

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012**

**PRESENT:** Cllr T Morgan – Committee Chairman in the Chair  
 Cllrs J Geldart, P McNeill, J Middleton, N Pennycott, D Shopland from  
 7.46 pm, A Withers, Mrs I Johnson - Deputy Town Clerk.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs C Blades, C Bussey, R Garner until 8.12 pm, C Hall until 8.15pm,  
 G Hill, Mrs P Heath – Town Clerk until 8.30 pm.

**INFORMAL BUSINESS**

1. HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING Mr Graham Jones, 15 Edward Road South highlighted the continuing problem of cars parking the length of the road and illegally close to the junction with Walton Road and Holly Lane. He reported that the parked cars constrict the traffic flow causing lengthy delays and frustrating drivers who then speed up past the parked cars. Mr Jones was concerned for the safety of players and spectators crossing the road from between parked cars. He felt the organisers of the teams using of the playing fields should be asked to resolve the problem by encouraging parking at the school car park.

The Committee Chairman informed the resident of the previous actions taken by the Committee over the last two years to try to change this situation. It was noted that a additional pitch now negated the possibility of a parking area off Holly Lane. A NSC Councillor present reported that a Traffic Regulation Order had now been initiated by NSC to install double yellow lines on both sides of Holly Lane and around the junction with Walton Road to be installed in 2012. The local Police support this action.

2. WOODLANDS ROAD PARKING Mr Peter Davies, 18 Woodlands Road drew members attention to the illegal parking on pavements causing obstructions to the disabled and those with pushchairs who have to walk in the road. The illegal parking is because the road is very narrow near the junction with Seavale Road and if cars are not parked on the pavement vehicles cannot get through. As in the case of a recent incident with an ambulance on a 999 call out to a resident in the road. Mr Jones reported that the Police were aware of the situation and had issued warning notices and fines but their resources were limited. Mr Davies considered the installation of double yellow lines would be the best way forward.
3. 800 BUS SERVICE 10 local residents in attendance. Ursula Marks, 9 Kings Road had presented a petition to NSC and spoke on behalf of the residents. She emphasised the importance of this bus services to senior citizens who, a part from school times, were the main users of the bus service. She was concerned that without this bus service the many elderly people with mobility problems would be isolated as they would be unable to access the other bus services in Clevedon thus additional causing social and health problems. She pointed out that these bus passengers help to support the shops and cafes in the village. The residents requested the bus service be replaced with at least a reduced service each weekday.

The Committee Chairman informed residents that Clevedon Town Council had asked NSC to retain the 800 service. In fact the service had been initially started by the Town Council. NSC had provided figures that the cost of this service is £37,000 per annum and yet the average passenger take up is less than 7 per circuit.

800 BUS SERVICE continued...

It was pointed out that should Clevedon Town Council financially support an 800 bus service this would be an additional charge on the Council tax. It was thought the introduction of senior citizen free bus passes had presumably reduced the revenue received by the bus operators. There was discussion as to whether or not fares could be accepted from senior citizens on public/private bus services

The Committee Chairman emphasised that Clevedon Town Council had received no formal proposal from North Somerset Coaches, however the Town Council would meet with the coach company to ascertain the current situation with them and NSC. It was noted that Mr Fricker from North Somerset Coaches would be speaking at Senior Citizens Forum meeting on 15 March 2012 at 2.00 pm.

All the residents attending and speaking during informal business left the meeting.

### **7.58 pm FORMAL BUSINESS**

#### **TH/12/139 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies, all Committee members present.

#### **TH/12/140 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Geldart declared a personal interest in min TH/12/148 as she uses this junction daily taking her children to school.

Cllr A Withers declared a personal interest in min TH/12/145 as his partner is Chairman of Clevedon Pride.

#### **TH/12/141 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were approved and signed.

#### **TH/12/142 INFORMATION AND UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2011/12**

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

**RESOLVED:** GRIT BINS To carry forward to the next financial year the sum of £1350 to cover unrepresented invoices. This would be the final year to do so.

STATION ROAD BARRIER To carry forward and earmark the sum of £3000 should invoices not be presented by the end of this financial year.

**ACTION: Town Clerk**

#### **TH/12/143 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE**

##### **143.1 HOLLY LANE – WEEKEND PARKING TH/12/127**

Despite the negative response from NSC regarding the possibility of double yellow lines or a clearway order for Holly Lane, the NSC Councillor for Yeo Ward assured the Committee that NSC is now pursuing a TRO for double yellow lines this year and further letters of support from CTC were not required.

The problems of enforcement of the proposed parking restrictions and the relocation to other areas of cars currently parked on Holly Lane were discussed.

##### **143.2 WOODLANDS ROAD PARKING**

The Local Police had hoped to attend to speak to this item. It was noted that the majority of those parking in this area were visitors to Clevedon seafront.

**RESOLVED:** To ask NSC to investigate double yellow lines on Woodlands Road near the junction with Seavale Road as part of the next traffic review for Clevedon.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**143.3 800 SUPPORTED BUS SERVICE**

It was unclear whether NSC would contribute transitional funding to a new bus service. It was suggested that in future years (too late for 2012/13) perhaps Nailsea & District Community Transport could be asked to divert the annual Clevedon Town Council grant funding to provide a service to areas affected by the loss of the 800 service.

The NSC Public Transport Manager had asked whether CTC would support a less comprehensive service.

**RESOLVED:** 1. To inform NSC that the Town Council in principle is willing to support an ongoing bus service for areas covered by the 800 bus. 2. To arrange a meeting with North Somerset Coaches, the Chairman of Council and the Transport & Highways Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/144 UPDATE ON ACTIONS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA****144.1 STREET LIGHTING IN CLEVEDON TH/12/126.2**

Members considered the reply from NSC giving reasons why lighting Alternate Street lighting columns and using dimmed lights is not possible. It was noted that the reduction in late night street lighting was originally initiated to achieve carbon reduction and help meet government targets relating to global warming. It was reported that NSC is currently piloting LED lighting and it was felt this could reduce the cost of street lighting. The Coroner's report on the Kenn Road accident is awaited.

**RESOLVED:** To ask NSC to provide a copy of the safety audit compiled prior to the switch off.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/145 STATION ROAD BOLLARD TH/12/128**

Cllr Withers informed the Committee that the bollard had been ordered and had now been delivered to NSC.

**RESOLVED:** To formally retrospectively agree the purchase of the telescopic bollard at the reduced cost of £295.00 funding allocated in the Committee budget 2011/12.

**TH/12/146 OFF STREET PARKING CHARGES TH/12/130**

NSC had replied that the proposed increased charges for the Salthouse Fields and Hawthorns Car Parks would go ahead with modifications only to two car park charges in Weston. NOTED.

The NSC Councillors for Central and West Wards are assisting NSC with a North Somerset review of parking and asked for Councillors observations on parking in both the Triangle and Hill Road areas.

**ACTION: All Town Councillors**

**TH/12/147 COLEHOUSE LANE RAILWAY BRIDGE TH/11/101**

Following lengthy research it has now been established that this bridge was sold to Avon County Council on 9 March 1981.

**RESOLVED:** To determine whether the bridge is within the Kenn settlement boundary.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/148 JUNCTION CHAPEL HILL/HIGHDALE ROAD/LOWER LINDEN ROAD**

Cllr Geldart drew Members attention to the problems of both pedestrians and motorists using this hazardous junction. The junction had been surveyed by NSC to ascertain whether the number using this junction complies with the criteria for a crossing – it did not. The local Police were supportive when the item had been raised at a PACT meeting.

**TH/12/148 JUNCTION CHAPEL HILL/HIGHDALE ROAD/LOWER LINDEN** cont..

**RESOLVED:** To defer full consideration to the next meeting of the Committee to enable Committee members to observe the junction and formulate suggestions to make the junction safer for all users. **ACTION: All Committee members**

**TH/12/149 CAR PARK SIGNING**

At a recent meeting with local traders it was agreed to investigate signage to car parks in the town to assist visitors. NSC has now asked which Clevedon car parks should be signposted to visitors. It was also noted that the car park opposite the Little Harp Public House is now leased by NSC to the Promenade Bowling Club.

**RESOLVED:** All of the main public car parks in the town with the exception of the Marson Road car park. **ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/150 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MAINTENANCE REPORTS**

No concerns raised by the Contractor. NOTED.

**TH/12/151 BUS SHELTER CASTLE ROAD TH/11/71**

The new shelter was installed on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012. This had been previously agreed by the Committee see minute TH/11/71.

Arising from the above the Committee Chairman had received a request for a bus shelter near the Morrisons Garage.

**RESOLVED:** To seek the advice of NSC Public Transport Team.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/152 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012 had been circulated. The next meeting had been postponed to 30 March 2012. It was noted there was some difficulty in recruiting drivers which would negate the suggest Made in TH/12/143.3 above.

**TH/12/153 CLEVEDON HORSE RIDERS GROUP**

The committee received and noted a copy of a letter sent to Dr Liam Fox. The Town Councillor for Walton Ward had assisted the riders to produce aims and objectives to work together as a group. NOTED.

**TH/12/154 GRIT BIN – KINGS ROAD TH/12/135.1**

NSC prefer to install the bin closer to the junction with Dial Hill Road not adjacent to 35 Kings Road.

**RESOLVED:** To ask NSC to install the bin adjacent to the junction of Kings Road and Dial Hill Road. **ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/155 FOR INFORMATION**

The Committee received and noted the following items made available at the meeting;

155.1 North Somerset Local Access Forum – latest agenda and minutes.

155.2 Notice of Temporary Road Closure Chapel Hill from 19 March 2012

**TH/12/156 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

PATH ALONGSIDE THE TENNIS COURTS, SALTHOUSE

**RESOLVED:** To refer the resident's letter to the Town Events & Amenities Committee.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/12/157 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS**

There were no part 1 items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

*The meeting finished at 9.13 pm*

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

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL