

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2014

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr A Shopland
 Mr D Hoddell, Mr G Winn, Mr M Simmonds and one other resident.
 A member of the Police, Mrs P Heath – Town Clerk

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

- 1. WESTWAY HOUSE, NORTHERN WAY - ALDI SUPERMARKET DEVELOPMENT**
 Mr G Winn addressed the meeting on behalf of businesses on Hither Green Industrial Estate. They had concerns about the safety of the increased number of pedestrians and vehicles accessing the new supermarket. Mr Winn had reservations about pedestrians using the underpass as it is some way from the development. There are plans to increase the size of the refuge but traffic emerging from the motorway roundabout is travelling at speed in this area.

The estate is currently busy at peak times (8.00 am and 5.00 pm) with employees travelling to and from work. It is particularly difficult to turn right onto Northern Way from the Hither Green access road. Mr Winn made the following suggestions;

- widening the access road junction with Northern Way to allow traffic to filter left onto Northern Way
- a turn left only sign at this junction (the traffic would then go up to the Moor Lane roundabout to re-join Northern Way).
- yellow hatched marking on Northern Way, although NSC had stated that this could not be achieved without installing traffic lights.
- double yellow lines the whole length of the access road to stop overspill parking and parking for the burger van

Mr Winn also highlighted the fact that the businesses on the estate had not been notified when the planning application had been submitted. He had spoken with a NSC Highways Officer about the above but he did not feel his suggestions were being followed up.

Mr Winn left the meeting.

2. HILL ROAD PARKING ISSUES

Mr Malcolm Simmonds spoke strongly against the introduction of pay and display in Hill Road and Bellevue Road. He was amazed to see the decision of Councillor Ap Rees on the NSC website to introduce on-street pay and display charges on these roads. He queried why the creation of 8 new parking bays on Hill Road had not been considered before this decision had been made. Also the review of other existing parking restrictions in the immediate vicinity ie blue badge bays, loading bays, loading restrictions and single yellow lines, as these initiatives would have made a difference to parking on Hill Road.

Mr Simmonds felt there had been an improvement in the situation following more regular enforcement by the PCSO, however he felt there had been insufficient time to monitor the effect of this enforcement. He reminded Members of the recent petition opposed to pay and display signed by 10,000 residents and that in the past

Clevedon Town Council had voted against this proposal. He observed that the introduction of parking charges in this area could irrevocably change Clevedon and may decrease trade rather than improve trade.

Cllr Shopland a NSC Councillor reported that the decision by the Executive Member had yet to be signed off. He proposed to call in the decision for discussion by Scrutiny Panel. He spoke against the installation of parking meters.

3. HILL ROAD PROPOSED ONE WAY SYSTEM

Mr Hoddell had attended the last Committee meeting and presented a further more detailed report prepared by Cllr Hill for consideration. He emphasised that the one way traffic flow proposal with angled parking could create up to 13 additional spaces along Hill Road not including the proposal to use part of Alexandra Gardens for car parking. He considered the one way scheme would be more viable and less expensive than installing parking meters which he felt may have an adverse effect on trade.

7.48 PM FORMAL BUSINESS

TH/14/467 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J West.

TH/14/468 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

TH/14/469 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 10th September 2014 were approved and signed.

The Committee agreed to consider agenda item 6 as the next item as residents with an interest in this matter were in attendance.

PART 1

TH/14/470 HILL ROAD PARKING ISSUES

470.1 INSTALLATION OF PAY AND DISPLAY METERS See Informal Business above

The majority of Members spoke against parking charges. It was reported that several NSC Councillors for various reasons are planning to call in the decision to a Committee. There were concerns that displaced vehicles from Hill Road and Bellevue Road would park in adjacent roads where there is no off street parking.

Members also spoke in support of the recent Police enforcement campaign on Hill Road.

- RESOLVED:**
1. To ask the Chairman of Council to call a Special Meeting of Clevedon Town Council in the next two weeks specifically to discuss the proposed Hill Road pay and display scheme.
 2. TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that the following reasons as to why a pay and display scheme should not be progressed at the present time be forwarded to the Executive Member for Strategic Planning, Highways, Economic Development and Housing;
 - To request that a further 6-8 month period be given to monitor the recently improved level of enforcement of parking restrictions by the Police. Due to development work to The Regent and other properties on Hill Road it has been difficult to assess whether this has affected parking behaviour.

- To request the creation of 8 new parking bays on Hill Road replacing some of the existing double yellow lines as stated on the NSC decision no 14/15 DE 158 under the heading Decision ii.
 - To request Officers to review the other existing parking restrictions in the immediate vicinity ie blue badge bays, loading bays, loading restrictions and single yellow lines as stated on the NSC decision no 14/15 DE 158 under the heading Decision iii.
 - To request a full survey of all residents and businesses in Hill Road, Bellevue Road and adjacent affected roads.
3. Members request to a copy of the official survey carried out prior to the decision of the Executive Member. There are concerns that residents living on Hill Road and Bellevue Road have not been consulted.

VOTE: 6 FOR; 2 AGAINST

PART 2

470.2 HILL ROAD PARKING ISSUES CONTINUED...

PROPOSED ONE WAY SYSTEM – HILL ROAD See informal business

Members received the additional information which included details of the angled parking with calculations based on the width of the road measured in a number of places. The suggestion to reduce the kerb width between Challicoms and Junior Poon was queried as it was thought the pavement is privately owned by the businesses. Also the possibility of weight restrictions in certain areas was also raised.

RESOLVED: To forward the proposals to NSC and the Police for guidance, particularly as to how the one way system may affect other adjacent areas of the town.

Mr Hoddle was thanked for his work on this proposal.

TH/14/471 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2014/15

The information was NOTED.

TH/14/472 COMMITTEE BUDGET 2015/16

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND to the Finance & General Policy Committee the following Budget for the Transport & Highways Committee for 2015/2016;

	£
Nailsea & District Community Transport	8,000*
Bus Shelter Clean & Maintenance Contract	4,500**
Additional/Replacement Bus Shelters	-***
Grit Bins	-
Nortons Wood Lane Speed Limit	4,000****
Pedestrian refuge Moor Lane	8,000****
	24,500

472.1 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT*

A request had been received for a grant of £9,500 for 2015/16.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £8,000 towards services provided for Clevedon residents.

472.2 BUS SHELTER CLEANING & MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The Contractor had requested the annual rise this year which will be based on a the Calculation – 2% above the Retail Prices Index as determined for the month of November).

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472.2 BUS SHELTER CLEANING & MAINTENANCE CONTRACT** continued...

RESOLVED: To agree to this request and increase the budget from £4,000 to £4,500 to include this and any additional maintenance required.

472.3 ADDITIONAL BUS SHELTER - REQUEST BY NSC FOR SHELTER ON CENTRAL WAY ADJACENT TO SOMERTON ROAD***

NSC asked that consideration be given to providing a shelter at this new bus stop that had been installed recently by NSC. It was noted that there are two adjacent bus stops on Central Way both with shelters. A nearby resident had reported that very few people waited for buses at this stop.

RESOLVED: To monitor use of the bus stop.

472.4 CONTINGENCY SUM FOR MINOR WORKS SCHEME****

Nortons Wood Lane Speed Limit TH/14/453 Previously discussed by the Committee following representations by local residents. Costings had been provided by NSC this year.

Moor Lane Refuge Close to Elm View Nursing Home Following requests from elderly residents this site had been considered recently when the refuge near the junction with Yeo Moor was installed.

Possible reduction of Speed Limit in Town Centre – Deferred from last meeting. It was noted that when this proposal had been considered in 2011. NSC had estimated a minimum cost of £25,000 but this would be considerably higher if physical traffic calming measures are required. Members felt this was not a high priority and too expensive to progress.

Possible reduction of Speed Limit in Areas Adjacent to Schools – It was reported that a PCSO is working with schools raising awareness of road safety.

RESOLVED: To write to the local schools asking them to highlight to parents the concerns raised by the public, particularly in Kennaway Road.

RESOLVED: To include the Nortons Wood Lane Speed Limit and Moor Lane Refuge in the budget for 2015/16.

TH/14/473 REVIEW OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN CLEVEDON TH/14/436**CASTLE ROAD DOUBLE YELLOW LINES TH/14/451**

NSC had replied stating 'having investigated the location officers came to the conclusion that restrictions at this location would not resolve either a road safety or a congestion issue and therefore the proposal was not taken further than this initial investigation'. The proposal was for double yellow lines on the bend of Castle Road opposite the junction with Linkside. The purpose of the double yellow lining being to improve visibility on this bend.

RESOLVED: To write again to NSC to ask that the scheme be reinstated as Members are concerned about road safety in the area of this blind bend.

TH/14/474 PARKING ON ALBERT ROAD TH/14/452

NSC had now confirmed that the lining will be done at the crossing point when other lining works are carried out in Clevedon. NOTED.

TH/14/475 NSC OFF STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER 2014 TH/14/42

475.1 EMAIL DETAILING OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION It was noted that there had been only one response against the increase in Clevedon charges therefore the new charges were agreed. NOTED.

475.2 EMAIL REPLY REGARDING CLARITY OF CHARGING STRUCTURE TH/14/456
Cllr Ap Rees had replied stating that if interim charges for two and three hours were added this would increase the number of visits required by parking attendants and consequently increase all the charges at the car park. He agreed that the charging signage could be looked at if required.

RESOLVED: Cllr Pennycott to discuss this further with Cllr Ap Rees.

TH/14/476 WESTWAY HOUSE NORTHERN WAY DEVELOPMENT OF ALDI SUPERMARKET – HIGHWAY CONCERNS see Informal Business

It was noted that there had been no objections made to the planning application when it had been submitted although this could have been because the businesses on the Hither Green Estate had not been notified.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to confirm the planning conditions in place to address the additional traffic and pedestrians using this area. Also to forward the suggestions made by the Hither Green Traders; 'Turn left only' coming out of the estate; widen the exit road between Aldi and Northern Way; install a yellow box on Northern Way; double yellow lines the entire length of the service road onto the main estate. Also to suggest signs on Ettligen Way off of the motorway roundabout warning of pedestrians crossing.

TH/14/477 OVERHANGING VEGETATION

Cllr Watkins raised concerns about overhanging vegetation and trees and how these affect elderly pedestrians in particular and children walking to school. At present NSC deal with overgrown vegetation on an emergency basis. Vegetation coming from private dwellings is dealt with by a set legal procedure of writing to the owner etc and therefore takes some time.

RESOLVED: To compile a list of well used pedestrian routes that require attention. Suggestions made at the meeting; Highdale Avenue, Highdale Road, Nortons Wood Lane.

ACTION; All Clevedon Ward Councillors

TH/14/478 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MONTHLY REPORTS

No concerns raised by the Contractor in September and October 2014. Noted.

TH/14/479 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr G Hill reported that there was no additional information from his last report. Next meeting 21st November 2014. NOTED.

TH/14/480 GORDANO GREENWAY PROJECT STEERING GROUP

Cllr B Hatch reported that there had been no meetings. NOTED.

TH/14/481 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: Proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED to FGP** that the terms of reference for the Transport & Highways Committee remain unchanged apart from one amendment under membership 'The Committee will consist of a **minimum** of 7 Councillors.

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TH/14/481 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

481.1 STATION ROAD BOLLARD It had been reported at the PACT meeting the previous evening that the bollard is often left down with many vehicles gaining access to Station Road.

RESOLVED: The Committee Chairman would; 1) discuss this with Clevedon Pride who had made the report to PACT; 2) continue to investigate with NSC the current signage at the entry to Station Road.

481.2 CHANGES TO LOADING RESTRICTIONS – HILL ROAD

The office had received that day an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order for the loading restrictions on the south side of Hill Road. One of the planning conditions for the new Sainsbury’s at The Regent site prohibited loading over- night and the developer has asked NSC to amend the loading restrictions adjacent to the development to prevent loading overnight (outside the hours of 7am-5pm Monday to Saturday and 8.30 am-5pm on Sundays). Comments required before 24th November.

RESOLVED: Not to comment on the amended Traffic Regulation Order.

TH/14/482 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS

Hill Road Parking Issues

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

The meeting finished at 9.20 pm

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