

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 16th JULY 2014

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins – Committee Vice-Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs A Giles-Townsend, B Hatch, J Middleton, N Pennycott,
 P McNeill, D Shopland. Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr R Garner

TH/14/428 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Geldart & G Hill – out of Clevedon

TH/14/429 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Shopland declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 13 Nailsea to Clevedon Cross Moor Link Path and would leave the meeting if the report is discussed.

TH/14/430 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 21st May 2014 were approved and signed.

PART 2

TH/14/431 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2014/15

The Transport & Highways Committee budget statement was NOTED.

TH/14/432 HILL ROAD – PARKING ISSUES

The Committee Chairman had compiled and circulated a report following the meeting held with herself, Cllrs Pennycott and Hatch with representatives from the Hill Road Traders. The Committee Vice-Chairman had also provided Members with copies of emails with the Police concerning enforcement.

During discussion the following points were raised by Members;

- The need for consultation with all residents, traders, businesses in the area including Alexandra Road.
- Concern that parking meters may result in people shopping outside of the town.
- One way system may be too difficult for buses as Marine Parade is not considered to be a suitable alternative.
- No land available for a park and ride scheme and if land were available it would be too expensive to pursue this proposal.
- A hop on hop off shopping bus service would need a great deal of investment and the numbers using the service may not be sustainable, as in the case of the Pier Bus Company.
- The possibility of the Police and NSC Area Officers looking at the enforcement of parking restrictions.

The Committee Vice-Chairman spoke of assisting with a short term amelioration of the parking problem. He had recently attended an AGM of the Police & Crime Commission and spoken to Sue Mountstevens after the meeting about the Police supporting the community in enforcing the Hill Road parking restrictions. Since then Inspector Jarrod Bartlett North Somerset Neighbourhood Inspector has offered support and a newly appointed PCSO is patrolling the road on a regular basis. The

TH/14/432 HILL ROAD – PARKING ISSUES continued...

Police are keen to educate the public, via the press about the effect of long stay parking on businesses in Hill Road.

RESOLVED: To monitor the enforcement of the parking restrictions and write to the Police reminding them how important regular enforcement is in this area.

Cllr Pennycott read out to the Committee a long letter he had received following the meeting from seven traders. The traders suggested the following actions;

- Introduction of Pay and Display on Hill Road only, with parking meters kept to a minimum restricted to 9.00 am - 5.00 pm to allow resident parking overnight.
- The Town Council and NSC to investigate a pay and display car park on Herbert Gardens as it would appear very costly, difficult and lengthy to remove the covenant from Alexandra Gardens.
- To work with First Bus and NSC to investigate a one way system to increase car parking spaces on Hill Road.
- NSC to pursue CPE status.

It was agreed at this stage not to pursue any of the above actions but to press for enforcement of the parking restrictions as stated in the above resolution.

TH/14/433 NORTON WOODS LANE TH/14/415

NSC has confirmed the likely costs associated with extending the 30 mph speed limit is around £3,800. The NSC Minor Works Group has agreed the proposal would meet a number of Local Transport Plan objectives and Department for Transport advice on setting local speed limits. However any change to the speed limit would need to be approved by the Executive Member for Highways and Transport and the scheme is unlikely to be a priority unless financially supported by the Town Council.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC exactly how much funding they, as the Highways Authority, will contribute towards this scheme.

TH/14/434 PARKING ON WELLINGTON TERRACE TH/14/416

It was noted that the double lining across the dropped kerbs serving 12/12A and 26/26A Wellington Terraced will be included by NSC on the list of items for the next traffic review. Min TH/14/436 below. Members highlighted the fact that the overhanging vegetation now requires urgent attention.

RESOLVED: To follow up the request to NSC for the vegetation to be cut back.

TH/14/435 PARKING ON ALBERT ROAD TH/14/418

NSC had replied stating that yellow lines are not required for dropped kerbs as it is an offence to block them and extending the yellow lines may mean the Traffic Regulation Order is inaccurate.

RESOLVED: To continue to press NSC to extend the double yellow lines and if necessary to add this to the review of waiting restrictions in Clevedon see TH14/436.

TH/14/436 REVIEW OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN CLEVEDON

NSC had confirmed the inclusion of a review of waiting restrictions in Clevedon in this year's programme. The review is intended to establish the relevance of the existing restrictions whilst at the same time considering the introduction of new restrictions where it is deemed to be beneficial. Restrictions to be considered include;

- Double yellow lines which indicate that parking is prohibited 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- A single yellow line which indicates that parking is prohibited during certain times of the day and certain days of the week.

TH/14/436 REVIEW OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN CLEVEDON continued...

- Permitted parking bays, dotted white boxes which restrict parking at certain times of the day.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to include the following in their review;

1. Request for double yellow lines at the junction of Sunnyside Road and Albert Road in the vicinity of the Sunnyside Surgery.
2. Request double yellow lines at the junction of Nortons Wood Lane and Walton Road.
3. Passing Places on Wellington Terrace see minute TH/14/434 above.
4. Request double yellow lines up to dropped kerb in Albert Road see minute TH/14/435 above.
5. Request double yellow lines on Chapel Hill outside The Knoll.
Arising from (5) to write to the Bowling Club concerning parking on Chapel Hill.
6. Request double yellow lines on the south side of Highdale Road where the wooden bridge over the road was sited and where the rock face protrudes.

Arising from (6) above and bearing in mind the proposed expansion of the School and as part of the St Nicholas Chantry School Travel Plan to suggest to NSC the inclusion of car parking using the area of The Fir Woods adjacent to Highdale Road.

TH/14/437 NSC OFF STREET PARKING PLACES CHARGES FOR CLEVEDON CAR PARKS TH/14/420

Members noted with regret the reply from Cllr E Ap Rees.

RESOLVED: To query with the Executive Member what is meant by the car park charging policies being 'in Clevedon's best interests'.

TH/14/438 JUNCTION OF CONYGAR CLOSE WITH WALTON ROAD

A resident had raised concerns about visibility issues at this junction and the speed of traffic on Walton Road and along Conygar Close.

RESOLVED: The NSC Councillor for East Ward will continue to investigate these issues with NSC and report back to the Committee.

TH/14/439 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MONTHLY REPORTS

No concerns raised by the Contractor – Noted.

TH/14/440 NAILSEA TO CLEVEDON CROSS MOOR LINK PATH TH/14/421

Cllr Watkins reported on the meeting held on 7th July 2014. It has been decided that Nailsea Town Council and interested parties investigate fully the planned footpath from Nailsea and Clevedon Town Council and interested parties consider the Clevedon end of the route in the hope that funding could be found for parts of the route. The middle part of the route between the two towns is difficult to progress in view of the number of land owners involved.

RESOLVED: 1) To convene a meeting towards the end of August and make available a larger scaled map. 2) To set a timescale of six months for work on this project.

TH/14/441 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT - REPORT FROM TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

The representative had provided his own financial assessment of the organisation.
Noted.

TH/14/442 GORDANO GREENWAY PROJECT STEERING GROUP – REPORT FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

There had been no meetings.

TH/14/443 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY available at the meeting;

443.1 Old Street Zebra Crossing Adjacent to Village Hall TH/14/396 – Zebrite Beacons now installed – request for feedback from NSC.

Concern that the hedge may obscure one of the beacons.

443.2 Moor Lane Pedestrian Refuge TH/14/392 – Possible timescale end July/August 14.

443.3 New Bus Service 88 Portishead to Clevedon – Cllr Hatch is using the new service and will report back to the next meeting.

TH/14/444 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no items.

TH/14/445 TO DETERMINE PART 1 AND PART 2 ITEMS

There were no part 1 items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD *The meeting finished at 8.50 pm*

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