

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 15th JULY 2015

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins – Committee Vice-Chairman
 Cllrs J Cook, A Giles-Townsend, D Shopland, J Geldart from 8.12 pm
IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr N Barton

TH/15/540 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs B Hatch, J Norton-Sealey, K O'Brien – previous commitments; Cllrs G Hill and S Hale – out of Clevedon; Cllr J Geldart would be late due to family commitments;

TH/15/541 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

TH/15/542 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2015/16

The information on the Committee Budget was NOTED.

TH/15/543 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 20th May 2015 were approved and signed.

TH/15/544 ST NICHOLAS CHANTRY SCHOOL CLOSURE OF HIGHDALE ROAD
TH/15/528

It was anticipated that Highdale Road would be re-opened sometime in August. The NSC Councillor for East Ward highlighted the concerns of residents living in Highdale Avenue particularly with regard to the speed of traffic.

RESOLVED: To draw this concern to the attention of NSC and ask what measures could be implemented to alleviate the situation, bearing in mind that there will be additional pupils at the school from September. **ACTION:** Deputy Town Clerk

544.1 CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL The request for a permanent school crossing patrol on Chapel Hill had been referred to the NSC School Travel Team for consideration. NOTED.

TH/15/545 PATH THROUGH FIR WOODS TH/15/531.1

Members considered the replies from Elaine Bowman NSC Senior Access Officer and Kevin Speakman NSC Sustainable Travel and Road Safety Team both of whom were unable to attend the meeting. NSC Highways had investigated the drainage and height of the kerbing at the top of the public right of way and it is felt the kerbing is a suitable height to restrict water run-off. NSC has asked that the gully be cleaned regularly. The NSC Access Officer is arranging for a contractor to look at the footpath to make suggestions as to what works could be undertaken and provide an estimate of cost. It was noted however that there is now no dedicated safe routes to schools funding.

RESOLVED:

1. To ask NSC whether the Contractor has provided the information on possible works to the path.
2. To investigate the possibility of a grant from the Wessex Water community projects budget bearing in mind the erosion of the path partly due to the sewerage piping.
3. To discuss at the next meeting of the Committee the upper path through the Fir Woods – Cllr Shopland.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/546 HILL ROAD PARKING ISSUES TH/15/529**546.1 TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Members felt increased enforcement had deterred people from leaving their vehicles all day and some empty parking spaces had been spotted. A true assessment could not be made until all the construction work on Hill Road had been completed.

546.2 TRAFFIC REVIEW AND REQUEST TO PRIORITISE RE-ASSESSMENT OF NUMBER OF DISABLED BAYS ON HILL ROAD

NSC had been asked to give priority to this item on the traffic review however NSC has no timescale for this work.

546.3 RECENT POLICE PCC MEETING

Cllr Cook had attended the meeting however there had been no discussions regarding traffic and parking. Members were pleased to note that North Somerset had gained 11 new Police Officers and 9 new PCSOs with a total of 200 in the local area.

TH/15/547 HITHER GREEN – PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Following the opening of the new supermarket NSC had provided details of additional waiting restrictions on Hither Green. All Committee Members had received details and maps of the proposed restrictions. NOTED with no comments.

TH/15/548 ETTLINGEN WAY/NORTHERN WAY TH/15/530**548.1 TO MONITOR TRAFFIC FLOW FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF ALDI SUPERMARKET**

The supermarket had only been open 15 days however there appeared to be an increase in traffic using the roundabout and Northern Way. Particular concern was expressed about pedestrians crossing Ettligen Way. The NSC Councillor for East Ward highlighted the need for a spur road from the motorway junction to assist with additional traffic to proposed development sites in Yatton and possibly St Modwens in the future.

RESOLVED: 1. To highlight to NSC the problems of pedestrians crossing Ettligen Way as the access to the supermarket encourages more people to cross this fast busy access road to the motorway. Request NSC consider installing a pedestrian bridge in this location, bearing in mind possible future development at Yatton and subsequent increased traffic movements.

2. Request a dropped kerb on the north side of the access to Hither Green from Northern Way adjacent to a pathway from Sheldon Close.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

548.2 PEDESTRIAN WARNING SIGNS FOR CROSSING POINT AT TOP OF NORTH BOUND OFF SLIP ROAD AT JUNCTION 20 M5

NSC had asked the Town Council not to contact the Highways Agency about this as NSC had already made this request. There had been no reply to date.

RESOLVED: 1. To request a copy of the NSC letter to the Highways Agency.

2. To write direct to the Highways Agency. **ACTION:** Deputy Town Clerk

548.3 CLEVEDON TOWN SIGN - RELOCATION OF THE ETTLINGEN WAY SIGN

Members felt it was difficult to find a location in this area that would not reduce visibility for pedestrians.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to investigate moving the Clevedon town sign to the Moor Lane roundabout.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/549 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MARY ELTON SCHOOL FOR A CROSSING ON STRODE ROAD

The Governing Body of Mary Elton Primary School had requested consideration of some form of crossing on Strode Road adjacent to ASDA. This request is supported by St John's Primary School. Members agreed that this is a busy area however they queried where a crossing could be located in this area. Also funding would be difficult to locate and would rely on funding from the schools.

RESOLVED: To arrange a Site Visit with a NSC Highways Officer initially to see if a crossing would be possible in this location and inform the School that the feasibility of a crossing at this location is being investigated.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

8.12 pm Cllr J Geldart – Committee Chairman joined the meeting. Members were reminded that when a Committee Chairman is present they should chair the meeting. The Committee Chairman felt that in the circumstances the Vice-Chairman should continue to chair the meeting.

TH/15/550 CLEVEDON CAR PARKS TH/15/527

The NSC Councillor for East Ward who had originally proposed this motion that had been agreed by full Council indicated that he had concerns that North Somerset could in future become part of a Greater Bristol Authority and felt that the town should be more actively in control of its assets. The implications on staffing etc were highlighted. Members were reminded that an article in the local press had indicated that NSC was not minded to relinquish control of car parks in the town.

RESOLVED: To formally write to NSC and indicate that the Town Council is interested to enquire whether it might be possible in the future for the Town Council to take control of the car parks in Clevedon and what this process would involve.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/551 BUS SHELTER ADVERTISING ON TOWN COUNCIL BUS SHELTERS –

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that NSC had installed advertising on a bus shelter in Moor Lane that was owned and maintained by the Town Council. A meeting had been arranged with NSC Public Transport Officers to discuss this and future advertising on bus shelters in Clevedon. It was hoped that a report by NSC would be available for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/552 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MONTHLY REPORTS

There were no concerns raised by the Contractor.

TH/15/553 LOWER STRODE ROAD – DANGEROUS BEND

The reply from the Highways Engineer stated that he did not feel there is any work in this location that needs to be prioritised on the NSC maintenance programme at this time. NOTED.

TH/15/554 REQUEST FOR PLANTER IN OLD STREET TH/15/538.1

The Committee Chairman reminded Members of the request from three shopkeepers on Old Street for a planter to prevent vehicles mounting the kerb. The NSC Area Officer had approved this request. At the last meeting it had been agreed to consider costs for a planter as a gesture of goodwill. The Deputy Town Clerk reported that it is not possible to replicate the barrel planters used on the other side of the road. A suitable planter could be purchased for less than £100. A motion to purchase a planter and gift it to the shopkeepers to maintain was lost 2 for 3 against.

TH/15/555 POSSIBLE COLLAPSED DRAIN OLD STREET TH/15/513.3

The Wales & West Utility Company had now repaired the problem area. NOTED.

TH/15/556 TO CONSIDER WHITE LINING IN THE TOWN THAT IS IN NEED OF ATTENTION

The Vice-Chairman highlighted the fact that many of the white lines had not been maintained and were now faint.

RESOLVED: 1. To seek clarification of NSC's policy for refreshing white lines.
2. All Town Councillors to make a list areas within their wards where white lines need to be refreshed – to be discussed at the next meeting.

ACTION: All Councillors and Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/557 BUS SERVICE 88 – EXTENSION OF ROUTE AND HOURS TH/15/538.3 –

The information was NOTED.

TH/15/558 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr G Hill had attended the AGM on 24th June 2015. The minutes of that meeting were available for inspection. NOTED.

TH/15/559 GORDANO GREENWAY PROJECT STEERING GROUP

Cllr B Hatch had contacted the Chairman of the Project and provided an update on the proposed route from Clevedon School to Portishead (eventually linking up with the Cheddar cycle route). Mr Peter Yates Round would attend the next meeting of the Transport & Highways Committee and provide more detail.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/560 STREET LIFE NEWSLETTER – available at the meeting.**TH/15/561 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were no Committee Chairman items for information.

TH/15/562 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS

There were no Part I items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

The meeting finished at 8.42 pm

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