

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**PRESENT:** Cllr N Pennycott – Committee Chairman in the Chair  
 Cllrs A. Cotton, A Giles-Townsend, C. Hall, B. Hatch, P McNeill, J Middleton, D Shopland  
 Ms P Heath - Town Clerk.  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs C Blades, C. Bussey, J Geldart

**TH/12/175 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs Johnson – family commitments.

**TH 12/176 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Proposed by Cllr Pennycott, seconded by Cllr McNeill and **AGREED** that Cllr Hall is Vice Chairman of the Transport & Highways Committee.

**TH/12/177 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**TH/12/178 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 were approved and signed.

**TH/12/179 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012 were approved and signed.

**TH/12/180 INFORMATION AND UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2011/12**

Members received and noted the financial papers, which had been circulated with the agenda.

**TH/12/181 JUNCTION OF CHAPEL HILL/HIGHDALE ROAD/LOWER LINDEN ROAD TH/12/165**

Members discussed at length the proposal to create a one way section on Chapel Hill between Lower Linden Road and Highdale Road due to the narrow road in that section with a blind bend. The suggestion is to make the road one way going up the hill with Highdale Road having priority at the junction with Chapel Hill. Members also discussed the installation of a mini roundabout at Chapel Hill/Highdale Avenue/ Lower Linden Road and altering the road priority at Highdale Avenue/Lower Linden Road. It was **AGREED** to hold a site meeting with the officer to look at the area, discuss all options and their effect on surrounding areas. Councillors to meet at the office, J. Middleton, C Hall, A. Cotton, N. Pennycott and J Geldart although not on the Committee it was felt her parental knowledge may assist the discussions.

**ACTION: To be arranged by Town Council office**

**TH/12/182 PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING LOWER STRODE ROAD ADJACENT TO MARY ELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

Members noted the plans for the new crossing and thanked Cllr Blades for his work in the past to promote the need for a crossing.

**TH/12/183 INTERNAL REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL SERVICE**

Members expressed concern at the reduction in school crossing patrols believing the saving in the low wages paid to the employees would not have a major impact on the budget. Members felt that NSC should take greater responsibility for promoting and employing crossing patrols with better wages and more proactive safeguards whilst they are working. Councillors were aware of officers being abused and threatened by car drivers but having no support from NSC when incidents occur.

It was **AGREED** to write to NSC objecting to the reduction and advocating an increase in patrols with a possibility of seeking sponsorship from local companies to help boost the wage bill at no extra cost to the tax payers.

**ACTION: Town Clerk**

**TH/12/184 NSC STRATEGIC PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND SCRUTINY PANEL REPORT OF THE CAR PARKING WORKING.**

Copy of the report to the NSC Strategic planning and economic development policy and scrutiny panel concerning proposals for parking controls in 252levedon had been circulated prior to the Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June. As per agreement at that meeting the Committee looked at what information would be needed in order for the Council at its meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> August to have an informed discussion. Each Councillor present explained their particular concerns.

It was **AGREED** to write to NSC and request the following information in time for the 8<sup>th</sup> August meeting.

- 1) What are the detailed breakdown costs for the running of each individual car park (rates, maintenance, repairs, electric, wages, admin )
- 2) What is the revenue currently received from those car parks with pay and display
- 3) What would be the detailed cost of implementing the proposed car parking regulations both for on street and off street parking by proposed area?
- 4) What percentage of that income would be retained in Clevedon to offset traffic management
- 5) Who would be responsible for enforcing the regulations both on street and off street parking and what would be the detailed cost of enforcement (staff wages, administration, court administration, court fees )
- 6) How many new jobs would be created by the parking regulations and what would be the on cost of the new jobs

The cost and revenue requests to be for the last two years, current year and years 1, 2, 3 of the proposals as applicable.

**ACTION: Town Clerk**

**TH/12/185 CAR PARK ADJACENT TO THE BARN**

Members discussed the problems of the car park flooding at times of large rainfall making a vast majority of the car park unusable. It was noted that the drains had not been cleared and that they stood proud of the road hence they were unable to clear the water. It was **AGREED** to write to NSC and ask for the Highways Engineer to visit the site and establish what could be done to alleviate the problem.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/186 CASTLE ROAD – ON STREET PARKING AND BLIND BEND 26-36  
CASTLE ROAD**

Members expressed concern at the way parking on this blind bend, which is contrary to Highway Law, was not being enforced by the Police and was a serious accident waiting to happen. It was **AGREED** to ask NSC to look at installing Double Yellow Line down the inside of the bend and also to request the police to visit the area regularly and enforce the law on parking on blind bend and brow of the hill. [Road Traffic Act 1988 s 22 leaving vehicle in dangerous place]

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/187 SOUTHFIELD FARM, LOWER STRODE ROAD, FOOTPATH LA 22/49,**

Members noted the information received from NSC as to the notice given to walkers on the closure and changes to footpaths

**TH/12/188 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – ROUTE FROM NAILSEA TO CLEVEDON**

*Cllr Shopland declared a pecuniary interest in relation to part of the proposed route and took no part in the discussion.*

Members noted that this had also been raised as part of the Sustainability Sub – Committee. It was **AGREED** that 2 Councillors, Cllr Hall and Cllr Pennycott and the Clerk would meet with 2 Councillors and officer from Nailsea Town Council to discuss the project and the way forward.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/189 800 SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE TH/12/167 –**

Members noted that no company has come forward to replace the bus service. Members were informed that the new 66 in the morning was out of sync with school opening times and therefore did not appear to have many school children using it unlike the old 800. It was **AGREED** to contact the Public Transport Officer at NSC to discuss the usage and possible tweaks to the timetable.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/190 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MAINTENANCE REPORTS**

Members were informed that there were no major problems. The Moor Lane shelter had to be cleared of mastic as a local resident had used the substance because the shelter had “rattled” during the night of the high winds. The Office had spoken to complainant and asked them to in future inform the office if there was a problem.

**TH/12/191 REQUEST FOR BUS SHELTER OLD CHURCH ROAD TH/12/169**

Members discussed the request and the comments from neighbouring property expressing concern due to youth congregating in the area, the police had attended in the past. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation and revisit in the future. It was noted that there were bus shelters either side of this bus stop on the route. NSC Officer had commented that the shelter could only be a cantilever style with no seat due to the width of the footpath.

**TH 12/192 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

Cllr Walker gave a verbal report on the AGM earlier in the day. In response to comments made at the Council meeting on the 13 June it was confirmed that NDCT did not undertake the school transport and had not increased its fees; Cllr Hall who had raised the issue at Council agreed to investigate with the Education Department which company was involved.

**TH 12/193 USE OF SPINE PATHS IN CLEVEDON TH/11/112 TRANSITION CLEVEDON**

Members were informed that the Transition Clevedon project to map and improve the cycle and footpaths in Clevedon supported by the Town Council had received funding from NSC. New signs and a map would be produced.

Members expressed concern that the weeds in the footpaths had not been sprayed or removed this year presumably because of the weather hindering any work.

**TH 12/194 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Members were informed that Castle Road would be temporarily closed from 20<sup>th</sup> August for 1 week to enable excavation work to be undertaken to identify the reason for subsidence.

**TH/12/195 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS**

There were no part 1 items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD      *The meeting finished at 8.53 pm*

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

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL