

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 24th JULY 2013

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr C Blades, R Garner, L Knott, P McNeill
 26 residents/traders in attendance for informal business
 PC Matt Christie for informal business only

7.30 pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. **HILL ROAD – PARKING ISSUES**

Sarah Harris of the Spinning Weal spoke on behalf of the Hill Road Traders. She praised Clevedon seafront, independent shops, restaurants and galleries, she felt the town is one of the finest places to visit in the area. The traders are concerned not to lose out on trade to Weston or indeed Portishead when they have a rail link because of the lack of parking in the area of Hill Road now and in the future. At present many customers had difficulty parking and often had to drive away.

The traders had looked at the possibility of a one way system but there were too many points against this change in traffic management. Instead the following solutions were presented;

- Policed Parking enforcement or enforcement of 2 hour parking so that there is a good turnover of visitors. (1hour parking is not long enough).
- A residents parking scheme from 6 pm until 8 am may assist residents in the road.
- Consideration of a Park and Ride scheme for visitors from outside Clevedon with a hopper bus taking them to Hill Road, seafront, Pier, Balmoral etc. (A previous survey had shown that 45% of Hill Road shoppers live outside of Clevedon with only 2% of shoppers walking to Hill Road).

Malcolm Simmonds a seafront trader at 14 The Beach emphasised that if parking charges were introduced to Hill Road other roads would have to be included in the scheme. Many people had signed a petition against this scheme. He felt parking charges could prevent visitors coming to Clevedon and this would severely effect the town's economy.

Members made the following points;

- Agreed that there are not enough parking spaces for the number of vehicles visiting Hill Road shopping area.
- Any further parking restrictions discourage trade and move parking to adjacent residential roads that do not have off street parking.
- The feasibility of a park and ride in another part of the town to service both Hill Road and The Triangle using a minibus shuttle. This could help events such as the MARLENS/Tides Festival and the Flower Show.
- The possibility of a Traffic Warden to enforce parking restrictions and the urgent need for the re-painting of the yellow lines. In the past a Traffic Warden had patrolled Clevedon and this had worked well.
- Enforcement of the 2 hour limited waiting restrictions.
- Whether the reduction of the pavement between Challicoms and Vision Express could then accommodate parallel parking.

- It was felt due to the Elton Family covenants on Alexandra Gardens it was very unlikely that the part of the Gardens adjoining Hill Road could be used for parking.
- It may be necessary for traders to assist financially with any proposals.
- It is NSC policy at present not to facilitate residents' car parking permits.
- Concern that some Hill Road traders park on Hill Road taking up visitor car parking spaces.

• PC Matt Christie highlighted the fact that it was difficult to enforce parking restrictions when the yellow lines were broken and the parking tickets were then void. Also there were less officers and a heavier workload to cover and he believed the public would expect the Police to be fighting crime as a priority.

All members of the public left the meeting.

2. FOOTPATH DIAL HILL ROAD TO THE FRIARY CHURCH

Mr S Lillington of 70 Dial Hill Road drew members attention to the fact that notices had been erected adjacent to 53A Dial Hill Road stating that this pathway (used for many years) was a private drive with no public access and if the pathway is continued to be used by the public a gate would be installed. Mr Lillington emphasised that this is a well used path linking Dial Hill to the seafront. He had a petition with 340 signatures of people who use the path and he had collected anecdotal evidence that the path had been in use for 60-70 years. He had obtained a copy of the Land Registry document which had been passed to the NSC Councillor for Walton Ward.

This item could not be discussed at the meeting as it was not on the agenda, however Cllr Middleton updated the residents on his and Cllr Norton-Sealey's research into ownership of the path – it would appear the adjacent properties have a right of access over the land rather than ownership. Cllr Middleton agreed to deliver the petition and evidence to NSC. It was hoped to start the lengthy procedure of adopting the footpath as a public right of way.

8.15 pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TH/13/310 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs A Cotton, B Hatch and G Hill.

TH/13/311 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest made by Committee Members.

TH/13/312 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 29th May 2013 were approved and signed.

TH/13/313 UPDATE ON CURRENT COMMITTEE BUDGET 2013/14

It was reported that there had been little change to the budget since the last meeting of the Committee. A full budget statement would be available for the September meeting. NOTED.

TH/13/314 ITEMS ARISING FROM INFORMAL BUSINESS ABOVE;**314.1 PRESENTATION BY HILL ROAD TRADERS**

Members discussed at length the parking issues in Hill Road both during informal and formal business and see the second bullet points listed under informal business above;

- RESOLVED:** 1. To re-investigate whether it would be possible to employ a Traffic Warden to cover the whole of Clevedon – in particular the costs and legal implications involved.
2. To carry out an investigation of suitable sites for a possible park and ride service for the whole of Clevedon and place this item on the agenda for the next Committee meeting. **Action: Deputy Town Clerk**

314.2 COMPLAINT FROM VISITOR TO THE TOWN WITH REGARD TO REGULAR MISUSE OF DISABLED CAR PARKING SPACES IN HILL ROAD

This is an enforcement matter however it was noted that disabled badge holders can park on parking restrictions if necessary.

314.3 REPLY FROM DEPUTY LEADER OF NSC RE PARKING- min TH/13/301

Cllr Ap Rees confirmed that the SPED report on car parking is being considered by him. The draft decision will be considered by the Scrutiny and Policy Panel.
NOTED.

TH/13/315 PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

315.1 HIGHDALE ROAD The NSC plans for the small extension of the double yellow lines to improve visibility on the bend in Highdale Road were circulated to committee members prior to this meeting. No objections had been received. APPROVED AND NOTED.

315.2 HOLLY LANE PROPOSED TRO The Committee Chairman reported that all the new TROs would be advertised by NSC in the next few weeks.

TH/13/316 OLD STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ADJACENT TO VILLAGE HALL

At the Site Meeting on 19 June 2013 it had been agreed to recommend that the zebra crossing be re-located closer to the Chapel Hill junction (outside the Co-op/Post Office on one side of the road and Clevedon Fashions on the other side).

RESOLVED: To defer consideration until the results of the survey of vehicle and pedestrian movements have been received from NSC.

TH/13/317 PARK ROAD PAVEMENT

A resident had written concerning the poor state of this narrow pavement. Members were pleased to NOTE that Notice has now been given by NSC of the closure of the road from 9th September 2013 for works to resurface the carriageway and footway.

TH/13/318 JUNCTION OF SUNNYSIDE ROAD WITH ALBERT ROAD

Members considered an email from a resident concerning the parking of vehicles around this junction in connection with the Surgery and Chemist. Members commented that the dropped kerb is often obscured by vehicles making it difficult for the elderly, those with disabilities and those pushing buggies to cross.

RESOLVED: To draw this matter to the attention of the local Police, the Surgery and Chemist and include on a new list for the next traffic review.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL

TH/13/319 CYCLE ROUTES IN CLEVEDON

A resident had written highlighting the fact that there is no direct cycle route from East Clevedon to Clevedon seafront.

RESOLVED: To refer the resident to Transition Clevedon who have produced a good map of cycle routes in Clevedon.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/13/320 SIX WAYS ROUNDABOUT

Members raised concerns about 1) the blocked edging around the roundabout – some blocks have become loose 2) the shrubs on the roundabout obstruct the view of drivers and there are safety issues for pedestrians crossing these roads.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to repair the blocked edging and remove the shrubs in favour of grass. This work to be done when the road is closed for re-surfacing in September 2013 if at all possible.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/13/321 PARKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OLD CHURCH ROAD (TOWN END)

Cllr Geldart asked the Committee to consider a change to the parking arrangements along the one way part of Old Church Road (opposite The Red Rose). She felt if the kerbside spaces are changed to parallel parking more vehicles could be accommodated and this would encourage trade in the Triangle.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC Highways whether this proposal would be feasible.

Action: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/13/322 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MONTHLY REPORTS

No concerns raised by the Contractor.

TH/13/333 REAL TIME INFORMATION AT BUS STOPS IN CLEVEDON

NSC had confirmed that work on the map for the interchange display had yet to commence. With regard to the request for a real time display at the Cambridge Road terminus this could not be pursued as all the funding had been committed at present. NOTED.

TH/13/334 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – No report.

TH/13/335 FOR INFORMATION The following items were received and noted;
335.1 NORTH SOMERSET LOCAL ACCESS FORUM AGENDA – 9 July 2013.

TH/13/336 CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

There were no items.

TH/13/337 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

There were no part I items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD *The meeting finished at 9.20 pm*

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