

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2016

PRESENT: Cllr A Giles-Townsend – Committee Chairman
 Cllrs S Hale, B Hatch, G Hill.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr D Shopland; Mr B Dickinson for part of the meeting.

7.30 PM INFORMAL BUSINESS – STATION ROAD BOLLARD

Mr Dickinson of the Better Mobility shop in Station Road presented a petition signed by 126 people which asks ‘Clevedon Town Council, North Somerset Council and Clevedon Pride not to use the bollard on a daily basis but only for special events on Queens Square when it would be a good idea to close the road’.

Mr Dickinson reported that there had been four separate accidents involving the bollard – two police cars had hit it, a van had parked directly on top and bent the post and a cyclist had somersaulted off their bike after colliding with the bollard flap which had been left up although the bollard was down. He provided photographs taken over one week illustrating the following problems caused by the bollard;

- People with mobility issues require access to the shops including the Mobility shop. The post is heavy and it is not easy to get out of a car drop the bollard get back in the car and then walk back and put it back up.
- Some delivery drivers reverse into Station Road from Old Church Road . Mr Dickinson estimated 30-50 deliveries per day to the road.
- Delivery drivers in large vehicles park in front of the bollard while lowering it and Kenn Road can become blocked.
- Pedestrians walk in front of vans and lorries because they think it is a pedestrian zone.
- Sometimes vehicles are parked in front of the bollard and block the access altogether.

A Councillor commented that he had never seen 130 cars driving through Station Road as had been stated prior to the installation of the bollard. He had also observed no increase in traffic while the bollard had been removed awaiting reinstatement.

7.40 PM FORMAL BUSINESS

TH/16/718 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Cook – work commitments; N Barton – family commitments; J Geldart, C Starr and G Watkins – out of Clevedon; C Hall and J Norton-Sealey – illness;

TH/16/719 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr D Shopland declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 19 should the proposed extension to the Strawberry Line be discussed.

TH/16/720 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 31st August 2016 were approved and signed.

TH/16/721 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2016/17

The information on the Committee Budget was considered and noted.

PART 2

TH/16/722 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE STATION ROAD BOLLARD

The Committee Chairman reminded the Committee that the bollard had been installed at the request of the shop keepers in Station Road and the Police. Members emphasised the fact that without the bollard there would be increased parking outside Greggs. The NSC Councillor for East Ward highlighted the fact that Station Road is still part of the highway with unlimited access to the Baptist Church for funerals and it is used by a large number of delivery vehicles. He felt the bollard served no useful purpose and the disadvantages outweighed the benefits. He was of the opinion that traffic does not speed in Station Road and the road is not a short cut to anywhere.

There was some discussion regarding the signage at the junction of Kenn Road and Station Road however this had been looked at by NSC when the bollard had been installed and the appropriate signage used. The height of the signage was queried by the Committee.

RESOLVED: Prior to full consideration on the future of the bollard to contact the Police and NSC Highways to ascertain their observations on the current use of the bollard.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/723 INCREASED TRAFFIC ON B3133 CLEVEDON TO YATTON

Following the meeting at NSC with David Carter, Director of Development & Environment, Richard Kent Head of Planning and Steve Thorne Strategic Transport, all Councillors had been circulated with the responses to the Town Council's short and long term aspirations to address the increased traffic on B3133. Suggestions made included;

- moving the 30mph limit to the edge of the Clevedon settlement, use of more permanent vehicle activated signage or markings.
- NSC to look at cumulative impacts of traffic and the expected increase in demand at the various junctions in the area.
- With regard to the visibility at Colehouse Lane junction NSC agreed this should be raised as part of the response to the planning application for houses on St Modwens site.
- Closing alternative routes through residential areas adjacent to B3133 may lead to longer delays on main routes and not be popular with many residents.
- Pedestrian crossing provision from the river path along Blind Yeo – most appropriate action would be some warning signs. Insufficient width to allow a central island, not possible to widen road due to bridge and it would not meet criteria for a crossing.

NSC has suggested; 1) Clevedon Town Council talk to neighbouring parishes including Nailsea to co-ordinate their expectations for infrastructure and the J20 Nailsea link. 2) Clevedon Town Council consider their priorities for improvements to bus services and obtain information from residents as to whether a better bus service to Bristol is more preferable to bus links to rail stations to feedback to NSC Officers.

RESOLVED: To DEFER to the next meeting of the Committee. Prioritised aspirations would need to be approved by full Council. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

TH/16/724 UPDATE ON SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS TH/16/702

724.1 OLD STREET SCP SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT All Committee members had been provided with a copy of the Service Level Agreement which would be between NSC and St Nicholas Chantry Primary School, the Town Council being a conduit for some funding for a period of time not responsible for maintaining the SCP.

724.2 CHAPEL HILL SCP All Councillors had been provided with a copy of the School Crossing Patrol Assessment. It was emphasised that the criteria for a school crossing patrol had not been met and the installation of this SCP could set a precedent for other requests for SCPs that did not meet this criteria. The Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman had arranged to meet with the Head Teacher at St Nicholas Chantry Primary School on 4th November 2016 to discuss the School's needs and aspirations regarding SCPs; the School's willingness to enter into contracts and short and long term funding for SCPs.

RESOLVED: To report back to the next meeting following the meeting with the school.
Action: Committee Chairman and Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/725 TO CONSIDER FUTURE SPONSORSHIP OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

RESOLVED: As Cllr Hall was not present to defer this item to the next meeting.

TH/16/726 PORTABLE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN TH/16/713

NSC had answered the Town Council's queries as follows;

Request for background data for the roads where VAS has been sited. *The contact details for the NSC Officer dealing with vehicle data collection has now been obtained and this will be followed up.*

What is the vehicle speed that triggers the portable sign? *For a 30 mph zone the trigger is set at 35 mph.*

What percentage of vehicles driven over the speed limit would necessitate NSC taking action? *Traffic calming is not necessarily triggered by high numbers of vehicles travelling over the speed limit. Other factors have to be borne in mind.*

When does Clevedon have the VAS again? *January/February 2017.*

RESOLVED: To determine where the VAS should be located in 2017 at the next meeting.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/727 JUNCTION 20 M5 OVERGROWN VEGETATION ON MOTORWAY ROUNDABOUT TH/16/710

Contact had been made with the appropriate person at Highways England. NSC had now confirmed that they would try to incorporate the vegetation clearance with the works to Ettligen Way before the end of the financial year. NOTED.

TH/16/728 OLD STREET ZEBRA CROSSING ADJACENT TO VILLAGE HALL

NSC had replied confirming that; 1) the zebra crossing markings are in very good condition; 2) this location is not suitable for a school children crossing warning sign.

It was suggested at the last full Council meeting that the posts could be illuminated. It was felt that the Town Council had previously fully investigated improvements to this zebra crossing two years ago and following this had funded the flashing beacon lights. The only way forward if funding were available would be a pedestrian controlled crossing. NOTED.

TH/16/729 CENTRAL WAY – PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH NEAR KENN MOOR DRIVE

The lack of continuous footpath on Central Way had been brought to the attention of a South Ward Town Councillor. The area is often very muddy especially in winter.

RESOLVED: To send a plan of the area to NSC showing where the footpath ends and requesting a continuous path on both sides of Central Way. Copy to be sent to the NSC Councillor for South Ward. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

TH/16/730 MOOR LANE TRAFFIC SPEEDS

The resident had reported increasing speed of traffic on Moor Lane. She had lived in the road for two years and had had two cars written off on the road when pulling out of her drive.

RESOLVED: To site a VAS sign on Moor Lane in January/February 2017.

TH/16/731 COLERIDGE VALE ROAD NORTH TRAFFIC SPEEDS

The resident had concerns about the speed of traffic on this residential road. He felt the road is used as a short cut from the town to ASDA. He suggested a 20 mph zone.

RESOLVED: To site a VAS sign on Coleridge Vale Road North in January/February 2017.

TH/16/732 OTHER ITEMS FOLLOWED UP SINCE LAST MEETING

732.1 PROPOSED EXTENSION OF 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON NORTONS WOOD LANE
NSC has a works order with Skanska for this to be implemented. NOTED.

732.2 ALL SAINTS LANE – TRAFFIC ISSUES NSC has requested that a 20mph scheme is prioritised from next year's Local Transport Plan budget. NOTED.

732.3 WORKS ON ETTLINGEN WAY To be completed before the end of the financial year. NOTED.

TH/16/733 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

It was NOTED that the Maintenance Reports for September and October showed no concerns.

TH/16/734 BUS TIMETABLE AND ROUTE CHANGES IN AND AROUND CLEVEDON

TH/16/707

Cllr Geldart was not present to report on meeting with the NSC Public Transport Officer. It was noted that there had been many complaints about the recent changes and the lack of up to date timetables at bus stops. Following the meeting with David Carter (TH/16/723 above) NSC had confirmed that the NSC Public Transport Team are going to amend their current communications strategy to ensure any town or parish council affected by amendments to bus routes or timetables will be informed via email when these changes occur.

RESOLVED: 1. To inform NSC about the lack of up to date bus timetables. 2. To defer this item to the next meeting. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

TH/16/735 NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM 11TH OCTOBER 2016

A report from Cllr Hatch had been circulated. Cllr Hatch was pleased to report on the progress of an extension to the Strawberry railway line cycle/pedestrian path to Clevedon. It was noted that there may be a need to deviate from the railway line in some places due to development. NOTED.

TH/16/736 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr G Hill reported that the organisation should make a small profit this year however a grant from the Town Council would be necessary to assist with a replacement vehicle. The grant application will be considered at the next meeting when the Transport & Highways Committee budget is considered for 2017/18.

RESOLVED: Prior to the meeting to obtain information as to the percentage of Clevedon residents that use this service. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

TH/16/737 ITEMS RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING:

737.1 PARKING OLD CHURCH ROAD OPPOSITE AND ADJACENT TO GARAGE & VISITORS' PARKING IN GENERAL

Members were not minded to support a recommendation for double yellow lines. Some concern was expressed that a brown tourist sign on the motorway could substantially increase the number of tourists to the town and car parking for visitors is very limited. However it was noted that many seaside towns have insufficient parking provision.

RESOLVED: TO REFER visitors' parking to the Clevedon Coastal Community Team and Neighbourhood Plan to consider a future strategy.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

737.2 FILLING OF POTHOLES – NSC POLICY

NSC had confirmed that the policy remains as previously 40 mm for potholes on the carriageway and 20 mm on the pavement however the measurements are guidelines and each defect is assessed and repaired or not according to mitigating circumstances and a risk assessment having been carried out. It was felt that any potholes on pavements should be looked at immediately. Concern was expressed about the time taken to get through to NSC to report problems.

TH/16/738 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

737.3 THE LEYS/YEOLANDS DRIVE PARKING ISSUES

NSC had confirmed that the bus stop box is larger than other residential stops. NOTED.

TH/16/739 TO DETERMINE PART 1 ITEMS

There were no part 1 items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

The meeting finished at 9.07 pm

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....