

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE COMMITTEE
ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2019 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr Goodliffe, Cllr Hill, Cllr D. Shopland (7.34pm), Cllr Young
In Attendance Cllr A. Shopland(7.34pm), Cllr West,
 Ms Paula Heath Town Clerk

TH 19/975 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING.

Proposed by Cllr Hill, seconded by Cllr Goodliffe and **AGREED** that Cllr Young should be Chairman of the meeting.

TH 19/976 TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2019/2020

In the absence of many committee members it was agreed to defer this item.

7.34pm Cllrs D & A Shopland arrived

TH 19/977 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors N. Barton (Chairman), A. Everett, J. Geldart, K. O'Brien, R. Westwood (family commitments)

TH 19/978 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllrs D & A Shopland declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item no 13 the Strawberry Line as landowners on or adjacent to the proposed route.

TH 19/979 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 24th April 2019 and ratified by Council on 12th June 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

TH 19/980 RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE BUDGETS/ACTUALS FOR 2019/2020

Members noted and accepted the accounts spreadsheet which had been circulated with the agenda.

TH19/981 [TH 19/ 968] TO DISCUSS THE ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES PROPOSED BY BID, AND AGREE THE RECOMMENDATION TO NSC HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT OF CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL'S VIEWS

Mr Grace had been invited to address the meeting and would arrive at 8pm. It was agreed to defer this item till later in the meeting.

TH 19/982 [TH19/964] TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF RESPONSE FROM NSC ON PARKING REVIEW FOLLOWING THE CHANGES ON 2ND MAY

This related to the parking review instigated by Cllr Ashton at the beginning of the year, the Town Council were seeking responses to the particular points made to Cllr Ashton. NSC officer has responded to say the new Councillors at NSC were reviewing all parking policies and charges and would consider the individual response made by all the parish and town councils as part of this review.

TH 19/983 [TH 19/965] TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM NSC ON THE SITE VISIT RE ALL SAINTS SCHOOL AND COSTINGS FOR THE PROPOSALS

This item was deferred pending costings and options from NSC.

TH 19/984 [TH 19/966] TO RECEIVE UPDATE FROM NSC ON THE SITE VISIT RE HIGHDALE ROAD AND COSTINGS FOR THE PROPOSALS

This item was deferred pending costings and options from NSC.

TH 19/985 [TH 19/967] TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON MILL CROSS TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

Members were informed that following changes at NSC there had been no decision relating to the Mill Cross Traffic Lights. It was **AGREED** to write to the Ward District Councillor with a request to speak to the new transport executive member.

TH 19/986 TO RECEIVE DETAILS FROM CLEVEDON BID TO APPLY FOR PERMISSION TO PLACE A SIGN ON ETTLINGEN WAY/CENTRAL WAY/NORTHERN WAY ROUNDABOUT.

Members discussed the sign its style and location. Members in principle were supportive of a sign but were uncertain as to the size shown and the location, feeling it would be a distraction to drivers. Members felt the sign would be better located at the side of the road, either on Ettligen Way or Moor Lane. It was **AGREED** to defer the item until the next meeting to enable all members not present to have a view.

TH 19/987 RECEIVE DETAILS OF THE STRAWBERRY LINE EXTENSION FROM YATTON TO CLEVEDON. - CLLR WESTWOOD

In the absence of Cllr Westwood this was deferred to the next meeting.

TH 19/988 RECEIVE UPDATE ON COAST PATH.

Members were given a verbal update on the Coastal Path. The report is expected to go to the Secretary of State at the end of 2019 and be open in 2020.

TH 19/989 DISCUSS PLACING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE BEACH TO PREVENT OVERNIGHT PARKING.

This had been raised under Chairman's items [min 19/971.1] the issue was in relation to camper vans parking overnight and sometimes for more than 1 night. Residents in the area have complained. It was explained that the Council could request a 'no overnight camping' sign but it wouldn't be enforced and without enforcement it wouldn't be effective. A ban on overnight parking would also impinge on residents who park their vehicles in the area. Concern was raised that there is no designated commercial overnight parking area in the town; it was **AGREED** to suggest that this is included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

TH 19/990 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT.

Members were informed that there was nothing to report from the Bus Shelter cleaning and maintenance.

TH19/981 [TH 19/ 968] TO DISCUSS THE ADDITIONAL PARKING SPACES PROPOSED BY BID, AND AGREE THE RECOMMENDATION TO NSC HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT OF CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL'S VIEWS

Proposed, seconded and AGREED to suspend standing orders to enable Mr G. Grace from Clevedon BID to discuss the parking proposals with the Committee

It was agreed to work through the list as per the notes from the 24th April meeting. Mr Grace explained that he had been dealing with Town Centre regeneration for 25 years and seen retail change in that time. Many of the challenges relate in internet shopping. In the last 3 years the net closures have increased by 600%. Increased parking increases accessibility to the town centre/ Hill Road/Alexandra Road. The Chairman explained that following the Climate Change Council meeting on the 24th there could be objections to increase encouragement of the use of the car and it would be preferable to consider the future vision for the town in the upcoming discussions on the BID and the Neighbourhood Plan.

- *2 spaces Queens Road at junction to Old Church Road* – **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users.
- *5 spaces on Old Church Road between Queens Road and Marson Road north side* – Members noted that this road was not wide enough to have parking on both sides as suggested. **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users.
- *5 spaces on Station Road at Old Church Road junction.* – Members discussed this suggestion with Mr Grace who was proposing that this be used for disabled parking only and accepted that this would mean the removal of the bollard. The Town Clerk explained that the Council and NSC had worked together over the last 10 years to make Station Road closed to through traffic, at the request and agreement of the traders in Station Road. The Town Clerk advised that to open Station Road would require a traffic order with consultation, and possible alteration of the highway's infrastructure, which would have to be funded by Clevedon Town Council. Members noted that the Neighbourhood Plan includes a plan for the Town Centre. Proposed by Cllr Shopland and **RECOMMENDED** that NSC be requested to investigate the costs and implications of reversal of the traffic order creating Station Road as a through road, removing the pedestrianisation of the area.
- *4 Spaces on Marson Road at junction with Old Church Road* – **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users.
- *3 spaces on Old Church Road by Marson Road north side* - **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users.
- *3 spaces to the west side of the Clock Tower* – Members discussed the safety issues and problems caused by drivers parking by the Old Post Office/Nat West Bank side of the Clock Tower. **RECOMMENDED** to allow no parking on this side of the Clock Tower or outside of the Triangle Club/Spec Savers.
- *4 spaces on Kenn Road from Estate Agents to Griffin Road Junction* – **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users, keeping any parking away from the bus stops and Griffin Road.
- *15 spaces on Gt Western Road* – Mr Grace feels that the wide roads encourage drivers to travel around the town at speed and without appreciating the locality of the Town Centre. Concern was expressed that any parking on this main road should not be adjacent or blocking visibility of the pedestrian crossings, nor should it impinge on the various entrances/exits from the other car parks. **RECOMMENDED** That NSC highway ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users.
- *4 Spaces lower Queens Road turning circle* –. Members noted that this was the Taxi rank area and, also the access to residents drive at the rear of the Baptist Church. Mr Grace believed that the turning circle was too large and that other car parking spaces could be created. **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users, taking into account the location of the taxi rank and residents' access, plus the requirements of access by refuse and other large vehicles.
- *3 spaces Herbert Road at junction to Hill Road.* – members noted the concerns expressed by residents **RECOMMENDED** not to alter the double yellow lines at the junction of Herbert Road and Hill Road.

- *5 spaces Hill Road between Herbert Road and Bellevue Road/Hill Road Junction* – **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users.
- *3 spaces by no 24 Hill Road/ 3 Spaces by Sainsburys. / 3 spaces by Alexandra Gardens / 3 spaces by no 30 Hill Road* – Mr Grace explained that the suggestions on this list had been his, but the Clevedon BID had rejected these suggestions. Cllr D. Shopland suggested that the pavement outside the Hill Road Shops from Kustom to Junior Poon be removed and parking be created. It was noted that this had been discussed in the past, only part of that pavement is in the ownership of NSC the rest is owned by the business and there are cellars under the pavements. **RECOMMENDED** that no amendments are made to the yellow lines on Hill Road in these areas.
- *4 spaces at entrance of Copse Road from Hill Road.* - concern was expressed that creating additional parking here could have a safety impact on vehicles turning into Copse road. **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users
- *2 spaces at Friary Close* – **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users, and without impinging on residents or the Friary entrance.
- *6 spaces on Marine Hill by Friary Close* – it was noted that residents can park after 6pm on the single yellow line. **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if the restriction on the single yellow line could be altered without affecting the safety of other road users and pedestrian.
- *Marine Parade & Marine Hill* - concern was expressed that any additional parking should be away from the junction to not impinge on the safety of vehicles turning in or out of this junction. **RECOMMENDED** to request NSC highways to ascertain if any additional spaces could be created safely and without endangering pedestrian and other road users.
- *Elton Road* – it was noted that the yellow lines in sections have already been removed in the last review. Mr Grace suggested herringbone parking on the wide sections. Cllr Shopland suggested that the yellow lines on the east side be reinstated and the yellow lines on the west side be removed. This is in keeping with the original request by Clevedon Town Council [TH 17/782] the original order stated seaward side but changed to east side. Recommend to request NSC to re-evaluate the parking on the sea front between Old Church Road junction and Sailing Club.

Members discussed with Mr Grace the wider issues of parking in the town feeling that this should be discussed in conjunction with the neighbourhood plan.

*Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to reinstate Standing Orders.*

Proposed, seconded and **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND to Council** the above recommendations under TH19/981

TH 19/991 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

There were no Chairman’s items for information

TH 19/992 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS

There were no part 1 items.

The meeting finished at 9.08pm

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