

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: Cllr J Geldart – Committee Chairman
 Cllrs J Cook, A Giles-Townsend, S Hale, B Hatch, J Norton-Sealey,
 D Shopland from 7.38 pm, G Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr T Morgan

7.30 PM INFORMAL BUSINESS – PARKING OUTSIDE ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Mr T Shelton a resident who lives opposite the school and a parent of 3 children who attend St John's School spoke of his concerns about the double parking on Fosse Way adjacent to the pedestrian entrance to the school. He highlighted the danger of children stepping out into the road between parked cars and felt it was an 'accident waiting to happen'. In fact a Councillor present reported a near miss accident involving a child in this vicinity. Mr Shelton advised that the school regularly highlighted the problem of double parking in their newsletter to parents and had initiated an occasional PCSO presence at the school gates. Mr Shelton had also suggested the school affix warning letters to cars that regularly park adjacent to the school, this is being considered by the School Governors.

Mr Shelton requested consideration of double yellow lines on the kerbside opposite the school on Fosseway between Wickfield and Stickland. He pointed out that outside of school times there is no parking in this area as no houses adjoin Fosseway.

Members emphasised that there are parking issues around most of the primary schools in the town due to their location in residential areas. The possible displacement of parked vehicles to surrounding roads was also highlighted.

7.45 PM FORMAL BUSINESS

TH/16/602 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs B Hatch, G Hill, K O'Brien.

TH/16/603 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr J Geldart declared a personal interest in items relating to St Nicholas Chantry School as she is a parent of children who attend the school.

TH/16/604 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 4th November 2015 were approved and signed.

TH/16/605 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2015/16

The information on the Committee Budget was NOTED.

TH/16/606 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE:

606.1 PARKING OUTSIDE ST JOHN'S SCHOOL See Informal Business above

There was a lengthy discussion and consideration was given to; 1) a one way system on Fosseway. However it was felt this could encourage increased traffic speeds. 2) Extension of the zig zag lines outside the school however it was unclear whether this would be in line with the statutory criteria for zig zag lines. 3) Double yellow lines as requested by Mr Shelton and the need for enforcement of the

606.1 PARKING OUTSIDE ST JOHN'S SCHOOL continued...
parking restriction. 4) The need to educate parents about the dangers of parking close to the school entrance.

RESOLVED: 1) To ask NSC Highways whether it would be possible to extend the zig zag lines outside St John's School and if not whether consideration could be given to double yellow lines on one side of Fosseyway adjacent to the School. 2) To write to the School and ask that parents and children be regularly encouraged to walk to school and park away from the school in line with school travel plans. 3) To inform the Police of the parking problems around St John's School and request their assistance and observations.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/607 BUS SHELTER ADVERTISING ON TOWN COUNCIL BUS SHELTERS

TH/15/587.2

Following the last meeting of the Committee the NSC Public Transport Manager had written withdrawing his offer to work with the Town Council on this advertising project. This email had been circulated to the Committee. The Committee Chairman had written a personal apology asking that NSC reconsider their withdrawal. This email was read to the meeting. No further correspondence had been received from NSC on this subject. It was felt as the email had been addressed to the Town Council the Council should also apologise for the misunderstanding that has occurred.

The Committee Chairman had investigated media agencies but had no definite responses.

RESOLVED: To write to the Public Transport Manager as stated above and request that this project be progressed.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/608 CHANGES TO BUS SERVICE FOR CLEVEDON TH/15/587.3

It was NOTED that no further complaints had been received following the additions to the service made in November 2015.

TH/16/609 COMMITTEE BUDGET 2015/16 CONTINGENCY HIGHWAYS WORKS

TH/15/589

609.1 NORTONS WOOD LANE SPEED LIMIT TH15/589.1

Following the full Council meeting NSC had been asked to progress this work for the Town Council. No timescale for this work had been received to-date.

RESOLVED: To follow this up with NSC.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

609.2 CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL TH/15/589.2

Following the recent NSC review of SCPs NSC has suggested that the Town Council consider the two current SCP sites for St Nicholas Chantry School along with the Chapel Hill SCP. Members recalled that the funding for the Chapel Hill SCP is only for the current academic year.

RESOLVED: 1) To inform NSC that the Town Council wish to progress the SCP for Chapel Hill as soon as possible. 2) To request a list of SCPs for Clevedon and information on future funding for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/610 JUNCTION SOUTHERN WAY/STRODE ROAD TH/15/593

Members reported a recent accident involving serious injuries to a pedestrian outside Asda. There had been no response from NSC concerning funding or timescale for these improvements works.

TH/16/610 JUNCTION SOUTHERN WAY/STRODE ROAD continued...

RESOLVED: To inform NSC of the accident and ask that these improvements are expedited as soon as possible. Also to put forward the suggestion of moving the traffic lights from the junction with Millcross on Southern Way to the junction with Strode Road.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/611 ETTLINGEN WAY/NORTHERN WAY TH/15/592

611.1 REPORT OF SITE MEETING HELD ON 20TH NOVEMBER 2015 Members received the report and agreed that it had been good to get a clear idea of the problems in this area.

RESOLVED: To ask Mr Painter at NSC Highways to carry out the off peak speed measurements for Northern Way as soon as possible.

TH/16/612 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS - THE LEYS TH/15/595

Members received copies of further correspondence from the resident. The Committee Chairman had been in discussion with NSC and Mr Painter had agreed to carry out an informal traffic survey between 7.30 am – 9.30 am and 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm. NOTED.

TH/16/613 ONE WAY PART OF HILL ROAD – PARKING PROBLEMS TH/15/596

Committee Members reported that most of the time there were no problems driving through the double parked cars and if double yellow lines were to be installed they should only be where the road is narrowest. It was generally felt that the day time parked cars slowed traffic which was felt to be a positive effect. No further complaints had been received.

RESOLVED: To continue to monitor the situation.

Action: All Committee Members

TH/16/614 TO CONSIDER CHAPEL HILL – ON STREET PARKING – Referred from Council 16th December 2015

A proposition to request double yellow lines from the junction with Highdale Road to the Triangle on both sides of Chapel Hill found no seconder as did a proposition to request double yellow lines on both sides of the road from Highdale Road to The Knoll. It was suggested that Christchurch should be contacted concerning the increased regular parking on Chapel Hill.

RESOLVED: To discuss this matter further at the next meeting in particular parking and its effect of slowing traffic and also to consider a traffic island or build out.

Action: All Committee Members and Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/615 PATH THROUGH FIR WOODS TH/15/591

No further information from NSC concerning drainage issues to be addressed.

RESOLVED: To follow this up with NSC and also to highlight the need to recreate the old bridle path through Fir Woods.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/616 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MONTHLY REPORTS

There were no concerns raised by the Contractor. NOTED.

616.1 REQUEST FOR AN IMPROVED SEAT AT THE BUS STOP ADJACENT TO WESTERLEIGH ROAD

RESOLVED: The Committee Chairman to investigate.

Action: Committee Chairman

TH/16/617 PROHIBITION OF CYCLING ON THE PROMENADE AND LOVERS WALK

TH/15/598

Members received and discussed the reply from NSC. Also an email from a local resident highlighting problems of pedestrians sharing the promenade with cyclists. Members felt any decision to either ban cyclists or introduce an Environment Protection Order on the Promenade that would make it an offence to cycle 'recklessly' in a way that may endanger other users' should be taken by full Council.

RESOLVED: To further investigate with NSC all options for the Promenade; a bye-law, an Environment Protection Order and a marked shared use pathway.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/618 OVERGROWN VEGETATION TH/15/593.2

The Deputy Town Clerk had reported all the concerns raised at the last meeting to the NSC Area Officer who had investigated them. NOTED.

TH/16/619 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

619.1 LEA GROVE ROAD Notice prohibition of any vehicle from waiting and loading at any time from No 16 to No 10 on both sides of the road for 32 weeks from 11th January 2016. The order required for heavy plant deliveries and operation by Boden Projects Ltd. Members felt this could cause problems.

619.2 MOOR LANE temporary closure for 3 days from its junction with Northern Way to the roundabout to Kenn Road roundabout between 9.30 and 15.30.

BEACONSFIELD ROAD temporary closure for 3 days from its junction with Moor Lane to its junction with Griffin Road between 08.00 and 17.00.

619.3 GULLEY CLEARANCE

Following the heavy rains there were problems with gullies adjacent to The Curzon and on the corner of Pizey Avenue. Pavements are impassable in both these areas. The District Councillor for East Ward had been in discussion with NSC Highways about the gully near The Curzon and investigations are to be carried out to improve this gully/soakaway. It was noted that there had been some gully cleaning recently in the town however many gullies were full of grit.

RESOLVED: Committee Chairman to speak to the NSC Area Officer.

Action: Committee Chairman

TH/16/620 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS

There were no Part I items

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD *The meeting finished at 9.10 pm*

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