

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Geldart – Committee Chairman in the Chair  
 Cllrs J Cook, A Giles-Townsend, S Hale, B Hatch, G Hill,  
 J Norton-Sealey, D Shopland – from 7.35 pm, J Norton-Sealey,  
 Mrs I Johnson - Deputy Town Clerk.

The Committee Chairman welcomed new Members and new Councillors to the Transport & Highways Committee following the recent May elections.

**TH/15/522 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K O'Brien – previous commitment.

**TH/15/523 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. Cllr B Hatch declared a personal interest as she has grandchildren at the school.

**TH/15/524 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2015/16**

The Committee Chairman asked for nominations for Committee Vice-Chairman; **CLLR G WATKINS** proposed by Cllr Geldart; seconded by Cllr Hill  
 There were no other nominations, unanimously;

**RESOLVED:** Cllr G Watkins declared Transport & Highways Committee Vice-Chairman for the Council Year 2015/16.

**NB:** The standing orders of the Town Council do not preclude the Chairman of Council being Vice-Chairman of a Town Council standing committee.

**TH/15/525 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were approved and signed. An Item arising from these minutes not included on the agenda can be found under minute TH/15/538.1.

**TH/15/526 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR 2015/16**

The information was NOTED.

**PART I**

**TH/15/527 CHARGING STRUCTURE SEAFRONT CAR PARKS** TH/15/510

The extract from Town Council minutes of the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 was noted. A letter raising again the incompatibility of parking charges in Clevedon with the rest of the district would now be sent to the newly appointed NSC Executive Member responsible for parking services.

Councillor Shopland suggested the Town Council could investigate the viability and feasibility of taking over from NSC the management and freehold of car parks in Clevedon.

**RESOLVED:** To refer the above suggestion to the next full Council meeting to ascertain the views of all Councillors prior to commencing any investigation.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

## PART 2

**TH/15/528 ST NICHOLAS CHANTRY SCHOOL– CLOSURE OF HIGHDALE ROAD**

TH/15/507

Members felt the increase in traffic using Chapel Hill, Old Street and Holly Lane was inevitable but manageable. The Police had reported no problems arising from the closure at a recent PACT meeting. Parents were pleased with the temporary school crossing patrol on Chapel Hill which was working well and encouraging more children to walk to school. The possibility of a local business/contractor sponsoring the continuation of the school crossing patrol, as in other areas of the country, was also discussed.

**RESOLVED:** 1. To continue to monitor the effect of the closure of Highdale Road and ask all Town Councillors for their comments.

2. To ask NSC to consider a permanent school crossing patrol on Chapel Hill when Highdale Road is opened as this temporary crossing has been well used and appreciated by many parents and children.

**ACTION: 1)All Councillors 2) Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/15/529 HILL ROAD PARKING ISSUES** TH/15/508

It had been agreed to continue to monitor the enforcement of parking restrictions. Members confirmed that the Police had been issuing parking tickets and it appeared to be easier to find parking spaces. It was thought the proposed NSC Community Response Team would be looking at parking enforcement for the whole of North Somerset.

**RESOLVED:** 1. Cllr Cook to attend the PCC meeting in Portishead in June and report back to the Committee.

2. To continue to monitor the enforcement of the Hill Road parking restrictions.

**ACTION:1) Cllr Cook 2) All councillors**

## REPLY FROM CLLR ASHTON LEADER OF NSC

The reply formally confirmed that 'The Executive Member for highways and car parks, Cllr Ap Rees, had decided not to proceed with the recommendations made by SPED in order for the additional enforcement by the PCSO's to be undertaken. In terms of reviewing the existing restrictions, this would be picked up through NSC's three-yearly review of the district.'

With regard to reviewing existing restrictions, the Deputy Town Clerk has now ensured that Hill Road is included on list of items for investigation at the next Traffic Review.

**RESOLVED:** To ask NSC as a matter of priority to re-assess the size and number of the disabled bays on Hill Road.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

## LETTER FROM RESIDENTS OF ALEXANDRA ROAD

The residents had highlighted the fact that they had not been consulted about the possibility of pay and display in their area and also emphasised the problems of parking in their part of town. An invitation had been sent to the residents to attend the Transport & Highways Committee meeting.

**RESOLVED:** 1. To write a further reply to the letter. 2. To investigate further ways to publicise items to be discussed at Transport & Highways Committee meetings.

At present the agendas are on 3 noticeboards in the town, on the Town Council website and publicised through social media.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk & All Councillors**

**TH/15/530 WESTWAY HOUSE NORTHERN WAY – DEVELOPMENT OF ALDI SUPERMARKET TH/15/511**

NSC had responded as follows;

POSSIBLE RIGHT TURN BAN FROM HITHER GREEN ONTO NORTHERN WAY  
This would require a Traffic Regulation Order, associated signage and enforcement by the Police. NSC cannot justify this in isolation but will monitor/review the situation in relation to traffic flow/driver behaviour.

**RESOLVED:** To monitor the traffic following the opening of Aldi Supermarket.

**ACTION: All Councillors**

PEDESTRIAN WARNING SIGNS FOR CROSSING POINT AT TOP OF NORTH BOUND OFF SLIP AT JUNCTION 20 M5

NSC is liaising with Highways England who are looking into this matter.

**RESOLVED:** To follow up with Highways England if no response is received.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

REDUCED VISIBILITY TO/FROM EXISTING PEDESTRIAN CROSSING DUE TO CLEVEDON SIGN ON ETTLINGEN WAY NEAR ROUNDABOUT

NSC consider relocating the sign could improve the situation however vegetation also needs to be cleared. This work would be subject to budgets. The Town Council is asked for a preference of site for the potential relocation of the sign.

**RESOLVED:** Members to view the sign and bring their suggestions as to its relocation to the next meeting of the Committee.

**ACTION: All Committee Members**

**TH/15/531 ITEMS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 9 MARCH 2015**

TH/15/514

531.1 PATH THROUGH FIR WOODS LINKING THACKERAY ROAD AND HIGHDALE ROAD TH/15/514.1

Members were disappointed with the reply from NSC concerning the request to maintain this path which is used as a safe route to school. There was also discussion about the use and maintenance of the bridle path in the Fir Woods.

**RESOLVED:** To invite representatives from NSC Natural Environment and NSC School Travel Teams and other interested parties to the next meeting.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

531.2 RECYCLING COLLECTIONS AND INCREASED LITTER ON COLLECTION DAYS TH/15/514.2

NSC had confirmed that nets to go over kerbside recycling boxes are available to buy on line via the NSC website from Clevedon Library and Castlewood. NSC plan in future to offer the nets for sale wherever the green waste bags are sold.

**RESOLVED:** To include this information in the Town Council Newsletter.

513.3 POTHOLES

Members noted the information from the NSC Area Officer concerning the potholes listed under min TH/15/514.3. A problem in the road between Co-op and Clevedon Fashions on Old Street was reported and would be passed on to the Area Officer.

**RESOLVED:** To continue to highlight the NSC Streets and Open Spaces Surgery dates in the Clevedon Town Council Newsletter.

**TH/15/532 BUS SHELTER HOLLY LANE/CASTLE ROAD OPPOSITE ENTRANCE TO CLEVEDON GOLF COURSE TH/15/512**

The resident had been unable to attend the meeting due to illness but planned to attend a future meeting to put her case in person.

**TH/15/533 LOWER STRODE ROAD – DANGEROUS BEND**

The Clerk of Kingston Seymour Parish Council had reported a dangerous bend within the Clevedon boundary north of the entrance to Sea Wall Farm. A Committee Member who regularly travels along this road had never encountered a problem at this bend. It was noted that HGVs do not normally use this route. The problems reported by the Parish Council had occurred due to a recent road closure diversion. The NSC Area Officer had visited the site and a NSC Highways Engineer is making to investigations although this work would have to compete with other North Somerset highways work.

**RESOLVED:** To forward the Area Officer's reply to Kingston Seymour Parish Council and inform the Clerk that this dangerous bend has not previously been brought to the attention of the Town Council. The Town Council will however keep the area under observation.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/15/534 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MONTHLY REPORTS**

There were no concerns raised by the Contractor in March and April 2015.

**TH/15/535 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

Cllr Hill reported that he had attended the Management Committee meeting in March and the organisation is progressing in line with their budget. He would be attending the AGM in a few weeks time and would provide the office with a copy of the NCDT annual accounts.

**TH/15/536 GORDANO GREENWAY PROJECT STEERING GROUP**

Cllr Hatch reported that there had not been a meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Hatch to contact the Chairman of this Group and update the Committee.

**ACTION: Cllr Hatch**

**TH/15/537 TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION FOR NEW CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCILLORS AND NEW MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

The information was NOTED. Arising from the information on the forthcoming Traffic Review it was;

**RESOLVED:** To ask NSC again for a timescale for this review and request that the following schemes be prioritised.

- Request double yellow lines at junction of Nortons Wood Lane and Walton Road
- Request extension of double yellow lines on Chapel Hill outside The Knoll.
- Request extension of double yellow lines on the south side of Highdale Road where the wooden bridge over the road was sited and where the rock face protrudes.
- HILL ROAD: 1) The creation of 8 new parking bays on Hill Road replacing some of the existing double yellow lines as stated on the NSC Executive Member decision. Decision no 14/15 DE 158 under the heading, Decision ii.  
2) Officers to review the other existing parking restrictions in the immediate vicinity ie blue badge bays, loading bays, loading restrictions and single yellow lines as stated on Executive Member decision no 14/15 DE 158 under the heading Decision iii.

Also request a review of resident's disabled parking bays particularly in the area around Hill Road.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**TH/15/538 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY****538.1 ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 TH15/518 OLD STREET**

The Committee Chairman reported that the request for a planter to stop vehicles mounting the kerb in the area around the Veg Box had been agreed by NSC Highways however no planter is available. NSC had investigated raising the zebra crossing adjacent to the Village Hall but this was not possible due to drainage problems.

**RESOLVED:** To put the request for planter on the agenda for the next meeting.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**538.2 BUS SERVICE TO BRISTOL AIRPORT**

First Group had recently emailed to say that 'there would be some changes to the A2 bus service from 23 August 2015 and the extension of certain journeys between Nailsea and Clevedon is on the agenda'. If this direct link is possible First Group hope to work with the Town Council to promote the link between Clevedon and Bristol Airport.

**RESOLVED:** To agree to this request.

**ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk**

**538.3 BUS SERVICE TO YATTON STATION**

NSC had replied that there is nothing further to report on the section 106 but had indicated that there will be funding to improve the bus services eventually.

NSC hope to make some improvements to this route by extending the service beyond Yatton to Congresbury past Cadbury garden centre. This will be achieved by spreading the journeys and operating the bus over a slightly longer period. It will not however increase the frequency of services between Clevedon and Yatton station as the route will still only be operated by one bus. NOTED.

**TH/15/539 TO DETERMINE PART I ITEMS**

**RESOLVED:** Charging Structure for Seafront Car Park to be a Part I item.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD      *The meeting finished at 9.07 pm*

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