

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT: Cllr A Giles-Townsend – Committee Chairman
 Cllrs N Barton, J Cook, J Geldart, S Hale, B Hatch, G Hill,
 C Starr, G Watkins.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs L Fone, D Shopland.
 Mrs Davies, Mr Holman and Mrs Pennycott – for Informal
 Business items

7.30 PM INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. BUS SERVICES CLEVEDON

Mrs Davies was concerned that the new bus service announced this week would reduce the bus service to neighbouring towns and villages. She also highlighted the problem of older residents with bus passes getting to hospital appointments in Bristol before 11.00 am now that the times of the buses had changed. It was emphasised that other towns and some villages in North Somerset had more regular buses to Bristol ie at least every half hour.

2. ALL SAINTS LANE TRAFFIC TH/16/732.2

Mr J Holman had attended a Transport & Highways Committee meeting in May 2016 following a public meeting to discuss the traffic problems in All Saints Lane in respect of increased parking by visitors to Castlewood and additional through traffic due to congestion on the B3124 from Portishead. The parking on the road continued and caused an obstruction to large vehicles, particularly north of Careys Close and was likely to increase with the Job Centre moving to Castlewood. Mr Holman enquired whether the actions agreed at that meeting had been carried out.

The Committee Chairman reported that the list of suggestions made by the residents had been forward to NSC however the NSC Officer who would normally have reviewed this type of request had retired in April and in October had still not been replaced. NSC had taken some speed measurements however the average speed of traffic was 15.5mph and the highest 21 mph. NSC planned to carry out a more detailed assessment. A letter had also been sent to the NSC Executive Member in charge of property asking what action had been taken to address the parking and access problems to Castlewood. This had been followed up but no formal reply had been received.

The Town Council representative for PACT confirmed that the parking problems on All Saints Lane had been reported and PCSOs had put notices under windscreens in the area. The PCSOs had reported at the next PACT meeting that parking had reduced. The Councillor agreed to raise this again at the next PACT meeting although now the Police were not always in attendance.

Also at the Full Council meeting two weeks ago it had been agreed to write to NSC 'expressing this councils concern at the co-location of the job centre, the effect on the town centre, and the parking problems'.

ALL SAINTS LANE TRAFFIC CONTINUED...

It appeared that the problems at All Saints Lane were; 1) Parking for All Saints School as the pupil numbers at the school increase – *members felt little could be done about this and when this problem had been investigated at another school in the town the NSC Officer had emphasised that parked vehicles helped to slow traffic making the road safer.* 2) People using the road as a short cut (south bound) – *Mr Holman suggested making the road one way at peak periods as is the case with road close to Clifton Suspension Bridge;* 3) Stopping parking on the narrow part of the road.

It was suggested that Mr Holman obtain some photographic evidence of the parking problems and monitor the number of vehicles involved.

3. COASTAL FOOTPATH – LOVERS WALK TO LADYE BAY

Mrs J Pennycott highlighted the fact that this well used footpath had been neglected for many years. There were gaps in broken fencing and areas with no fencing at all. The cliff edge is hidden by undergrowth and this should be made safer as soon as possible particularly in view of the many children and dogs that use this path. Mrs Pennycott felt that ideally the whole fence should be replaced however maintenance on the worst areas would be appreciated.

TH/17/755 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Hall – illness.

TH/17/756 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllr G Hill declared a personal interest in Nailsea & District Community Transport as the Town Council representative. He informed members that he had been asked to be a Trustee Treasurer for NDCT and he would declare this interest at all future meetings.

PART 2**TH/17/757 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 21st December 2016 were approved and signed.

TH/17/758 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE

The Committee agreed to take agenda items 9 and 16 under this heading as members of the public with an interest in these items were present.

758.1 ALL SAINTS LANE TRAFFIC TH/16/732.2

RESOLVED: 1. To write to the Chief Executive of NSC with copies to relevant NSC Officers requesting a site meeting on All Saints Lane at 8.30 am followed by a meeting at Castlewood to discuss the issues raised during informal business above. 2. A draft agenda to be agreed by the Committee by email prior to submission to NSC.

ACTION: Committee Chairman & Deputy Town Clerk

758.2 BUS SERVICES TO AND FROM CLEVEDON – TIMETABLING AND ROUTES TH/16/750

It was recalled that the Chairman of Council had previously collated comments on the revision to the bus service in September and discussed these with a NSC Public Transport Officer. First Bus is due to review the bus

service in January hence these new changes. A Town Councillor for South Ward had recently posted a request for comments on the bus services on social media and received 105 comments. These comments and those added by Committee members at the meeting are attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

RESOLVED: To arrange a meeting with NSC Public Transport Team and if possible First Bus. A draft agenda to be agreed by the Committee by email prior to submission to NSC.

ACTION: Committee Chairman & Deputy Town Clerk

758.3 COASTAL FOOTPATH – LOVERS WALK TO LADYE BAY

There had been complaints about this section of the path in the past and NSC had installed a post and rail fence near the slope next to the Walton Park Hotel so that if young people sledge down this slope there is a rail. NSC had costed up replacement fencing for the coastal path here and in other parts of Clevedon for funding by Natural England as part of the new coastal path through Somerset, Bristol and South Gloucs. This is unlikely to be available until 2018.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to make repairs to the fencing along this section of the path in the short term.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/17/759 PORTABLE VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN TH/16/745

The Committee Chairman reported that the sign had been erected on; Moor Lane - the sign had been triggered quite a few times.

Coleridge Vale Road North - the number of triggers had been small.

Southern Way currently in position for two weeks.

The Committee thanked the Committee Chairman for his work in erecting, moving and replacing the batteries on the VAS.

The sign would be available again for use in Clevedon in three months' time.

RESOLVED: To report back to the members of the public who had raised concerns about traffic speeds on Moor Lane and Coleridge Vale Road North.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

759.1 REPLY FROM PACT

It was noted that the VAS had not been sited on St John's Road as there is no suitable street furniture on which to fix the sign. PACT had highlighted speeding in the following locations;

Kenn Road between St Michael's Avenue and Hillview Avenue; Central Way; Southern Way; Walton Road near Holly Lane; Top of Holly Lane junction with Brackenwood Road poor visibility at this junction due to overhanging trees on Holly Lane; Wellington Terrace.

RESOLVED: 1. The Committee to agree the next locations for the VAS at their April meeting. 2. Committee Chairman to raise the overhanging trees on Holly Lane at the NSC Streets & Open Spaces Surgery next Monday.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

759.2 ANALYSIS OF DATA ON PREVIOUS LOCATIONS PROVIDED BY NSC –

The Committee Chairman reported that the base data provided by NSC had been heavily caveated. Records were being kept and monitored. He confirmed that for Southern Way and Kenn Road the number of triggers had

reduced by 10-20% in the second week at the site so the sign had helped reduce speeds while insitu. It was felt that it had been good for Clevedon to be included in this VAS initiative.

TH/17/760 SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL – OLD STREET TH/16/744

No response from the Clevedon Learning Trust.

RESOLVED: To follow this up again.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/17/761 DISCUSSIONS WITH NEIGHBOURING TOWNS & PARISHES TO CO-ORDINATE EXPECTATIONS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE TH/16/747.2

Members were informed of an email received that morning which stated 'Tickenham PC is concerned about the effect of possible development in North Somerset villages on traffic through our area. They have invited neighbouring parish councils to meet with a view to lobbying NSC to ensure that infrastructure is in place before development takes place. They believe the provision should include a direct link from Nailsea (or even the Long Ashton bypass) to the M5 J20. This, of course, would affect Clevedon so we would be delighted if any interested Clevedon Councillors were able to attend.

RESOLVED: To inform The Clerk of Tickenham Parish Council that members would be interested in attending this meeting. Members to be informed of dates when known.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/17/762 TO CONSIDER EMAIL FROM RESIDENT AT RIVER MEAD RE TRAFFIC ON KENN ROAD -

RESOLVED: To inform the residents from River Mead who had written concerning the traffic on Kenn Road of the VAS data and monitoring taking place and the forthcoming meeting at Tickenham.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/17/763 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

It was NOTED that the Maintenance Report for December and January showed no concerns.

TH/17/764 REFERRED FROM COUNCIL MEETING 8TH FEBRUARY 2017 – TO CONSIDER SIGNAGE TO POLICE STATION FROM TOWN CENTRE

The need for a sign had been highlighted by the fact that a member of the public from outside the town tried to find Clevedon Police Station and no one he asked in Clevedon knew where it was located. The Police had stated that signs on roads directing the public towards Castlewood would be the responsibility of NSC.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to provide signage and investigate adding the Police Station to the map in Queens Square and along the seafront.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/17/765 WORKS ON ETTLINGEN WAY TH/16/746

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that orders had been placed and traffic management proposals confirmed but as yet no date confirmed.

NOTE: Following the meeting NSC confirmed that the work would hopefully be carried out on 13th and 14th March 2017

TH/17/767 CENTRAL WAY FOOTPATH TH/16/753 – Reply from NSC attached.

The NSC Highways Engineer considered that installing a footpath and dropped kerbs to Kennmoor Drive would encourage pedestrians to cross and the traffic island is not compliant with present legislation. He therefore could not justify providing a sub-standard facility in a heavily trafficked area.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to create a proposal that can be implemented.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/17/768 STRODE ROAD CROSSING BY ASDA TH/16/697

NSC is awaiting the draft programme for 2017/18 being signed off by the Executive Member and also confirmation of their financial settlement from the Department of Transport. NOTED.

TH/17/769 CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

A copy letter from Nailsea Community Safety Forum and reply from NSC was available at the meeting. The NSC letter answered many questions about CPE which starts on 1st April 2017.

RESOLVED: To email the letter to Committee Members.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/17/770 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**770.1 STATION ROAD BOLLARD UPDATE** TH/16/743

Members were informed that the plate covering the bollard has been damaged and has been removed. NSC is considering installing a different type of bollard sometime in the future. The continued need for the bollard was emphasised

TH/17/771 TO DETERMINE PART 1 ITEMS

There were no part 1 items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

The meeting finished at 9.11pm

CHAIRMAN:.....

DATE:.....