

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 22 DECEMBER 2010

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs C Arnold, R Garner, C Hall, N Pennycott,

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs C Blades, L Knott

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS
SAFER CROSSING ON STRODE ROAD TO MARY ELTON SCHOOL

Mr & Mrs Henley of 2 Patch Croft and Cllr Blades the NSC West Ward Councillor highlighted their concerns about the safety of children crossing this increasingly busy road with only a small island in the middle of the road to assist. They had observed HGVs driving on the wrong side of the road at school time. The problems of parents obstructing the road by parking vehicles on both sides of the road had been regularly addressed by the Headteacher in school newsletters.

The entrances in Strode Road are now used by 70% of the children. At present a new pre-school is being built on the site which will also be accessed from Strode Road. To date 600 people (90% of parents) had signed a petition requesting a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Blades would be presenting the petition to the next NSC meeting. The request had the support of the Headteacher and School Governors.

Cllr Blades reported that NSC Highways had monitored the area and compiled a feasibility study for a pelican crossing however due to financial restraints there was no guarantee that this work could be carried out in the next financial year.

It was noted that there had never been a school crossing attendant at this school. However it was unclear whether this would be practical as the school hours were staggered due to before and after school clubs and possibly different hours for the pre-school.

7.48 pm FORMAL BUSINESS
TH/10/93 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Middleton – Illness; Cllr P McNeill – out of Clevedon; Cllr D Shopland – weather restricted his attendance.

TH/10/94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none.

TH/10/95 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 27th November 2010 were approved and signed.

TH/10/96 COMMITTEE BUDGET 2010/11

The up to date information on the budget was NOTED.

The Committee agreed to take agenda item 10 next in view of Mr & Mrs Henley being present.

PART 1

TH/10/97 REQUEST FOR SAFER CROSSING ON STRODE ROAD TO MARY ELTON SCHOOL See Informal Business above

Members agreed with the need for a safer crossing and felt that the NSC Safe Routes to School Team should be involved. It was felt the Headteacher should be encouraged to make a formal request to NSC from the school.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL strongly support the urgent need for a pedestrian crossing to provide a safer crossing on Strode Road to Mary Elton School. Prior to this being installed request consideration of a School Crossing Patrol Person.

Action: Deputy Clerk after full Council meeting on 26 January 2010.

The residents left the meeting.

PART 2

The Committee agreed to take Agenda item 7 next as Cllr Knott had other commitments to attend to that evening.

TH/10/98 STATION ROAD TH/10/90

NSC had provided the following quotation;

Bollard	£ 400
Installation	£ 700
Temporary TRO for road closure	£1000
Officer's time	£ 400

Cllr Knott reported that the bollard would have a full warranty for one year. A service agreement would be £250 - £350 pa.

RESOLVED: To obtain further information in respect of the fees and charges made by NSC for the road closure and Officer's time and report back to the next meeting.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk

Cllr Knott left the meeting.

TH/10/99 HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING TH/10/78.1

It was noted cars were still parked all along Holly Lane on both sides.

99.1 REPLY FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE NSC

Mr Turner had replied that it is 'highly unlikely that NSC would either construct or maintain a car parking area with the costs and liabilities that this would incur'. However Mr Turner would be asking 'Mr Sneider from Highways to monitor the use to see if there is a highway hazard and consider what could be done if anything to reduce this temporary parking problem in a cost effective way'.

99.2 LETTER FROM BUSINESS MANAGER CLEVEDON SCHOOL

The Business Manager suggested that double yellow lines be installed down the whole length of Holly Lane on both sides and possibly even into Walton Road. If these restrictions were enforced he believes cars would then park in the school grounds.

RESOLVED:

1. To reply to the Chief Executive of NSC that members look forward to receiving Mr Sneider's assessment and observations on Holly Lane.

TH/10/99 HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING continued...

2. To suggest that Clevedon School attach notices to the playing field gates on both sides of Holly Lane stating that playing field users should not park in Holly Lane but use the car park available at the school.
3. To suggest to the Swiss Valley Sports Club a condition of future bookings should be that playing field users should not park in Holly Lane.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk

TH/10/100 HIGHDALE ROAD TH/10/77

Following the Clevedon Town Council meeting on 1 December 2010 the Committee was asked to reconsider possible traffic calming for Highdale Road and safer routes to St Nicholas Chantry School.

Members agreed with an email from a local resident which stated that parked cars and often large vans on the bend towards the bottom of Highdale Road severely restrict visibility.

RESOLVED: NSC will be commencing improvements to lining and signing and the upgrading/relocation of school wig wag signs to advisory 20 mph at school times next month. It was agreed to monitor the effect of these improvements prior to further consideration.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk – future agenda.

TH/10/101 JUNCTION STRODE ROAD AND OLD CHURCH ROAD TH/10/80

NSC had indicated that the developer of 2 Strode Road had made a case that the previously identified contribution is not justified under planning legislation. The planning application is to be considered at the next North Area Committee meeting. The Highways Officer had confirmed that there are no safety improvements planned for this junction.

RESOLVED: To defer consideration until the next Transport & Highways Committee meeting pending a decision on the section 106 funding.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk – next agenda.

TH/10/102 GRIT BINS

102.1 ALEXANDRA ROAD TH/10/81 Two NSC Officers had visited the site and felt the existing location of the bin is the best position for the sloping area of Alexandra Road. They had indicated that the grit bin could not be moved away from the highway. NOTED.

102.2 CAMBRIDGE ROAD TH/10/82

The Area Officer had visited the site and provided a map detailing the proposed location for the bin (close to Orme Drive).

RESOLVED: To accept the location and order the grit bin to be funded from the Transport & Highways Committee for 2010/11. Cost £150.

102.3 CONYGAR CLOSE

Members considered a request for a grit bin on Conygar Close close to the junction with Walton Road. It was felt the gradient of the road was insufficient to warrant a grit bin in this location.

RESOLVED: Not to agree to the request for a grit bin in this location.

TH/10/102 GRIT BINS continued...

102.4 NORTONS WOOD LANE

The resident had indicated that there used to be a grit bin at the end of Nortons Wood Lane at the junction with Walton Road but this was removed when the dropped kerbs were installed and not reinstated. NSC had no record of a grit bin in this locality in the past few years.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to agree a location for a grit bin in this area. The grit bin to be funded from the Transport & Highways Committee for 2010/11.

Cost £150.

102.5 RESIDENTIAL BLOCK OF FLATS – 26 PRINCES RD

This request for a grit bin is for a private block of flats.

RESOLVED: Not to agree to the request for a grit bin in this location which is not on the highway.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk to notify residents and NSC of decisions re grit bins

TH/10/103 PARKING AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT WINDMILL ROAD KENN BUSINESS PARK

Members considered two emails expressing concern about the worsening traffic congestion on Windmill Road and the difficulties in trying to exit from the business park at 5.00 pm.

RESOLVED: ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS to monitor the situation prior to consideration at the next meeting of the Committee.

ACTION: All Committee Members to visit Business Park at peak times. Next agenda.

TH/10/104 CHAPEL HILL – This item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

TH/10/105 ITEMS ARISING FROM TRAFFIC REVIEW

105.1. KENN MOOR DRIVE – A request had been received that the double yellow lines installed as part of the traffic review be extended to start at the junction with Central Way.

RESOLVED: To add this request to the list of items awaiting the next traffic review.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk

105.2 HIGHDALE AVENUE –Members received information of a change to the proposed yellow lines agreed as part of the Traffic Review. NOTED.

TH/10106 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OCTOBER REPORT

Since this report there had been damage to a panel of a bus shelter on Southern Way.

RESOLVED: As the bus shelter is shortly due to be replaced by NSC it was agreed to remove the broken panel and make safe but not replace the panel.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk

TH/10/107 NEW BUS SHELTER AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, CASTLE ROAD TH/10/76

Details of underground services are awaited prior to submission of a formal order to Queensbury.

TH/10/108 BUS SHELTER – ELTON ROAD TH/10/85

Installation awaited. Details of underground services have now been forwarded to Queensbury.

TH/10/109 BUS SHELTERS – WORKS BY NSC

Two bus shelters on Southern Way to be replaced by NSC on 14 December 2010.

TH/10/110 BUS STOP KENN ROAD ADJACENT TO THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Concerns had been expressed about buses stopping on both sides of the road sometimes blocking traffic. Also when two buses stop outside the Conservative Club at certain times of day this can cause problems.

RESOLVED: To monitor the new location of the bus stop for six months.

ACTION: Future agenda

TH/10/111 FOR INFORMATION Members received and noted the following items available at the meeting;

111.1 AREA OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT for October for Clevedon

111.2 .NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

- Clevedon Town Council Buddy – Mr Peter Walker
- Agenda for last meeting held in the Council House and previous minutes.

RESOLVED: To invite Mr Peter Walker to a future meeting of the Committee.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk.

111.3 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES NOTICE – Highdale Road.

**TH/10/112 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ITEM ON THE AGENDA
RIPPLE FOOTPATH – USE OF FOOTPATH BY HORSES**

A letter from a resident of Rippleside Road had been received that day however as it did not appear on the agenda no decision could be made at the meeting.

RESOLVED: Place on the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTION: Deputy Clerk – next agenda.

The meeting finished at 9.30 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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