

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2011**

**PRESENT:** Cllr T Morgan - Committee Chairman in the Chair  
 Cllrs J Geldart, P McNeill, J Middleton, N Pennycott, D Shopland,  
 A Withers, Mrs I Johnson - Deputy Town Clerk.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs C Bussey, G Hill, M Hime.  
 Jane Brake and Mary Hadlow – Hill Road Traders Association

**7.30 pm      INFORMAL BUSINESS**

**BROWN TOURIST SIGNS TO HILL ROAD SHOPS**

Jane Brake spoke on behalf of the Traders who currently spend large sums of money advertising Hill Road in North Somerset and beyond thus attracting visitors not just to Hill Road but to Clevedon as a whole. The Traders are seeking to increase the number of visitors to Hill Road primarily with signage from the seafront to direct the increasing number of visitors to Clevedon Pier up to the Hill Road shops. Although improved signage from all areas of the town is required.

Ms Brake recalled that the NSC Blue Skies Vision for Tourism recognised a need for additional local and M5 signage but this has not come to fruition.

Permission for a Victorian style sign on the seafront had been given in the past but the traders had been unable to finance the project. Ms Brake was asked whether the Hill Road Traders now had funds available for the sign. She replied that the funding had been spent on the purchase of Christmas lights for Hill Road last year.

**7.50 pm      FORMAL BUSINESS**

**TH/11/41      APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr McNeill on holiday.

**TH/11/42      ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR**  
**2011/12**

The following nominations were made;

CLLR J MIDDLETON proposed by Cllr Morgan seconded by Cllr Withers

CLLR N PENNYCOTT proposed by Cllr Shopland seconded by Cllr Geldart

There were three votes for each candidate. It was decided by the Committee Chairman that;

**RESOLVED:CLLR N PENNYCOTT** be elected Vice-Chairman of the Transport & Highways Committee for the Council Year 2011/12.

**TH/11/43      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none.

<b>PART 2</b>
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*The Committee agreed to take agenda items 8.1 and 10 at this point in the meeting in order that the representatives from the Hill Road Traders could hear the discussions before they left the meeting.*

**TH/11/44 HILL ROAD – REQUEST FOR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES TO BE REPAINTED**

This request from the Police had been referred to the Committee by Clevedon PACT. Some members felt there was a lack of car parking on Hill Road and this problem should be investigated more fully. However it was noted that as with Clifton Village in Bristol visitors accepted parking was often in adjacent roads.

**RESOLVED:** Not to support the repainting of the yellow lines on the north (Rossiters) side of Hill Road as Members considered vehicles parking on this side of the road did not affect the traffic flow. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**TH/11/45 HILL ROAD – REQUEST FOR BROWN TOURIST SIGNS**

It was suggested that as well as signage to the Hill Road shops signs to the Triangle shopping area should be investigated. With regard to additional visitors requiring parking in Hill Road it was proposed that a sign from The Beach to Hill Road could indicate that the shops were five minutes walk away.

**RESOLVED:** 1. To ask NSC whether the criteria for brown tourist signs includes shopping areas and if this is not possible to investigate other signage.  
2. To enquire about brown signage from the motorway. Preferably a sign with 'Historic Clevedon' to include Clevedon Pier, Curzon, Clevedon Court. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**TH/11/46 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were approved and signed subject to the deletion of the last paragraph under minute TH/11/30 Ripple Footpath. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**TH/11/47 INFORMATION AND UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET 2011/12**

The Committee received and noted the information.

**RESOLVED:** To consider including a contingency sum in the Transport & Highways Budget for 2012/13 to allow for small projects. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

**TH/11/48 UPDATE ON ACTIONS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

**TH/11/49 HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING** TH/11/06

NSC had replied stating that the request for double yellow lines on the Clevedon side of Holly Lane could not now be considered until the next Clevedon review in three years. The East Ward North Somerset Councillor had obtained from NSC a quote to provide hardstanding on the playing field. However this would require authorisation from the Highways Manager as it did not meet the Local Transport Plan target and previous requests for hardstanding had not met with approval by NSC. It was suggested the proposed car park could be used as a drop off point to alleviate traffic congestion at the main entrance to the School. However it was pointed out that previous proposals for two entrances and a one way system had not been taken up by the School in the past.

**TH/11/49 HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING TH/11/06 CONTINUED...**

It was noted that Clevedon School, who now managed the Sports Centre, had included in their booking document to all outside clubs a request that players and visitors park in the school car park.

- RESOLVED:**
1. To proceed with the metal signs as previously agreed.
  2. To include waiting restrictions on Holly Lane on the list of items for investigation at the next Clevedon traffic review.
  3. To thank NSC for the quotation for hard standing which may be considered at a future date.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**TH/11/50 REQUEST FOR SAFER CROSSING STRODE ROAD TO MARY ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL TH/11/26**

No further information from NSC.

- RESOLVED:** To keep this item on future Transport & Highways Committee agendas.

**Action Deputy Clerk**

**TH/11/51 REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING NEAR THE JUNCTION OF CHAPEL HILL AND OLD STREET OR IN THAT AREA TO ASSIST PEOPLE ACCESSING THE POST OFFICE.**

This item had been raised by a Clevedon resident via a PACT meeting. Previous enquiries had found that siting a pedestrian crossing on Old Street adjacent to 'Poppies' was not possible – too close to the bend. Also the carriageway is too wide for a crossing adjacent to 'Proper Job' on Old Street and a central refuge would restrict buses and obstruct the car parking outside the Post Office.

- RESOLVED:**
1. To ask NSC to reconsider their previous proposal for a pavement build out at the Chapel Hill junction with Old Street.
  2. To consider at a future meeting the difficulties encountered by pedestrians crossing some of the wider well used routes in the town – Moor Lane, Kenn Road and Great Western Road.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**TH/11/52 STREET GULLY CLEANING IN CLEVEDON**

The Central Ward North Somerset Councillor who raised this item urged Members to report silted up gullies to NSC, also missing drain covers as a number had taken recently. A few years ago drains were on a schedule for cleaning every six months. Gullies are now cleaned every two years. The Clevedon gullies are scheduled to be cleaned this year. NOTED.

**TH/11/53 TO CONSIDER ITEM RAISED DURING INFORMAL BUSINESS AT CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON 18 MAY 2011 - ROAD SURFACE ST JOHN'S ROAD**

The Streets & Open Spaces Officer for Clevedon had confirmed that St Johns Road is on the list of roads to be resurfaced during this financial year. A copy of the list is in the Town Council Office. With regard to potholes these were dealt with under very strict Government guidelines in respect of the size of the potholes.

There was discussion about increasing the liaison between NSC Highways and the Committee.

- RESOLVED:** To consider inviting a member of the NSC Highways Strategic Team to some of the meetings of the Transport & Highways Committee.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

**Action: Committee Chairman/Deputy Clerk****TH/11/54 POSTERS AND ADVERTISEMENTS AROUND THE TOWN**

A resident had written highlighting the number of advertisements particularly on roundabouts.

**RESOLVED:** All Committee members to monitor advertising around the town.

**TH/11/55 ADOPT A BT KIOSK - TO CONSIDER ADOPTING THE PHONE BOX ON BEACONSFIELD ROAD**

BT had written stating that the above phone box could be adopted for £1. Members could see no use for the phone box and did not wish to take on the cost of regular maintenance.

**RESOLVED:** Not to adopt the phone box on Beaconsfield Road but enquire as to the cost of purchasing the phone box and removing it from the site.

**Action: Deputy Clerk**

**TH/11/56 GRIT BINS** TH/11/28

56.1 HILL ROAD TH/11/28.2 This item had been referred back to the Committee at the full Council meeting on 18 May 2011 for re-consideration of the Committee's decision not to install a grit bin at the junction of Hill Road (one way section) and Bellevue Road. It was recalled that the Committee had made the decision on the basis of advice from NSC.

**RESOLVED:** To uphold the previous decision of the Committee not to install a grit bin at this location. VOTE: 4 FOR 1 AGAINST

56.2 RIPPLESIDE ROAD TH/11/28.3

**RESOLVED:** Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman to look at the road and put forward possible locations to the next meeting.

**Action: Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

**TH/11/57 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT REPORT MAY 2011**

The Contractor had raised no concerns.

**RESOLVED:** Prior to the next meeting the Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman to carry out the annual inspection of the bus shelters and take photographs of all 19 bus shelters. **Action: Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

**TH/11/58 NEW BUS SHELTER AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CASTLE ROAD** TH/11/32

The bus shelter had now been installed.

**TH/11/59 NEW BUS SHELTERS CENTRAL WAY**

NSC had indicated that the two older style shelters would be replaced in the next six months. NOTED

**TH/11/60 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

An invitation had been received for Committee Members to visit the organisation which currently receives an annual grant. Cllr Withers, the Town Council representative on this outside body would be attending an NDCT meeting this month.

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Cllr Hill expressed an interest in visiting the organisation with Cllr Withers.

**TH/11/61 FOR INFORMATION** To receive and note;

- 61.1 Proposed Public Path Stopping Up Order – Footpath LA 22/46 Millcross. Order came into force on 5 May 2011.
- 61.2. Proposed Public Path Diversion Order – Footpath LA 22/49 Southfield Farm, Lower Strode Road – consultation period ends 17 June 2011.
- 61.3. Notices of Temporary Road Closures – Old Church Road, Great Western Road.
- 61.4 Notice of maintenance works to bridges over M5; Kenn Road overbridge; Court Lane overbridge; Davis Lane overbridge; Tickenham Road underbridge.
- 61.5 North Somerset Local Access Forum – agenda and minutes.
- 61.6 Information on Community Payback - Members to consider possible works within their wards.

**TH/11/62 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

STATION ROAD BARRIER - Following a question concerning progress of the barrier, it was reported that the exact location of the barrier is currently being investigated I by NSC Highways.

**TH/11/63 ITEM FOR NEXT TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE AGENDA**

Removal of railway bridge in Colehouse Lane.  
Car Parking for Triangle Area and Old Church Road

**TH/11/64 PART I AND PART II ITEMS** There were no Part I items.

*The meeting finished at 9.14 pm*

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN:..... DATE:.....