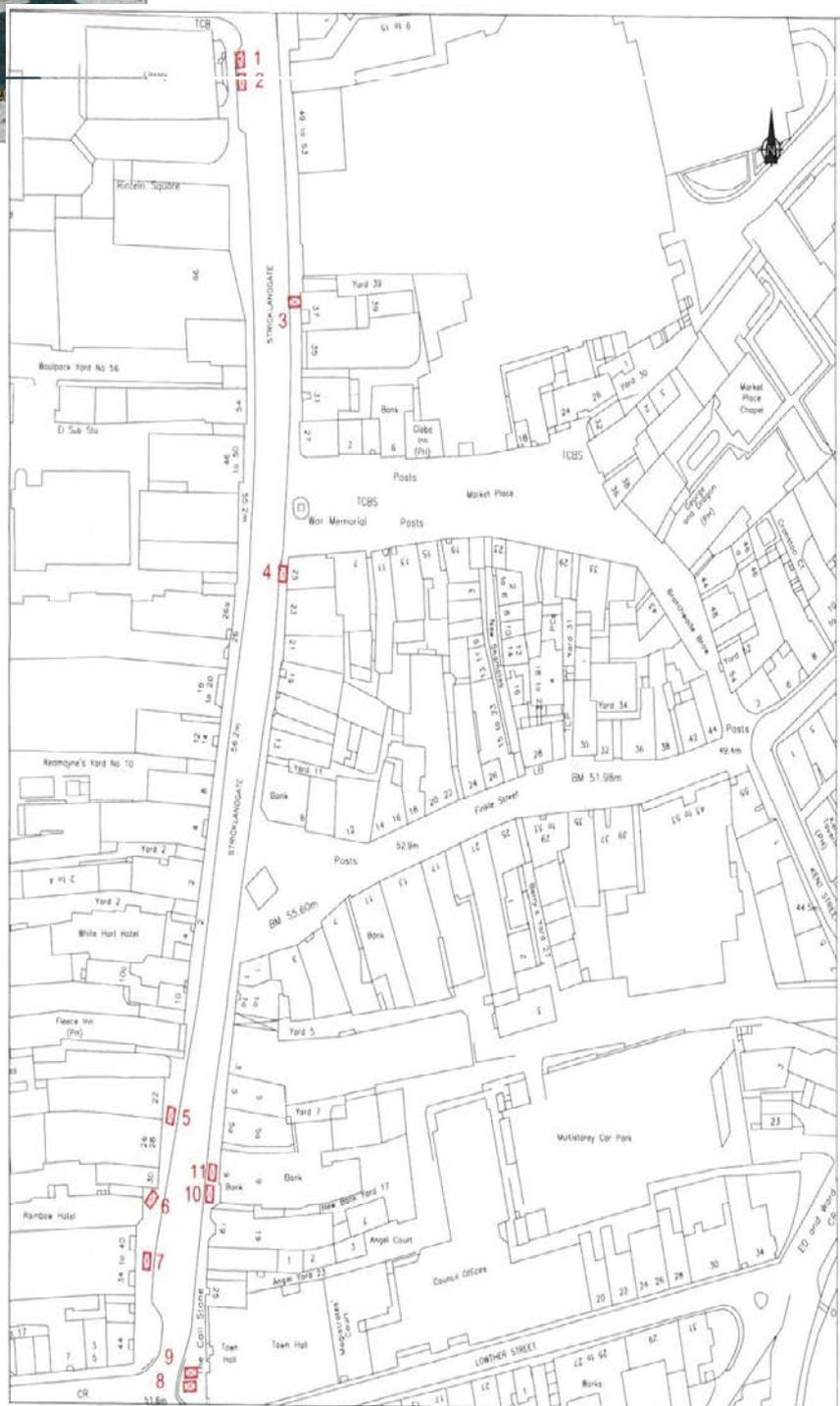
Resident: and Director of Helsington Laithes Management Committee.

# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

<p>To: Environment &amp; Highways Committee</p>	<p>11<sup>th</sup> July 2017</p>
<p>From: The Town Clerk</p>	<p>Agenda Item No. 11</p>



**Key**  
 Existing timber bench locations with new hardwood slats supplied by Benkert Street Furniture fixed onto existing frames.



# KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

To: Environment & Highways Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
From: The Town Clerk	Agenda Item No. 12

## Diversion of footpath at Vicarage Park School, Kendal

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 SECTION 119

PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 536046 PARISH OF KENDAL

I shall be pleased to receive any comments that you might wish to make regarding the proposed diversion of the above mentioned footpath at Vicarage Park School, Kendal as shown on the attached plan.

The footpath crosses directly over the Vicarage Park School premises and it is claimed that there are significant safeguarding issues for the pupils and staff as well as trespassing on school premises. The School has therefore applied to divert the path to a new location and will meet all costs associated with processing the order.

When responding, please could you think about the following legal tests that would have to be met if any diversion is to be successful:-

1. Will the new path be substantially less convenient to the public?
2. The effect which the diversion would have on public enjoyment of the path or way as a whole;
3. The effect the order would have as respects other land served by the existing legally recorded right of way;
4. The effect of the new right of way on land over which the new path is created;
5. That termination of the alternative footpath is on the same or a connected highway, and is substantially as convenient to the public.

A reply by the end of July 2017 would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully

### **Andy Sims**

Countryside Access Officer | Countryside Management Team  
Regulatory Services | Economy and Highways | Cumbria County Council  
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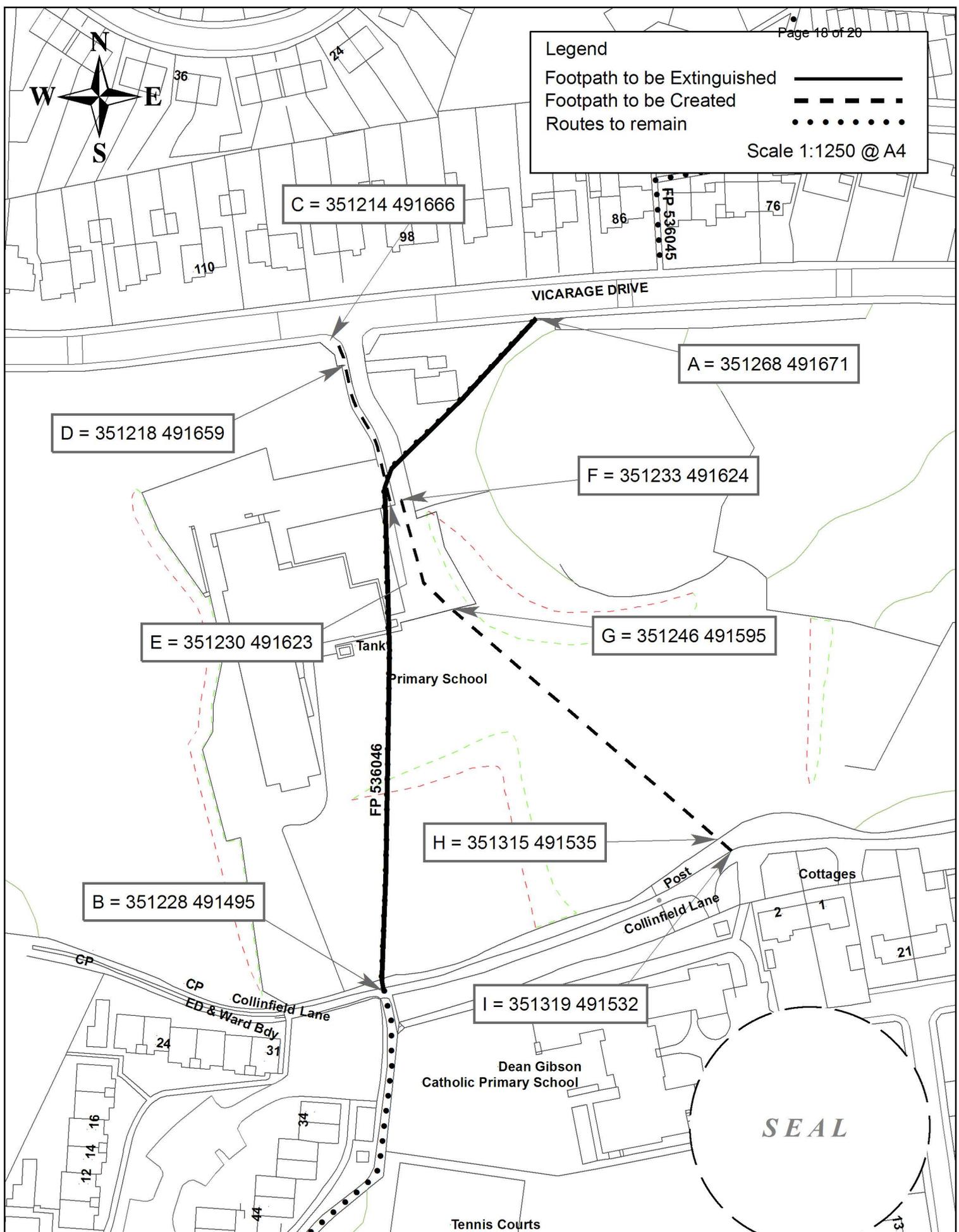
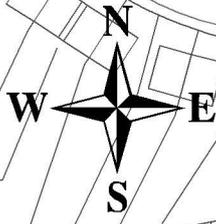
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**Legend**

- Footpath to be Extinguished
- Footpath to be Created
- Routes to remain

Scale 1:1250 @ A4



**Highways Act 1980 Section 119 and Wildlife and Countryside Act Section 53  
Public Footpath 536046 Diversion Order and Public Path Modification Order  
Vicarage Park, Kendal**



## KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

To: Environment & Highways Committee	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
From: Councillor Clare	Agenda Item No. 14

### Proposal for Interpretation Panel at Scouts Scar and near Kendal Racecourse

Councillor Clare as former Chair of the Committee has been in discussion with Jan Whiltshire regarding her proposal for 2 interpretation panels at:

1. **SD501 917** Where a stile gives access to Kendal Race Course and leads to Scout Scar. It's roadside, where walkers and dogs from new housing developments will see it clearly. It's by milestone and roadside now used as car park.
2. **SD 487 919** The Mushroom Shelter. A robust, discreet Quick Response Code plaque set in parapet stone could encourage visitors to discover something of Scout Scar escarpment, its geology, flora and fauna. QR should be comparatively vandal-proof and its data base is secure and easily updated. The Mushroom Shelter is a magnet for visitors and QR needs only a smartphone.

Councillor Clare has pointed out that the Panels say welcome to the Lake District and would be located outside the Town Boundary. Therefore, it is likely we could support only by writing to LDNP and Friends of the Lake District asking them to support.

She doesn't seem interested in having another panel, further in town, promoting the Scar.

KENDAL TOWN COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

BUDGETARY CONTROL STATEMENT : THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

2017/18 APPROVED BUDGET	Heading	Actual to date	Commitments	Total to date	Budget Remaining
£		£	£	£	£
	<b>Environment:</b>				
18,210	Staffing	4,553	13,657	18,210	0
500	Somervell Garden Maintenance	0		0	500
18,710	<b>Sub-Total:</b>	4,553	13,657	18,210	500
	<b>Highways &amp; Infrastructure:</b>				
2,700	Infrastructure Maintenance (including Mint Clean)	35		35	2,665
1,250	Litter Bin Emptying	1,117		1,117	133
3,500	New Infrastructure	(750)		(750)	4,250
2,587	Lighting - running costs	0	2,587	2,587	0
10,037	<b>Sub-Total:</b>	402	2,587	2,989	7,048
<b>28,747</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Highways Total:</b>	<b>4,955</b>	<b>16,244</b>	<b>21,199</b>	<b>7,548</b>
	<b>Development Fund Items:</b> (Programme approved 5 June 2017)				
15,500	Signage, Interpretation & Public Realm Improvements	0		0	15,500
10,000	Strategic Transport Infrastructure Study	0		0	10,000
3,000	Improvement of Kendal Street Name Signs	0		0	3,000
5,000	Rinkfield Residents Association - Play Area	5,000		5,000	0
15,000	Maude's Meadow	0		0	15,000
1,404	Heron Hill School Woodland Trail	0		0	1,404
500	Footpath, Birk Hagg to Parkside Road	0		0	500
9,320	Kendal Castle Environmental Improvements	0		0	9,320
32,629	Market Place Enhancement	0	305	305	32,324
3,040	Repainting Railings	0	3,040	3,040	0
1,500	Radar Speed Gun	1,230		1,230	270
2,000	Lakes Line Feasibility Study			0	2,000
<b>98,893</b>	<b>Development Fund Total:</b>	<b>6,230</b>	<b>3,345</b>	<b>9,575</b>	<b>89,318</b>
	<b>Environment Reserve (Parks, Gardens &amp; Open Spaces):</b>				
12,379	Dowkers Lane	0	6,680	6,680	4,081
	Birdcage	0	3,845	3,845	
	Less: Contribution from Bloom Committee	0	(2,500)	(2,500)	
	Sunniside railings	0	273	273	
<b>12,379</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>8,298</b>	<b>8,298</b>	<b>4,081</b>