

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Cllr A Giles-Townsend – Committee Chairman
 Cllrs N Barton, J. Norton-Sealey, C. Starr, G Watkins.
 Mrs I Johnson – Deputy Town Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE: 7 Residents.

7.30 PM INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – GRANT APPLICATION 2018/19

Janice Walsh, Operations Manager unable to attend.

2. PARKING ON AND AROUND THE HILL ROAD AREA TH/17/828.2

Rosie Holloway read out a submission from Maggie Norman a resident living on the one way section of Hill Road. Points made included;

- 45 properties only 4 with off street parking
- Since enforcement of parking regulations on commercial part of Hill Road office and shop staff now park all day on the one way section of Hill Road.
- At least 3 lorry drivers a week get stuck and vehicles behind have to reverse. Suggest a width restriction and possible sign to turn off the motorway roundabout onto the ring road as sat nav takes vehicles through town.
- Residents have problems getting workmen and deliveries.
- Suggest that if the lorry problem is addressed the extension of the double yellow lines along the non-pavement side may not be necessary apart from driveways and entrances. As many parking places as possible should be allowed.

Peter Bartram submitted a map (available in the Town Council Offices) making the following suggestions;

- Residents parking and/or marked parking bays on one way section.
 - 20 mph zone with sign on corner of Hill Road/Park Road/Princes Road.
 - Weight limit of 5 tonne with appropriate signage.
 - Extend existing double yellow lines to 40m from 30m opposite garage at No 31 Hill Road only.
 - Add signage to Hill Road from M5 using the ring road
- Bellevue Road and Gardens Road remove parking restriction signs (Mon-Sat 8.00 am – 6.00 pm no return within 2 hours). To allow more parking. All properties have off street parking.

Grant Fretwell expressed concern about the speed of traffic on the one way section of Hill Road with a number of near accidents. He suggested traffic calming measures. He also raised the possibility of making the commercial part of Hill Road one way thus enabling the introduction of diagonal parking bays.

3. PARKING ON HIGHDALE ROAD

Steve Gentry and Steven James reported that there is increased parking on Highdale Road causing problems for them coming out of their drives on this fast road with limited visibility due to the bend in the road. It was noted that there had been an accident involving a school bus the previous week. It was suggested that there should be double yellow lines on both sides of Highdale Road from the bridge to past Mount Elton. There was also a request that parking bays be marked out.

3. GULLEY PROBLEMS CAUSING FLOODING ON OLD CHURCH ROAD IN THE VICINITY OF THE CURZON

Mr John De Bord provided a photograph he had taken that day of a drain in this area filled with leaves. He reported that this area is regularly flooded near the Curzon and Waverley House. Residents in the sheltered accommodation at Coleridge Court with mobility problems had often been drenched by vehicles ploughing through the standing water. Mr De Bord also reported cracking on the road outside Waverley House and is concerned that the road will further disintegrate due to rain and frost damage.

8.03 PM FORMAL BUSINESS TH/17/835 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Geldart and B Hatch – family commitments; Cllr S Hale – work commitments; G Hill – unwell.

TH/17/836 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

TH/17/837 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 11th October 2017 and ratified by Council on 22nd November 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

TH/17/838 CLEVEDON TRAFFIC REVIEW

838.1 REVIEW OF PARKING AROUND HILL ROAD TH/17/828.2

Additional emails from residents had been circulated to all Councillors. The Committee Chairman reported a telephone conversation with David Bailey at NSC. He had observed that NSC value Hill Road as an economic centre in Clevedon and any changes to parking restrictions that would affect the viability of this centre may not be agreed. Parking restrictions could only be amended if they are detrimental to the area or there is a good reason for the change. Regarding residential parking permits NSC has not to date introduced permits. The enforcement of parking restrictions has only just been introduced and it is unlikely that residential parking permits will be considered in the near future but perhaps in the long term. The Committee Chairman also highlighted the fact that there would be additional on street parking in the area following the removal of some parking restrictions in Herbert Road as previously agreed by the Committee and on the list of items for the Clevedon Traffic Review. Also the introduction of double yellow lines on the non-pavement side of Hill Road is currently on this list.

With regard to the suggestion of making the commercial part of Hill Road one way, this had been considered in the past but NSC had cited many reasons why this could not be progressed.

RESOLVED: To meet with Mr Bailey at NSC and discuss the suggestions made by the Hill Road residents during informal business above. Also request that the sat nav companies remove the route through the one way section of Hill Road from their database.

838.2 LONG AVENUE – REVIEW OF YELLOW LINES TH/17/829.3

The Committee Chairman reported that the residents had responded with their views on removing the yellow lines 50% supporting the removal and 50% against. NSC had been hoping there would be a consensus of opinion from the residents.

RESOLVED: To forward the responses to NSC, the Highway Authority, to ascertain a way forward.

838.3 WESTBOURNE AVENUE – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF NEWLY PAINTED YELLOW LINES ACROSS DROPPED KERB NEAR JUNCTION WITH OLD CHURCH ROAD

RESOLVED: To add this request to the list of items for the Clevedon Traffic Review.

838.4 REFERRED BACK TO THE COMMITTEE BY FULL COUNCIL 22ND NOVEMBER 2017 – CHAPEL HILL REVIEW OF TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS TH/17/829.5

Members again considered this area. It was generally felt that vehicles were more cautious due to the parked cars. Members did not wish to increase the speed of traffic when there is hazardous school crossing area on this road adjacent to Highdale Avenue. There had been no reported accidents and it was felt parking was more of a problem for a few hours on a Sunday morning and drivers who knew the area would possibly avoid it at that time.

RESOLVED: The traffic restrictions for Chapel Hill had been reviewed but the Committee had agreed that no changes should be made at the present time.

838.5 HIGHDALE ROAD PARKING TH/17/829.4

Additional emails received from residents had been circulated to Councillors.

RESOLVED: To request that the double yellow lining previously agreed be extended up Highdale Road past Mount Elton.

With the Committee's agreement the Chairman altered the order of the agenda to consider an item discussed during informal business and of interest to a member of the public present.

TH/17/839 GULLEY PROBLEMS CAUSING FLOODING PROBLEMS ON OLD CHURCH ROAD IN THE VICINITY OF THE CURZON

The Deputy Town Clerk had discussed this item with the NSC Streets & Open Spaces Officer for Clevedon. He is aware of the problem and it has been referred to the drainage engineers. It is a complex problem not just a matter of emptying gullies.

RESOLVED: To request more detailed information on a potential solution to this problem highlighting the cracking on the road surface and the leaves in the gully.

TH/17/840 TO RECEIVE THE T/H COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE FOR 2017/18

Members noted the information circulated.

TH/17/841 TO CONSIDER THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2018/19

841.1 APPLICATION FROM NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Members agreed that the information provided was very clear with good information about the provision for Clevedon residents.

RESOLVED: To allocate a grant of £8,000 as in previous years for the financial year 2018/19.

841.2 REQUESTS FOR BUS SHELTERS – Kenn Road and Elton Road seaward side.

It was felt that the Kenn Road site outside the Conservative Club had been looked at before but it was not possible to fit a bus shelter onto this narrow pavement and moving the bus shelter further down road had not been possible. The cost of a new shelter is approximately £4,000.

RESOLVED: Not to allocate any monies towards new bus shelters in 2018/19.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND to the Finance & General Policy Committee the following Budget for the Transport & Highways Committee for 2018/2019;

	£
Nailsea & District Community Transport	8,000
Bus Shelter Cleaning and Maintenance Contract	4,500
Central Way extension to footway TH17/815	5,535
Strode Road & Southern Way Junction TH16/697 **	7,500
School Crossing Patrol Old Street *	<u>3,500</u>
	<u>29,035</u>

*SCP funding for one year to ensure it continues however it is anticipated that financial sponsorship will be found. See also min TH/17/841 below

**The works to Strode Road & Southern Way Junction are scheduled for the current financial year and funds have been allocated in this year's Transport & Highways budget however if the works do not commence until April it is necessary to earmark and nominate this amount in next year's budget.

TH/17/842 TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT POSITION REGARDING THE OLD STREET SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL TH/17/830

The Town Councillor for Walton Ward reported that since the last meeting when it had been reported that the SCP on Old Street would stop at half term in October, a guarantor had underwritten the cost of the SCP with a view to obtaining funding from other sources. This funding would end at half term in February 2018 and NSC would start redundancy procedures next week.

Cllr Watkins had met with the Head Teachers of the Clevedon Learning Trust and St Nicholas Chantry Primary School however school budgets are under strain and the schools are finding it difficult to ensure education needs are being met. The SCP is on the agenda for an Executive Board meeting that

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evening. Cllr Watkins reported that he is also meeting with a potential sponsor for 2018/19 the following day. The SCP person had raised some funding for the post online and as a result of the article in the CTC newsletter a sponsor had offered a small amount of funding. It was noted that of the six SCPs in North Somerset only two had found sponsorship.

RESOLVED: To transfer 463.50 from the 2017/18 contingency sum (contributions to road safety schemes) in the Transport & Highways budget to the School Crossing Patrol in Old Street to cover the period from February half term up to and including the Easter holidays in 2018 should other funding options not be available.

TH/17/843 TO CONSIDER CLEVEDON TRAFFIC ISSUES AND FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANSPORT LINKS INCLUDING BUS, CYCLE ROUTES AND FOOTPATHS. LINK WITH CLEVEDON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE AND COMMENTS ON JOINT TRANSPORT PLAN – CONSULTATION PERIOD ENDS 10TH JANUARY 2018. TH/17/831

Mr D Carter at NSC had highlighted the need for a Town Plan perhaps ahead of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is currently consulting with interest groups in the town on specific topics – next week open spaces and on 10th January 2018 it will be a vision for transport in the town. It was noted that the Clevedon CCT had also been discussing input into a town plan. The Joint Transport Plan would not now be consulted upon until summer 2018.

RESOLVED:1. Members of the Transport & Highways Committee to attend the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 10th January 2018 and report back to the Committee. 2. To ascertain the date of the next meeting with Mr Carter and NSC Officers.

TH/17/844 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

844.1 STATION ROAD BOLLARD TH/17/832.1 – NSC had confirmed that the current lockable bollard is due to be replaced very soon.

NB: The bollard was replaced two days after the meeting.

844.2 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – Monthly Maintenance Reports for October and November 2017 – No concerns. NOTED.

844.3 QUIET LANES INITIATIVE UPDATE

Yatton Parish Council had written to NSC to ask for a meeting to determine a way forward with this initiative. NOTED.

TH/17/845 TO DETERMINE PART 1 ITEMS

There were no part 1 items.

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

SIGNED:.....

DATE: