

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST 2016

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs C Blades, E Blades, D Shopland – for part of the meeting. Cllr T Morgan.
 Mr S Eggins and 2 residents.

7.30 PM INFORMAL BUSINESS

PARKING ISSUES – THE LEYS/YEOLANDS DRIVE

Mr Eggins presented a petition signed by residents of Yeolands Drive and Netherways objecting to the proposed drop kerb by the southern ring path where it meets Yeolands Drive which had been agreed at the last meeting of the Committee. Mr Eggins made the following points;

- Over the 30 years of living in the houses that face the footpath there have been no safety issues with regard to the footpath.
- No consultation with the residents.
- The bus stop at the end of the footpath now has bus stop markings on the road that appear to be double the size of the previous markings. 4 parking spaces have been lost to the bus stop.
- Residents have no choice but to park on Yeolands Drive as there is only one car space per house and most properties have 2 or more cars therefore cars are parked on Yeolands Drive rather than the narrow roads off Yeolands Drive.
- The parking space at the end of the footpath is now at risk due to the dropped kerb. There is already a drop kerb within 5 foot from the footpath.
- Children could run out from the path into the road whereas at present they are stopped by parked cars.

7.37 PM FORMAL BUSINESS

TH/16/692 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Cook – work commitments; J Geldart and G Watkins – out of Clevedon; J Norton-Sealey – illness; D Flint.

TH/16/693 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

TH/16/694 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 6th July 2016 were approved and signed.

TH/16/695 MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

The minutes of the Special Transport & Highways Committee held on 25th July 2016 were approved and signed.

TH/16/696 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2016/17

The information on the Committee Budget was considered and noted.

PART 1 ITEMS

TH/16/697 TO CONSIDER FUNDING TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS TO STRODE ROAD AND SOUTHERN WAY JUNCTION TH/16/676

The Committee Chairman reminded members that the Committee had investigated various proposals for this area with NSC and had requested detailed costings for Option 2 as this located the new pedestrian refuge at the narrowest part of this area of Strode Road. The total cost is £22,557. NSC had confirmed that it may be possible to include this in next year's works programme, however a contribution from the Town Council would strengthen the case. It was noted that the Committee had earmarked up to £8,000 from the 2015/16 Committee budget toward this scheme.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that; 1) £7,500 (approximately one third of the total cost of the scheme) be allocated from the Transport & Highways Committee to improvements to assist pedestrians crossing the Strode Road with Southern Way junction. 2) The need for good visibility at this crossing point to be stressed. 3) That the Town Council approach ASDA for a contribution towards these works.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/698 BUS SHELTER ADVERTISING ON TOWN COUNCIL BUS SHELTERS TH/16/683

Members considered a report of a recent meeting with NSC. Clevedon Town Council to make a proposal to NSC of £3,500 pa for advertising space on all 21 Clevedon Town Council bus shelters. This would offset the maintenance of the bus shelters and make them cost neutral.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL agree to the proposal to NSC of £3,500 pa for advertising space on all 21 Clevedon Town Council bus shelters. The installation, removal, replacement and vandalism of the advertisements to be covered by NSC. The Town Council to be consulted on prospective businesses wishing to purchase advertising space. Also the Town Council to be given the option of advertising local events/attractions/businesses. There would be an annual review of this agreement.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/699 BUS SHELTER OLD CHURCH ROAD

Following photographs of the small bus shelter opposite Salthouse Fields on facebook and in the Bristol Post with the heading 'smallest bus stop in the West of England', First Bus had raised concerns and NSC were of the opinion that the shelter constituted inadequate infrastructure. It was noted that NSC had been involved in all the site meetings concerning the erection of the shelter and originally given their approval. NSC now wish to enlarge the shelter and take over ownership from the Town Council.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that the Town Council bus shelter on Old Church Road opposite Salthouse Fields is transferred to the ownership of North Somerset Council on the condition that the shelter is enlarged as this shelter is well used by the bus passengers.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

PART 2 ITEMS

TH/16/700 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;**700.1 TO CONSIDER PARKING ISSUES THE LEYS/YEOLANDS DRIVE**

Cllr C Blades reminded members that 18 months ago residents in The Leys had highlighted their concerns about parking on Yeolands Drive. At the last meeting Cllr Blades had put forward the suggestion of the dropped kerb adjacent to the Southern Ring Path on Yeolands Drive which the Committee had supported. This would assist and disabled and partially sighted. Following the meeting objections had been received from the Yeolands Drive residents. Cllr Blades had arranged a Site Meeting the previous day with NSC Highways and the residents. NSC had made it clear that they had no intention of installing a dropped kerb in this location as there had been no accidents and installing a dropped kerb would encourage people to cross Yeolands Drive into the 'T' junction opposite. Cllr Blades asked the Committee to rescind their previous resolution.

RESOLVED: To rescind the resolution under TH/16/673. However to ask NSC why the bus stop road markings appear to be extended in this area of Yeolands Drive.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

700.2 TO CONSIDER CONCERNS ABOUT OLD STREET ZEBRA CROSSING ADJACENT TO VILLAGE HALL

A resident had called into the office upset that her son and children had been narrowly missed a vehicle that did not stop at this crossing. The resident had hoped to attend and speak during informal business.

It was noted that the Town Council had previously paid for the flashing beacon lights highlighting the crossing and had discussed moving the crossing however there was no other location in this area that is acceptable to NSC Highways.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC 1) To refresh the zebra crossing markings on this crossing; 2) To consider a warning sign – children crossing.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/701 INCREASED TRAFFIC ON B3133 CLEVEDON TO YATTON**701.1 CORRESPONDENCE**

A resident had written twice highlighting the speed of traffic on the B3133 and the problems she had encountered crossing the road from the Blind Yeo River Path and also on the zebra crossing opposite Tutton Way with her child in a buggy. It was felt that a second zebra crossing linking the River Path would not be agreed by NSC. The Committee Chairman emphasised that this could not be looked at in isolation but should be considered when looking at the whole area at the Special Council meeting with the Director of Development & Environment. No date had been agreed for this meeting to-date.

RESOLVED: The Committee Chairman and Deputy Town Clerk to formulate short term and long term aspirations for highway infrastructure. All Councillors to be emailed this information for their comments prior to forwarding it to the NSC Director.

Action: Committee Chairman & Deputy Town Clerk

701.2 TO CONSIDER REQUESTS FROM THE LAST PACT MEETING CONCERNING THE B3133

Cllr Hill reported that a resident from River Mead had made the same presentation as that made to CTC to the July PACT meeting. The Police were investigating the possibility of a traffic count to ascertain traffic flow and also the use of speed cameras. Other items raised at PACT included a yellow painted hatch box at the end of River Mead at Kenn Road and improved signage on Kenn Road making drivers aware of the speed limit and pedestrians crossing.

TH/16/702 SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS TH/16/677.1

It was noted that the Service Level Agreement for the Old Street SCP would need to be signed by St Nicholas Chantry School as they are going to be involved in supporting the patrol and paying for the service. The sum of £2550 had been included in the Committee budget for the SCP.

RESOLVED: To allocate £2,000 to the school for this crossing, the shortfall to be made up by the School. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

With regard to the Chapel Hill SCP a site assessment would be carried out once the school term starts at a cost of £250. Funding for this SCP to be considered once the results of the assessment are known.

TH/16/703 TO CONSIDER FUTURE SPONSORSHIP OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the next meeting when Cllr Hall may be able to provide information on possible sponsorship.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk and Cllr Hall

TH/16/704 NSC H BAR POLICY TH/16/679

It was NOTED that NSC is investigating funding a system similar to that involved with the administration of disabled parking bay applications. In the meantime the Clevedon Town Council will be excluded from the process of determining H Bar applications. It was noted that currently Nailsea and Weston Town Councils are also excluded.

TH/16/705 TO CONSIDER SPEED LIMIT FOR KENNAWAY ROAD

It was noted that the resident had been in contact with NSC and the Town Council over the past 2 years. Cllrs Geldart and Little had spoken with the resident and he had been invited to attend this meeting and previous meetings. NSC did not consider this was a priority as there had been no accidents since 1996. It was agreed that the parked cars on this road helped to reduce the speed of traffic.

RESOLVED: Committee Members were asked to monitor the road over the next school term. **Action: Committee Members**

TH/16/706 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

It was NOTED that the Maintenance Reports for July and August showed no concerns.

TH/16/707 BUS TIMETABLE AND ROUTE CHANGES IN AND AROUND CLEVEDON

Members raised concerns that the X6 direct Clevedon to Bristol bus service will be reduced from 5th September from 2 to 1 bus per hour. This would affect people working in Bristol and visitors to Clevedon. A resident had raised a number of queries about the new routes and timetable.

RESOLVED: To forward the letter to NSC Public Transport to answer. Also to ask for another bus information session at the Clevedon weekly market.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/708 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr G Hill reported on his attendance at the Management Committee meeting last week. Positive steps are being taken regarding succession planning. Also there are now three new members on the committee. NOTED.

TH/16/709 GORDANO GREENWAY PROJECT

Cllr Hatch had received no communications.

RESOLVED: To ascertain whether this group still meets.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

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

RESOLVED: To ask Highways England to cut the grass and vegetation around the motorway roundabout which is now over the footpath and barrier. Also to remove the rubbish.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/711 STATION ROAD BOLLARD

It was NOTED that the new bollard is now in place.

TH/16/712 NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AND 'BUDDY SYSTEM'

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that Clevedon Town Council no longer had a buddy on the North Somerset Local Access Forum. The Forum is looking to create a closer bond with towns and parishes by inviting members to future meetings of the Forum. The next meeting is on 11th October 2016.

RESOLVED: At least two members of the Committee hoped to attend the October meeting.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/713 PORTABLE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN TH/16/678

The signs had been in Clevedon for the past 5 weeks sited for two weeks at a time on Kenn Road, Southern Way and Chapel Hill. The Committee Chairman had erected and moved the sign and replaced the battery. It was noticeable that on the second week the number of vehicles triggering the sign had reduced.

RESOLVED: 1. To continue to be part of the roll out of these signs over North Somerset – Clevedon to have the sign 4 times a year for 6 weeks at a time. 2. To ask for a meeting with NSC to obtain base data against which to analyse the statistics obtained from the sign. 3. In future to investigate the possibility of purchasing a portable sign for use by Clevedon Town Council.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/714 T/H ACTIONS – NO REPLIES RECEIVED

- Works on Ettlingen Way
- Proposed extension of 30 mph speed limit on Nortons Wood Lane
- All Saints Lane – Traffic Issues
- Parking Problems and developments at Castlewood Offices

RESOLVED: To continue to follow up these items.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/715 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No items reported.

TH/16/716 NEW ITEMS RAISED FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Parking Old Church Road opposite and adjacent to Garage. Also visitors parking in general.
- Filling of potholes – NSC policy.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/717 TO DETERMINE PART 1 ITEMS

Part 1 item - Agenda item 8 Improvements to Strode Road and Southern Way Junction; Agenda item 12 Clevedon Town Council Bus Shelter Advertising; Agenda item 13 Transfer of Ownership of Clevedon Town Council Bus Shelter

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

The meeting finished at 9.25 pm

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....