

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2011

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins - Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs C Arnold, C Hall, J Middleton, P McNeill, N Pennycott.
 Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr T Morgan

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. **HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING**

Mr A Christopher of Brackenwood Road had written to the Committee highlighting the fact that many people using the sports fields off Holly Lane park along Holly Lane at the weekend. He requested a ban on parking on Holly Lane citing the following reasons;

- The lane is narrow and even parking on one side does not leave sufficient space for through traffic.
- Parking is often so far up Holly Lane, cars are forced to proceed up hill on the wrong side of the road on a blind bend.
- Concern for the safety of young children getting into and out of parked cars on this narrow road and also children running out from in between parked cars.

Mr Christopher was anxious that something be done before there is a serious accident. He highlighted the fact that both a bus and an ambulance had recently been unable to proceed along Holly Lane because of parked cars. There was concern that double yellow lines on both sides of Holly Lane could increase the speed of traffic.

The Committee Chairman informed Mr Christopher of previous correspondence with the Police, North Somerset Council and Clevedon School and the request for a parking area off Holly Lane adjacent to the playing fields. The Chairman of Council also reported that he is awaiting a meeting with the Headteacher at Clevedon School.

It was noted that another resident of Brackenwood Road had written highlighting health and safety issues as a consequence of the weekend parking on Holly Lane.

2. **NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

Mr Peter Walker, the Clevedon Town Council buddy, explained that the LAF is an independent body within the auspices of North Somerset Council. It was set up under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act to provide impartial advice to the local authority on issues concerning land access for recreational purposes. It assesses in particular changes in legislation, land management and conservation in terms of the natural beauty of the area. The North Somerset LAF has 21 members including 3 local councillors, independent members, farmers and landowners. Mr Walker had a specific interest in rural tourism. The LAF meets quarterly unless there are specific issues to be considered at special meetings. The LAF liaises with other LAFs in the south west and further a field. The LAF has no specific funding but can identify funding streams.

Key issues discussed recently;

- Advice to NSC concerning the PROW Improvement Plan.
- Provision for horse riding – trialling horse riding access on parts of the Strawberry Line.
- Cycle track provision and footpaths in particular between Clevedon and WSM (coastal path). Although there are various issues including SSSI protection areas and difficulties in crossing the River Yeo there is a strong commitment to pursue this project.

2. NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

There was a discussion on the need for Clevedon to link in with the Strawberry line and the coastal footpath and the need for NSC to encourage more financial input from developers. The lack of suitable land for allotments in Clevedon and the lack of designated bridleways were also highlighted

Mr Walker was happy to be contacted on any particular issues the Town Council wished to raise with the LAF.

8.08 pm **FORMAL BUSINESS**

TH/11/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Garner – holiday, Cllr D Shopland – another commitment.

TH/11/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none.

TH/11/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 16th February 2011 were approved and signed.

TH/11/24 COMMITTEE BUDGET 2010/11

The Committee Budget for 2010/11 showed a balance however this would be reduced on payment of the Castle Road bus shelter.

TH/11/25 HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING see also Informal Business above

Following requests from the Police and Clevedon School NSC had been asked to investigate the possibility of double yellow lines along Holly Lane. NSC has indicated that day that the Highways Engineers would view the area and report back in the next few weeks. It was reported that the Police had erected temporary no parking signs which had reduced the number of cars parked on Holly Lane.

RESOLVED:

1. To reiterate very strongly the request to NSC for double yellow lines specifically on the Clevedon side of Holly Lane to include the junction with Walton Road, with double yellow lines on both sides of the road around the bend at the top of the road. Copies of residents letters to be enclosed.
2. To purchase from the Transport & Highways Committee budget two aluminium composite signs up to a cost of £500 (wording to be agreed with the Police). **ACTION: Deputy Town Council**

TH/11/26 REQUEST FOR SAFER CROSSING STRODE ROAD TO MARY ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL TH/11/07

This item had been deferred from last meeting awaiting outcome of NSC West Ward Councillor's discussions with NSC. Cllr Blades had reported that there was no decision at this stage.

The West Ward Town Councillor reiterated concerns about security following the creation of additional entrances to the school off Strode Road. In the past the main entrance had been from Holland Road. It was pointed out that the catchment of the school had changed from West Ward only to include more of Yeo Ward.

RESOLVED: Await further information from NSC and place on next agenda.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/11/27 JUNCTION STRODE ROAD AND OLD CHURCH ROAD TH/11/08

No further information. The West Ward Councillor advised that previous proposals for a one way system for this junction had met with opposition from residents. NOTED.

TH/11/28 GRIT BINS

28.1 CAREY'S CLOSE AND PYNE POINT The Area Officer had visited these two roads and provided maps showing preferred locations.

RESOLVED: To agree these locations.

28.2 HILL ROAD The Area Officer felt a grit bin on the one way section of Hill Road close to the junction with Bellevue Road would have little benefit as Bellevue Road and the two way section of Hill Road were on the salting route and this should assist with keeping the junction clear. Also as there were no residential properties in this area it was unclear who would spread the salt from the bin.

RESOLVED: Not to pursue a grit bin for Hill Road.

28.3 RIPPLESIDE ROAD The Area Officer was unsure where to locate a grit bin on this very long road with many inclines. A further request had been received from another resident of Rippleside Road.

RESOLVED: Committee members to look at possible locations prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

ACTION: Transport & Highways Committee members

28.4 BENNETT'S WAY A new request for a grit bin had been received.

RESOLVED: NSC had confirmed that this is an unadopted road therefore no grit bin could be provided for this road.

ACTION: 28.1, 28.2, 28.4 Deputy Town Clerk

TH/11/29 REPORT FROM NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

See informal business above

Mr Peter Walker had provided a very informative report and would be pleased to be contacted regarding any relevant issues that may arise in the future.

TH/11/30 RIPPLE FOOTPATH – USE OF FOOTPATH BY HORSES TH/11/13

[REDACTED]

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“The wording of this item to be returned to the Committee” – 18th May 2011

TH/11/31 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACTORS REPORT

No problems had been reported during February and March. NOTED.

TH/11/32 NEW BUS SHELTER AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CASTLE ROAD TH/11/15

Installation date 19 April 2011.

TH/11/33 BUS SHELTERS – WORKS BY NSC

One bus shelters on Central Way to be replaced by NSC before the end of the financial year. NOTED.

TH/11/34 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Committee Chairman , the Town Council representative on NDCT, reported that there had been disappointment that the grant from Clevedon Town Council had been reduced for 2011/12 as the group is dependent on grant income. Increased fuel costs had also reduced finances. The use of buses for shopping trips and outings had been maintained but there were fewer enquiries for the Dial a Rider service. NOTED.

TH/11/35 FOR INFORMATION To receive and note;

- 35.1 PROPOSED PUBLIC PATH STOPPING UP ORDER – FOOTPATH LA 22/46 MILLCROSS Information previously circulated to Committee Members. No objections received. The order had been sealed by NSC on 24 March 2011.

TH/11/36 ITEMS FOR NEXT TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

- 36.1 ITEMS REFERRED FROM PACT MEETING THE PREVIOUS EVENING
1. Request that the double yellow lines in Hill Road are repainted. Raised by PC Dave Hughes.
 2. Request for consideration of pedestrian crossing near the junction of Chapel Hill and Old Street or in that area to assist people accessing the Post Office. Raised by Clevedon resident.
- 36.2 DRAIN CLEANING IN CLEVEDON – Raised by Cllr Pennycott
ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk to place on next agenda.

TH/11/37 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no Chairman items for information.

TH/11/38 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were no Part I items.

The meeting finished at 8.50 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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