

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH 2015

PRESENT: Cllr J Geldart – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs A Giles-Townsend, B Hatch, G Hill, J Middleton,
 D Shopland, J West, Deputy Town Clerk - Mrs I Johnson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr L Knott

TH/15/503 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P McNeill – out of Clevedon, Cllr N Pennycott – another commitment, Cllr G Watkins – unwell.

TH/15/504 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr J Geldart declared a pecuniary interest in St Nicholas Chantry School Closure of Highdale Road as she is a School Governor and her children attend the school. Cllrs L Knott and B Hatch declared personal interests as they have grandchildren at the school.

TH/15/505 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 21st January 2015 were approved and signed.

TH/15/506 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2014/15

The information was NOTED.

TH/15/507 ST NICHOLAS CHANTRY SCHOOL – CLOSURE OF HIGHDALE ROAD

TH/15/487

The Committee Chairman asked if Members had any comments to make on the effect of the closure of Highdale Road on traffic in the town. Members generally felt there had been few problems. It was noted that the school is in the middle of a six week programme to encourage children to walk to the school. Highdale Avenue appeared to be the most congested area around the school.

RESOLVED: To continue to monitor the effect of the closure of Highdale Road.

Action: Next Committee Agenda

TH/15/508 HILL ROAD PARKING ISSUES TH/15/488

At the last meeting of the Committee it had been agreed to write a letter to Cllr N Ashton asking that the pay and display scheme be deferred. NSC Councillors had verbally reported his reply that for 12 months the Police would be working with the NSC Community Response Team and an additional PCSO would be employed to monitor parking in the whole of Clevedon. The Officer is now in place and has been issuing parking tickets and moving traffic on in Hill Road. It was noted that the introduction of pay and display for this area would be looked at again by NSC in 10-12 months time.

RESOLVED: To continue to monitor the situation and discuss the matter again after the May elections.

Action: Next Committee Agenda

TH/15/509 STATION ROAD BOLLARD TH/15/490

The Committee Chairman reported that most of the time when she was in the town the bollard was in the up position and it was generally felt that delivery lorry drivers in particular raised the bollard. It was acknowledged that Thursdays continue to be more problematic due to the market. Staff from WH Smith and Present Company monitored the bollard and raised it when time allowed.

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

TH/15/510 CHARGING STRUCTURE SEAFRONT CAR PARKS TH/15/491

It was reported that the charging structure had been discussed at a NSC SPED Committee and referred for further consideration by the NSC Executive Committee this week.

RESOLVED: To defer this item to the next meeting of the Transport & Highways Committee.
Action: Next Committee Agenda

TH/15/511 WESTWAY HOUSE NORTHERN WAY – DEVELOPMENT OF ALDI SUPERMARKET TH/15/493

There had been no response to the Town Council's request to NSC as detailed in the minutes of the last meeting.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to reconsider the request to make the junction with Northern Way turn left only in view of the current traffic patterns in particular congestion on Northern Way at peak periods.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/512 BUS SHELTER HOLLY LANE/CASTLE ROAD OPPOSITE ENTRANCE TO CLEVEDON GOLF COURSE TH/15/495

The resident had sent her apologies as she was unable to attend due to illness. She wished to attend the next meeting of the Committee. Members felt strongly that a bus shelter had been on this site for several decades and should be available for use by the community in that area now and in the future.

RESOLVED: To inform the resident that the Committee's decision remained unchanged.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/513 NSC CONSULTATIONS REFERRED FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

513.1 HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT DESIGN GUIDE available on the NSC web site.

RESOLVED: NOT TO COMMENT on this lengthy document which included many web links. Members felt unqualified to comment knowledgeably on the technical content.

513.2 TRANSPORT STATEMENT AND TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT available on the NSC web site.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to highlight the fact that Clevedon has very limited public transport provision to Yatton train station providing direct access to Bristol and Weston Super Mare. The bus service is only every three hours. Members request the regular bus service be reinstated.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/15/514 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE TOWN MEETING – 9 MARCH 2015

514.1 PATH THROUGH FIR WOODS LINKING THACKERAY ROAD AND HIGHDALE RD

It was noted that this public footpath is well used at present by parents and children walking to St Nicholas Chantry School. Some Members of the Committee had walked the path and reported that it is in poor condition however public footpaths are often muddy. The problem of water run off onto Highdale Road was highlighted and the uneven camber due to the path covering sewerage pipes.

RESOLVED: To discuss maintenance of the path with NSC and investigate whether local volunteers could assist.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk

514.2 RECYCLING COLLECTIONS AND INCREASED LITTER ON COLLECTION DAYS

RESOLVED: To investigate when and where nets for the recycling boxes will be available.
Action: Deputy Town Clerk

514.3POTHOLES; ELTON ROAD AND M5 It was noted that the potholes on the M5 had now been filled. Concerns were raised about pedestrians crossing the motorway slipway from the adjacent public footpath.

RESOLVED: 1) To investigate the possibility of a pedestrian warning sign with the Highways Agency. 2) To notify the NSC Area Officer for Clevedon of potholes in the following roads; Elton Road, Brookfield Walk, junction of Old Church Road and Westbourne Avenue. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

TH/15/515 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MONTHLY REPORTS

There were no concerns raised by the Contractor in January and February 2015.

TH/15/516 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr G Hill had no items to raise from the January 2015 meeting. The next meeting is on 27th March 2015.

TH/15/517 GORDANO GREENWAY PROJECT STEERING GROUP

Cllr B Hatch had received one email concerning this Group in November however there had been no progress due to land ownership issues.

RESOLVED: Cllr Hatch to make further enquires. **Action: Cllr B Hatch**

TH/15/518 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Committee Chairman had that day met with the NSC Area Officer for Clevedon and looked at the following;

QUEENS SQUARE – Tree adjacent to the toilet block. The roots appear to be lifting the paved area. The Area Officer has confirmed the tree will have to be removed and a smaller tree planted in its place.

RESOLVED: To refer to the Environment & Planning Committee items relating to use of Queens Square by the weekly market. **Action: Town Clerk**

OLD STREET 1) Pavement adjacent to the Veg Box undulating due to delivery vehicles mounting the kerb. 2) Request for planters in this area. 3) Repainting/raising of the zebra crossing outside the Village Hall. The Area Officer to investigate all these concerns.

TH/15/519 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS

There were no Part I items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD *The meeting finished at 8.45 pm*

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