

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2013**

**PRESENT:** Cllr N Pennycott – Committee Chairman in the Chair  
 Cllrs A Cotton, J Geldart, C Hall, B Hatch until 8.53pm, G Hill  
 D Shopland, G Watkins, Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr R Garner until 9.05pm, P McNeill, C Wring.  
 3 Highdale Road residents in attendance for informal business

**7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS**

**PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS – HIGHDALE ROAD**

Ruth Staples of 47 Highdale Road spoke against the recently advertised changes to the TRO for Highdale Road. The proposal is to reduce the number of parking spaces to increase visibility. She emphasised that the residents in this part of Highdale Road have no off street parking and would be forced to park higher up the road or in Old Street. She highlighted the fact that the parked cars acted as traffic calming in slowing down traffic and the residents were concerned for the safety of children walking to St Nicholas Chantry School and Clevedon School.

John Fielder of 43 Highdale Road pointed out that there was no pavement on the lower part of Highdale Road and increased speed of traffic could jeopardise the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

The residents had made formal objections to North Somerset Council.

The possibility of using land adjacent to the Fir Woods for parking or investigating installing a flashing speed limit warning sign were some of the suggestions made by Members. However this item was not on the agenda and would not therefore be discussed at this meeting.

**7.48 pm FORMAL BUSINESS**

**TH/13/338 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A Giles-Townsend and J Middleton - other commitments.

**TH/13/339 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest made by Committee Members.

**TH/13/340 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were approved and signed.

TH/13/315.1 It was noted that the change to the TRO on Highdale Road had been approved at the meeting on 24 July 2013.

**TH/13/341 PARKING ISSUES** – Suggestions made at the last meeting;

**341.1 TRAFFIC WARDEN/TRAFFIC CONTROL ATTENDANT**

The Committee Chairman had been informed that this Officer would have to be employed through the Police and it may not be possible for the Officer to remain in Clevedon at all times. The possibility working with Nailsea and Portishead to employ a Traffic Warden to cover the three towns was raised. It was emphasised that there would be considerable legal and financial implications in facilitating the employment of a Traffic Warden, however it was reported that many Clevedon residents supported this initiative.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

### 341.1 TRAFFIC WARDEN/TRAFFIC CONTROL ATTENDANT

**RESOLVED:** To continue to discuss this option with the Police and North Somerset Council.

### 341.2 INVESTIGATION OF PARK AND RIDE FACILITY FOR CLEVEDON

Members agreed buying or renting land on the outskirts of Clevedon would be costly. The other alternative would be NSC land - Car Park on Strode Road. One Councillor offered to investigate land available and the costings involved. This was not supported as most of the Members felt a park and ride facility would not be commercially viable for the number of visitors to Clevedon during the summer season. Although this may become viable for specific events such as MARLENS or the Clevedon Tides Festival. VOTE 3 FOR; 5 AGAINST

**RESOLVED:** Not to continue investigations into a park and ride facility for Clevedon.

### 341.3 PAY AND DISPLAY

The Committee Chairman read from a positive report from WSM traders compiled 6 weeks after the change to pay and display. Many had seen an increase in turnover and footfall. A six month report from these traders is awaited.

Members felt pay and display should not be considered for residential roads where many of the residents were retired and would require parking during the day also questioned where the displaced parked vehicles park. It was agreed therefore that pay and display be confined to shopping areas. Areas for consideration were Hill Road, Alexandra Road and The Beach. The need for a sensible charging policy was stressed. The issues of enforcement and follow up were also discussed. After further discussion a proposal was put forward by Cllr Hall and seconded by Cll Hill that Pay and Display should be installed for a trial period on the shopping area of Hill Road. A vote was taken 6 FOR; 1 AGAINST

**RESOLVED:** To ask NSC to consider a trial of Pay and Display controlled parking for the shopping area of Hill Road.

### 341.4 INVESTIGATE LAND FOR OFF ROAD PARKING IN THE HILL ROAD AREA

It was proposed by Cllr Shopland, seconded by Cllr Geldart that the Council investigate the possibility and costings for parking on 1) the top of Alexandra Gardens; It was noted that the covenant on Alexandra Gardens would not allow this change of use. 2) on the wider pavement between Challicoms and Junior Poon; 3) part of Herbert Gardens. VOTE: 1 FOR; 2 AGAINST with Chairman's vote.

**RESOLVED:** Not to support this proposal.

At the end of the meeting other suggestions were put forward regarding parking in the town;

Marine Hill – herringbone parking; Copse Road Hill Road to Alexandra Road one way thereby allowing herringbone parking; Overnight parking for residents in the NSC car park at Castlewood; parking on one side of Elton Road adjacent to the Green Beach and opposite Oaklands. These were not discussed and no further action agreed.

### **TH/13/342 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS**

There were no part I items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

*The meeting finished at 9.10 pm*

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL