

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2016

PRESENT: Cllr J Geldart – Committee Chairman
 Cllrs J Cook, A Giles-Townsend, S Hale, K O'Brien, G Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr J Holman and Mrs Gail Morrish – residents All Saints Lane – informal business only
 Mr R Lewis – Vice-Chairman St John's Primary School

7.30 PM INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. **ALL SAINTS LANE TRAFFIC ISSUES**

Mr Holman spoke on behalf of the sixty plus residents in the All Saints Lane, Careys Close area. The road is part of the designated safer route to schools both All Saints Primary and Clevedon School and included in the Avon Cycleway. The current concerns were;

- Increased traffic in the area from the Castlewood Offices has resulted in All Saints Lane being used as a cut through from Walton Road to Tickenham Road with traffic driving fast along this narrow road. Especially difficult in the mornings between 8.00 – 9.00 am school drop off time.
- Increased parking at the Tickenham Road end of the road and in Careys Close due to limited parking at Castlewood.
- Incidents when the Recycling collection vehicle had been unable to get access and it is difficult for service and emergency vehicles to get through.

The residents are particularly concerned about the safety of school children due to the narrowness of the road, parking on pavements and obscured visibility when crossing between parked cars.

A Public Meeting has been arranged to discuss these traffic issues. Mr Holman invited Councillors to join them. The meeting is arranged for Thursday 17th March 2016 at 7.30 pm in All Saints Church Hall. Members suggested an invitation should be sent to NSC Highways and the press.

The residents had no consensus of opinion as to what outcome they hoped to achieve however no entry from Walton Road appeared to be preferable.

2. **PARKING OUTSIDE ST JOHN'S SCHOOL TH/16/606.1**

Mr Lewis thanked the Town Council for their letter following the last meeting of the Committee. The School is very aware of the problems of double parking outside the school and has; 1) encouraged parents to use Fosse Way as a one way road to drop off pupils; 2) repeatedly used the School Newsletter to request parents to park considerately; 3) promoted walk to school initiatives; 4) ensured the teaching staff are in their classrooms 20 minutes earlier to enable to doors to be opened earlier so that parents can drop off their children and go. Also Local PCSOs have been supportive in issuing warnings. All of these initiatives have only helped the situation for a short time. The school regularly receives complaints from local residents and parents regarding parking. The School is happy to support any measures to alleviate the problems on Fosse Way.

Members concurred that many parents are on their way to work and therefore do not have time to walk to school or even from the Asda or Tesco car parks. Mr Lewis highlighted the fact that following the installation of the traffic calming measures the

zig zag lines had not been re-positioned. Also previously the School Crossing Patrol person had assisted in preventing inappropriate parking however with the introduction of the traffic calming measures the SCP had been discontinued.

8.54 PM FORMAL BUSINESS
TH/16/621 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs B Hatch, G Hill, J Norton-Sealey, D Shopland.

TH/16/622 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 that school.

TH/16/623 MINUTES

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

TH/16/624 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2015/16

The information on the Committee Budget was NOTED. It was agreed that it may be necessary to earmark some of the unspent contingency funding in the budget however this would be considered under the appropriate agenda items.

TH/16/625 PARKING OUTSIDE ST JOHN'S SCHOOL TH/16/606.1 See informal also business above

The Police had replied and had suggested a single time restricted yellow line on Fosse Way opposite the school as is the case at Yeo Moor School. Members raised the problem of enforcement of parking restrictions. The need to adjust the zig zags was also discussed together with a possible coach parking bay as coach access and parking for school trips is often difficult. The Deputy Town Clerk had enquired about the timescale for the NSC traffic review of Clevedon as changes to restrictions in this area could be added to this list however a review is unlikely until at least 2017/18.

Members agreed that there were similar parking issues around most schools in the town and concurred that a concerted campaign was required to address these problems. The need to educate both children and parents about parking responsibly should be highlighted.

RESOLVED: 1. To arrange a Site Meeting preferably between 8.30 – 9.00 am with NSC to ascertain what can be done to alleviate these problems. A representative from the school to be invited. 2) To consider at the next Committee meeting a campaign to address parking around the schools in the town.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk and all Committee members

TH/16/626 NORTONS WOOD LANE SPEED LIMIT TH/16/609.1

NSC has asked that this scheme be delayed until the early part of 2016/17 financial year due to NSC staff shortages.

RESOLVED: To earmark the sum of up to £4,000 from the contingency funding in the 2015/16 Committee budget for the implementation of this scheme in 2016/17.

Action: RFO

TH/16/627 CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL TH/16/609.2

Members received a letter from NSC stating that they were unable due to the current review of the SCP service to advertise/appoint/train/supervise a new person to the SCP service. NSC is investigating the responsibilities which will lie with the council and the responsibilities of the school/funding provider of SCPs.

TH/16/627 CHAPEL HILL SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL continued...

A further letter from NSC had been received inviting schools, parish and town councils to an information meeting on Tuesday 15th March 2016 to find out more of the service NSC has to offer and the expected charges for continuing the SCP service at existing sites and for a new SCP site.

RESOLVED: The Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman to attend and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

Action: Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman

TH/16/628 JUNCTION SOUTHERN WAY/STRODE ROAD TH/16/610

NSC had stated that they would be unlikely to consider removing the traffic signals at the Southern Way/Millcross junction and moving them to the above junction. As yet no costings had been received for the enlargement of the central island and the alteration to the bell mouth radii to reduce the speed of traffic and enable pedestrians, especially those with children, to cross more easily. It would appear that NSC would be unable to fund the entire cost of this scheme.

RESOLVED: To earmark the remainder of the Transport & Highways Committee contingency funding in the 2015/16 budget towards the implementation of this scheme.

Action: RFO

TH/16/629 ETTLINGEN WAY/NORTHERN WAY TH/16/611

Two items had been referred from Council on 24th February 2016; 1) Request for signage 'pedestrians crossing' - this work could not be carried out with the agreement of the Highways Agency due to the effect on the motorway. 2) Moor Lane Roundabout/Northern Way – To consider possibility of a filter to access Castlewood Offices.

There had been no reply from NSC regarding the Town Council's concerns about this area. Members were also concerned that Mr John Painter who had assisted the Town Council with highways schemes was due to retire from NSC very soon.

RESOLVED: 1) To invite Mr Rob Thomson from NSC Highways to the next meeting of the Committee. 2) To report a blocked up gully adjacent to the pedestrian access from Aldi to NSC.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/630 CHAPEL HILL – ON STREET PARKING TH/16/614

This item was DEFERRED.

TH/16/631 PATH THROUGH FIR WOODS TH16/615

Members received and NOTED the report of the Site Meeting with Mr Andrew Carroll NSC Public Rights of Way Access Officer and were pleased that NSC had identified £1900 towards repairs to the path. Mr Carroll had also provided information on the proposed coastal footpath with WSM and works to the Ripple Path and Lovers Walk.

Since the meeting the application for the Wessex Water Award had been dispatched as applications were being considered this week. There had been some feedback that perhaps funding should be sought from Wessex Water's repair and maintenance budget in view of the fact that the sewer runs under the path.

RESOLVED: Cllrs Giles-Townsend to provide details of a contact at Wessex Water.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/632 TO CONSIDER PROHIBITION OF CYCLING ON THE PROMENADE AND LOVERS WALK TH/16/617

A West Ward Town Councillor who regularly walks in this area reported that he had only encountered cyclists on three occasions. NSC had again indicated that their preference would be the erection of shared use signs.

RESOLVED: To take no further action.

TH/16/633 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

633.1 CONTRACT

Members had been provided with copies of the Contract that ends on 31 August 2016. There had been no issues with the current Contractor who had maintained the shelters well.

RESOLVED: Committee Members to carry out an inspection of the Town Council bus shelters in their ward prior to the next meeting. A list will be provided.

Action: Committee Members

633.2 MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORTS

There were no concerns raised by the Contractor. NOTED.

TH/16/634 BOLLARD STATION ROAD

The Committee Chairman had spoken to the Station Road trader who had written objecting to the bollard being replaced. The Town Council Office had also received a telephone call from a pedestrian who had had a near accident with a vehicle in Station Road. He asked for the bollard to be replaced as soon as possible. NSC had indicated that the bollard would be reinstated in early April. NOTED.

TH/16/635 BAY ROAD – CONCERNS RAISED BY RESIDENT

The resident had commented on litter, fly tipping, parking, antisocial behaviour in Bay Road. These observations had been forwarded to the local Police.

RESOLVED: Committee Chairman to speak to the local Police.

Action: Committee Chairman

TH/16/636 ALL SAINTS LANE PARKING ISSUES – See Informal Business above.

RESOLVED: To inform the East Ward Councillors of the Public Meeting in the Church Hall on 17th March 2016. Cllr Hale also hoped to attend and report back to the Committee.

Action; Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/637 PORTABLE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS ROLL OUT

NSC had provided information on these signs which are effective in slowing vehicular speeds. They would be positioned in one location for a period of 2 weeks then relocated to a different site. It is suggested that local councils interested in being part of this roll out could take ownership of a sign 2-3 times a year. There is some onus on each parish/town to ensure the batteries are charged and the sign maintained. Agreed locations would need to meet NSC criteria.

RESOLVED: 1) To confirm with NSC that the Town Council is interested in this scheme prior to the deadline of 31 March 2016. 2) To meet with the NSC Engineer and establish what the commitment would be for the Town Council.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/638 LOVERS WALK AND RIPPLE FOOTPATH – Referred from Council 24th February 2016.

638.1 RIPPLE PATH – NSC has contacted the owner of the fence who will arrange for repairs. NSC will follow up in a few weeks.

TH/16/638 LOVERS WALK AND RIPPLE FOOTPATH continued...

638.2 LOVERS WALK – NSC had commented that the muddy path was due to all the rain and because it is heavily trafficked by walkers. NSC do not own the fence but will approach Natural England for funding. This work to be programmed with other works as part of the establishment works for the England Coast Path 2017. NSC has repaired the sections of fencing to the north of Walton Hotel where there were health and safety concerns. NSC required the location of the bench to be repaired.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/639 BUS SHELTER ADVERTISING ON TOWN COUNCIL BUS SHELTERS

TH/16/607

Members NOTED that a Meeting with NSC Public Transport Officer, Deputy Town Clerk, Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been arranged for 10th March 2016. Information would be reported back to the next Transport & Highways Committee.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/16/640 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

640.1 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – Minutes of the last meeting available together with budget information and statistics.

TH/16/641 ITEMS FOR NEXT TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

641.1 PEDESTRIANS CROSSING ELTON ROAD

641.2 PLANNING APPLICATION 16/P/0080/MMA LIDL STORE – Articulated vehicle tracking plan. Referred from Planning Committee.

TH/16/642 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS

There were no Part I items

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

The meeting finished at 9.34 pm

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