

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 7 JULY 2010**

**PRESENT:** Cllr G Watkins – Committee Chairman in the Chair  
 Cllrs C Arnold, P McNeill, J Middleton, N Pennycott, D Shopland.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr L Knott

**7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. **FOOTPATH BETWEEN LOWER KNOWLES ROAD AND WESTBOURNE AVENUE**

Mr and Mrs Neads of 7 Lower Knowles Road asked to address the Committee about a matter not on the agenda. It was agreed that they could raise the item however no further discussion or decision could be taken at the meeting. The residents were concerned that about plans to install some form of barrier across this path following an incident with a motorcycle. They felt this would be an over reaction and could cause an obstruction to wheelchair users etc.

2. **ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS – PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT**

PC Dave Hughes, Community Beat Officer for Clevedon, was in attendance in place of PS Deborah Budd who had been called away due to family illness. The Committee wished to know whether their perception that there was little parking enforcement in the town was correct.

PC Hughes explained that now Clevedon had no Traffic Warden parking tickets were mainly issued by the three PCSOs. Enforcement of parking restrictions was only a small part of their role in the busy Clevedon Police Station, also as soon as an area was cleared other vehicles take their place. Councillors were invited to come out with the Police and see this for themselves. He emphasised that NSC is the only council in Avon & Somerset not to take on parking enforcement. PC Hughes reported that 70 tickets had been issued in the last three months. However tickets were only issued where cars were unoccupied. Only 7 of these tickets had been issued on Hill Road although Police notices had been left on cars in Hill Road highlighting parking concerns on this road.

With regard to parking on pavements PC Hughes stated that this was not allowed where there were parking restrictions. However in other areas this depended whether the vehicle was causing an obstruction to users of the pavement ie could a double buggy get through. This was not formal legislation but how matters were dealt with in Clevedon.

PC Hughes emphasised that PCSOs as far as possible patrolled the area around Clevedon School at school times (morning and evening).

3. **CLEVEDON SEAFRONT PARKING**

The residents who wrote to the Town Council were in attendance but did not wish to address the Committee.

**7.55 pm FORMAL BUSINESS**

**TH/10/40 APOLOGIES** – None.

**TH/10/41 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2010/2011**

Cllr Watkins called for nominations for Committee Vice-Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Cllr Watkins Seconded by Cllr Shopland to appoint CLLR N PENNYCOTT as Committee Vice-Chairman.

**TH/10/42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr L Knott declared a personal interest in TH/10/33 Kingston Avenue/Powells Acre - known to the resident.

**TH/10/43 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved and signed.

**PART 2**

**TH/10/44 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE BUDGET 2010/2011**

Members received a current statement of the budget. It was noted that the Town Signs had now been installed and the invoice had been received. The grit bins would be installed in the next month. There is currently a sum in the budget from the previous year awaiting the purchase and installation of a replacement bus shelter for Elton Road. See TH/10/53.1 below. NOTED.

**TH/10/45 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

**45.1** **HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING** TH/10/27.1 No reply from NSC to date. A follow up letter had been sent.

**45.2** **KINGSTON AVENUE/POWELLS ACRES** TH/10/33

Mr Painter, NSC Team Leader Road Safety had visited this site and noted;

- Visibility for drivers turning from Powells Acres into Kingston Avenue to the left along Kingston Avenue is restricted by a close boarded fence around the perimeter of the house on the corner.
- Powells Acres is a private road (unadopted) of six houses so the number of trips generated is small.
- Pulling out onto Kingston Avenue involves a sharp 90 degree turn which restricts speeds. There is a strip of contrasting coloured surfacing across Powells Acres 7 metres from the back of the footway intended to attract drivers' attention.

Mr Painter could not envisage what form of traffic calming could be effective or what type of standard warning sign would be appropriate in this situation. He was sceptical about the effect of a give-way line across Powells Acres or a strip of coloured surfacing where Powells Acres crosses the footway. The only other alternative being to replace the boundary fence however this would require agreement and cooperation of the owners.

Members discussed the possibility of a temporary traffic calming speed hump where pedestrians cross however it was felt vehicles would be past the danger point when they got to the speed restriction.

**RESOLVED:**

1. To request NSC investigate suitable signage warning pedestrians of the concealed junction with Powells Acres.
2. To write to the residents of Powells Acres drawing their attention to road safety issues at this junction.

**ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO WRITE TO NSC AND RESIDENTS**

**TH/10/46 TRAFFIC REVIEW TH/10/29.4****EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS (TRO'S) NOT CURRENTLY ON THE GROUND**

This item had been deferred from the last meeting. The TRO's were;

1. A disabled blue badge holders only bay for 15m on the east side of Queens Road from the junction with Old Church Road.
2. Limited waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 2 hours in any 4 hour period on the west side of Queens Road between the junction with Old Church Road and St John's Road (currently there are not any waiting restrictions on ground)
3. No waiting at any time with loading restriction 30 minutes in any 1 hour period along both sides of Kenn Road between the Triangle and Great Western Road. (currently no waiting at any time on the ground)
4. No waiting at any time with loading restriction 30 minutes in any 1 hour period along North side of Old Church Road between Great Western Road and the Triangle. (currently no waiting at any time on the ground)
5. No waiting at any time with loading restriction 30 minutes in any 1 hour period along South side of Hill Road. (currently no waiting at any time on the ground)

**RESOLVED:** Not to implement these TRO's on the ground but leave as they are at present.

**ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO INFORM NSC**

**TH/10/47 OLD STREET TRAVEL SAFETY SCHEME – CHAPEL HILL TH/10/31**

Members considered the revised plans which now showed only one build out on the Old Street side of Chapel Hill.

**RESOLVED:** No objections to the revised drawings. Members considered the modified design to be an improvement on the original proposal.

**ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO INFORM NSC**

**TH/10/48 STATION ROAD – PROPOSAL FOR DROP DOWN BARRIER TH/10/31**

Cllr Knott again highlighted the need for a barrier as the number of vehicles using Station Road had increased as had the use of the street cafes along this road. PC Hughes who was still in attendance was concerned that there could be a serious accident and drew attention to the poor signage at the junction with Kenn Road.

- RESOLVED:**
1. To write to the Police and NSC to ask them to investigate the legal position with regard to installing the barrier and whether it would be necessary to change the status of the road from a highway to a pedestrian zone.
  2. To enquire of NSC when the signage at the Kenn Road junction will be clarified and updated.

**ACTION: POLICE AND COMMITTEE CLERK**

**TH/10/49 PARKING See also Informal Business above****49.1 HILL ROAD – LACK OF PARKING**

Four traders from Hill Road had forwarded their comments on the lack of parking. Two Traders had suggested converting the top part of Alexandra Gardens into a pay and display parking area. There was some discussion about the use of The Regent car park, however this is private property. It was noted that NSC is continuing to contact the owner about the poor state of the building.

**RESOLVED:** To ascertain whether the Hill Road Traders and residents wish to pursue with NSC the formation of a car park on the top part of Alexandra Gardens as the Committee would support this request.

**ACTION: CLLR N PENNYCOTT**

**TH/10/49    PARKING** continued... See also Informal Business above

**49.2            CLEVEDON SEAFRONT**

A resident had written suggesting implementing a parking restriction of 3-4 Hours on Clevedon seafront (The Beach) in order to address the problem of all day parking by visitors to the town. Following debate it was felt that it was not unreasonable to regulate parking, as this is the case on most seafronts in the country.

**RESOLVED:**            To request NSC consider a 3 hour parking restriction for The Beach.

**ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO WRITE TO NSC**

**49.3            PARNELL AND TEIGNMOUTH ROAD**

The resident had written concerning the amount of traders and customer parking on these roads which means some vehicles park across resident's driveways and even on the pavement. The enforcement of parking restrictions had been discussed with the Police during Informal Business above.

**49.4            PARKING ON PAVEMENTS TH/10/30**

This item had been raised with the Police during Informal Business above.

**TH/10/50    POOR CONDITION OF ROAD SURFACES TH/10/34**

NSC had replied listing schemes for this year but with no dates yet (except Bay Road). Nothing determined yet for next year.

Old Street/ Old Church Road

Bay Road, Clevedon possible start 16 August

Strode Road, Clevedon

Highdale Road, Clevedon

Councillors highlighted further main roads in poor condition; St John's Road (Coleridge Road to Hillside Road); Old Church Road from Elton Road; Elton Road from Sixways roundabout to Victoria Road; sixways roundabout where it abuts Alexandra Road. Also to be included Albert Road, Victoria Road, Marson Road, Queens Road, Cambridge Road (lower end off Castle Road) and Robin Lane.

**RESOLVED:**            To report these roads to NSC.

**ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO WRITE TO NSC**

**TH/10/51    BUS STOP AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CASTLE ROAD TH/10/38**

Members had visited the site and reported cars parked right up to the yellow lines for the bus stop. It was felt a better location for a bus shelter would be in the recess in the wall where there is a broken public bench.

**RESOLVED:** 1.        To contact NSC to agree a revised location for a bus shelter.

2.        To investigate the purchase of a full size bus shelter for this site. To be paid for from the 2010/2011 Committee budget.

**ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO WRITE TO NSC**

**TH/10/52    BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT REPORTS MAY/JUNE 2010**

It was noted that the two panels had now been replaced.

**TH/10/53 REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTERS**

**53.1**            **ELTON ROAD** See also TH/10/44 above.  
 NSC had now taken a decision not to move the bus stop in Elton Road, following consultation on the new site. The works to raise the bus platform will therefore take place at the current site. This may not be for several months.  
**RESOLVED:**            To defer purchase and installation of the replacement bus shelter until the bus platform has been raised by NSC.  
**ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO INFORM NSC**

**53.2**            **RING ROAD**  
 NSC had written offering a further replacement shelter (2 years old) to replace the remaining old shelter on Northern Way at Sumerlin Drive.  
 NSC is also planning to upgrade a number of older shelters including Southern Way. Following the government transport cuts the potential locations for the new shelters have not yet been identified.  
**RESOLVED:**            To accept the offer of the replacement shelter for Northern Way.  
**ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO INFORM NSC**

**53.3**            **OTHER WORKS BY NSC**

- Replace some older bus stop poles on Walton Road, Holly Lane and Castle Road.
- Construct raised kerbs for low floor buses at stops on Hill Road and Dial Hill area.

NOTED.

**TH/10/54 FOR INFORMATION** The Committee received and noted;

- 54.1**    **PARNELL ROAD ONE WAY SYSTEM** TH/09/68  
 It was reported that NSC is monitoring the new one way system for the first six months to look at the flow of traffic. It was agreed to await this review.
- 54.2**    **NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT** – Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 21 May 2010. Accounts for year ended March 2010.
- 54.3**    **TRANSPORT NEWS FROM WEST OF ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP** – Newsletter available.
- 54.4**    **BRISTOL AIRPORT – PLANNING UPDATE** available.
- 54.5**    **TICKENHAM ROAD – ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE** for three nights 7pm – 7 am. Operative from 28 July 2010.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD            CHAIRMAN:.....

The meeting finished at 9.15 pm            DATE:.....