

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 12 MAY 2010

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs C Arnold, R Garner, J Middleton, D Shopland.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr L Knott

TH/10/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and approved from:
 Cllr N Pennycott – on holiday.

TH/10/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C Arnold declared a personal interest in TH/10/32 Grit bins as he resides in The Croft. Cllr L Knott declared a personal interest in TH/10/33 Kingston Avenue/Powells Acre known to the resident.

TH/10/25 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 17th March 2010 were approved and signed.

PART 1

TH/10/26 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT TH/10/20.2

The Committee considered four quotations for this three year contract to clean and keep in good repair the 18 bus shelters and 4 town signs in the ownership of the Town Council. The Contract to commence on 1 September 2010.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL accept the lowest quotation in the sum of £3168 excluding VAT for the first year to be increased annually as set out in the agreed Contract document.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO ACCEPT QUOTATION AFTER FULL COUNCIL

PART 2

TH/10/27 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

27.1 HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING TH/10/16.1

There had been no reply from NSC. Members reported less cars parking on Holly Lane over the past few weeks. The possibility of erecting signage on the road directing players to the school car park was discussed.

RESOLVED: To follow up the letter to NSC dated 19 February 2010.

ACTION: AGENDA ITEM NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

TH/10/28 OFF STREET PARKING VARIATION ORDER TH/10/18

Members received and noted with regret the confirmation from NSC that the proposed increased charges for the Salthouse Fields Car Park had been agreed without modification and would come into force from 1 April 2010.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to monitor the use of this car park following the increased charges to ascertain whether there is any decrease in usage.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

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TH/10/29 TRAFFIC REVIEW TH/10/16.2

29.1 AMENDED PLANS NSC had provided amended plans of the changes agreed at the last meeting ie Highdale Avenue and 39 Hill Road.

RESOLVED: To accept the amended drawings.

29.2 PROPOSAL FOR KENN MOOR DRIVE – new double yellow lines from Central Way junction into Cox Way.

RESOLVED: To accept the proposal without amendment.

29.3 HILL ROAD – PROPOSED ONE HOUR PARKING

The Town Council had received many letters, emails and phone calls mainly from Hill Road traders highlighting reasons to retain the two hour restriction. The correspondence highlighted the need for more than one hour to enable shoppers to visit cafes or restaurants; the hairdressers; the beauty clinics; to discuss wedding services; or leisurely visit boutiques, galleries and gift shops.

It was however noted that a two week survey had indicated that 45% of shoppers travelled to Hill Road from outside Clevedon and most of the traders agreed that the shortage of parking for Hill Road needed to be addressed.

The Committee's intention had been to ease the parking problems on Hill Road by reducing the waiting limit however following the consultation and the concerns raised it was;

RESOLVED:

1. To retain the existing two hour parking restriction.
2. To include an item on the next agenda for this Committee to discuss the lack of parking for Hill Road.

29.4 EXISTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS (TRO'S) NOT CURRENTLY ON THE GROUND

The NSC Highways Officer had the previous day provided a list of five different locations in the town where TROs had not been implemented on the ground. The Town Council was asked whether they should be implemented, left as they are or another form of restriction placed. Members felt these quite complex restrictions needed proper consideration.

RESOLVED: To defer consideration to the next meeting of the Committee on 7 July 2010.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO INFORM NSC OF THE ABOVE RESOLUTIONS.

7.45 pm The meeting was adjourned to allow a resident to address the Committee on an item on the agenda;

INFORMAL BUSINESS - BUS STOP AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CASTLE ROAD

Mrs D Walker a resident of Castle Road had written previously to the Town Council requesting a bus shelter and seat at this location. She also highlighted the fact that buses cannot pull into the bus stop because of parked cars outside St Mary's Church. These cars often park right up to the bus bay markings. Mrs Walker has difficulty accessing the bus from the road. The resident had also written to the MP, Liam Fox. It was noted the bus stop is also regularly used by the staff of a nearby nursing home.

The Committee Chairman informed Mrs Walker that the site had been inspected for a bus shelter in the past however there was a very limited budget for new or replacement bus shelters.

7.54 pm The meeting reconvened.

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TH/10/30 PARKING ON PAVEMENTS

Members received an email from a local resident highlighting the danger to pedestrians of parking on the pavement. Members were reminded that PS Deborah Budd would be attending the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED: To raise this matter with the Police at the next meeting.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK – NEXT AGENDA.

TH/10/31 STATION ROAD DROP DOWN BARRIER see also Informal Business at the Transport & Highways Committee of 17 March 2010

Cllr Knott reported on her meeting with a representative of Broxap, a Street Furniture Manufacturer, who had recommended a drop down bollard rather than a barrier. The cost of this bollard would be £699 total cost including installation £1,500. The bollard is 3-4 feet high and can be dropped down into a hole in the pavement/road which is then covered with a lid. No keys are required. These bollards are in use on Weston High Street. The drop down bollard would be sited at Kenn Road end of Station Road. Cllr Knott was unsure how many traders would be willing to raise the barrier if it is left in a down position by delivery persons etc. She had asked NSC for a plan of the utilities under the Road.

Cllr Knott asked the Committee to reconsider purchasing and installing the drop down bollard. She emphasised that the number of vehicles cutting through Station Road had not decreased and but increased. The Chairman of Council reported that NSC hoped to change some of the signage at the Kenn Road entrance to Station Road.

RESOLVED: Councillors to make enquiries prior to the next meeting.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO PLACE ON NEXT AGENDA

TH/10/32 PROVISION OF GRIT BINS IN CLEVEDON TH/10/17

RESOLVED: To agree the following alternative locations for grit bins suggested by the NSC Area Officer (Clevedon);

Sixways by the seat on the area in between Elton Road and Seavale Road
Walton Road near the junction with Strawberry Hill as it is not possible to locate a bin on the Hill.

The Croft on the pavement behind the tree near the junction with Walton Road.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

TH/10/33 KINGSTON AVENUE/POWELLS ACRE

Members received a letter from a resident of Kingston Avenue requesting warning signs or traffic calming measures on the access road into Powells Road. Kingston Avenue and Meadow Road are used as a school route and the footpath crosses the access road where visibility is poor for both pedestrians and cars. There had been several near misses. It was accepted there was a problem however schoolchildren should ideally use the other side of the road.

RESOLVED: To highlight this problem to NSC and the schools.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

TH/10/34 POOR CONDITION OF ROAD SURFACES IN THE TOWN INC STRODE RD

Members agreed to compile a Town Council list of road surfaces in poor condition in the town, particularly well used main routes.

RESOLVED: To ask whether NSC has a list of main roads requiring resurfacing in the town and whether the roads are prioritised with possible timescales.

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ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK. COUNCILLORS TO REPORT ROADS

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NSC had indicated that this scheme had been match funded by Sustrans. The District Councillor for East Ward had spoken against the scheme.

NOTE: Since the meeting NSC has indicated that the work will now commence on 14 June 2010 with work restricted to 9.30 am – 3.30 pm. As part of these works the Tickenham Road will be resurfaced from the junction with Daniels Close to the junction with Northern Way.

TH/10/36 NSC TRAVEL PLANS – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

All Councillors had been circulated with a full copy of this document.

RESOLVED: Not to comment on the document.

TH/10/37 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT REPORT MARCH/APRIL 2010

The Contractor had reported that one panel had been removed from a bus shelter on Central Way and another panel was cracked. The Committee considered his quotation to replace the two panels.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation from the Maintenance Contractor – total cost £290.50.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO ACCEPT QUOTATION

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

See also Informal business above

- RESOLVED:**
1. Committee Members to visit the site prior to the next meeting.
 2. To write to First bus and enquire whether their drivers experience regular problems stopping at this bus stop.
 3. Depending on the outcome of 2 above to seek the advice of the NSC Transport Planning Officer regarding the siting of a bus shelter.

ACTION: COMMITTEE MEMBERS (1) COMMITTEE CLERK (2) AND (3)

TH/10/39 FOR INFORMATION The Committee received and noted

39.1 RESURFACING OLD CHURCH ROAD & OLD STREET TH/10/19.1 Work postponed due to tar material found within existing carriageway pavements. Tar materials are significantly more expensive to dispose off-site and consequentially there is insufficient funding to undertake this work at present.

39.2. CHANGES TO PARNELL ROAD scheduled for first week in May.
Note: Now underway.

39.3 REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER – ELTON ROAD TH/10/21 – See TH/10/40 below

39.3 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 7 April 2010.

39.4. LOCAL ACCESS FORUM – Minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2010.

39.5 PUBLIC CAR PARK ADJACENT TO THE BARN – Request that the speed humps are re-painted to highlight this hazard to pedestrians. Information passed to NSC.
Note: Speed humps have now been re-painted.

**TH/10/40 ITEM REQUIRING REPLY BEFORE NEXT MEETING
UPGRADING OF BUS STOPS**

Plans received from NSC to introduce raised bus platforms at various bus stops and shelters in the town including the bus shelter on Elton Road in revised location.

RESOLVED: No objections to these works.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK TO INFORM NSC

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APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....

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