

**Council – 27 July 2022**

**public Questions:**

**1. From ~~Ms E Nicholson~~ Mr Wanstall to Councillor Monk, Leader of the Council**

*(Prior to the meeting, the Chairman gave consent for Mr Wanstall to read out the question on Ms Nicholson's behalf)*

Bob Mouland is most closely associated with the Sidney Cooper Memorial Fountain, to preserve, maintain, and bring it to a much wider audience, and significance generally. We, his many supporters, therefore propose that the steps that are at the gardens entrance be called Mouland Steps to permanently mark his dedicated public spirited effects there. Therefore we ask, do you support this proposal, and if not, why not please?

**ANSWER:**

Thank you for your question and suggestion.

I recognise that Mr Mouland has played a large part alongside the Council's property teams in getting the fountain restored and raising the profile of the fountain with the public. I am fully supportive of your suggestion to recognise Mr Mouland's efforts and will ask the Council's property team to look into sourcing a suitable plaque.

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:**

Please could you clarify, would that be to rename the steps or something else?

**ANSWER:**

It would be a plaque in the garden, not the renaming of the steps, acknowledging the contribution Mr Mouland made towards the ongoing welfare of the fountain.

**2. From Mr Gill to Councillor Field, Cabinet Member for Transport and Digital Transformation**

When can it be expected that the on-going problems of parking, traffic congestion and danger to pedestrians along The Stade, Folkestone will be seriously addressed?

**ANSWER:**

Thank you for your question.

The council recognises the difficulties in the area especially during the summer months with everyone trying to park near the beach. We have increased parking enforcement patrols to try and alleviate some of the parking problems. Officers

are reviewing the signage and lining in the area and plan to have all of the lines renewed so that they are more visible.

Highway Safety issues are a matter for Kent County Council as this area is adopted highway. We will continue to have discussions with them about possible improvements.

We are also aware of wider issues of anti-social behaviour in the area but we cannot tackle this alone. This has been raised through the Community Safety Partnership with the Police who are now aware of the issues and will take appropriate action. I would urge anyone who witnesses any anti-social or illegal behaviour to report this immediately to the Police. The Police have also asked us to encourage residents to sign up to 'my community voice' for reporting purposes.

The Stade is one of the top priority areas to be reviewed in the council's parking strategy which covers the Town Centre and the Harbour areas. The strategy document is expected to be published later this year.

**SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION:**

*There was no supplementary question, but Mr Gill made the following statement:*  
I appreciate much of this is Kent Highways, but we need to forewarn people before they enter the Stade that it would be difficult to park, as people are driving down and carrying out dangerous manoeuvres when unable to park.