

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON MONDAY 25th JULY 2016

PRESENT: Cllr A Giles-Townsend – Committee Chairman
 Cllrs N Barton, J Cook, S Hale, B Hatch, G Hill & G Watkins.
 Mrs S Howard – Committee Clerk

TH/16/692 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Geldart & Cllr D Flint other commitments; Cllr C Hall – out of Clevedon & Cllr J Norton-Sealey – unwell.

TH/16/693 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

PART 2

TH/16/694 TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION FROM NATURAL ENGLAND CONCERNING LIMITING COASTAL ACCESS RIGHTS ON SALTMARSH AND FLATS AROUND CLEVEDON

The Chairman of the Committee advised that he had spoken to Andrew Chester at Natural England to obtain clarification of their proposals. Cllr Giles-Townsend confirmed that Natural England has statutory obligations from Government to provide a coastal path. The coastal area in question is from Brean to Aust with a designated coastal path which will have access rights and a shore line.

Natural England wish to restrict access to the public to protect the wildlife, for safety reasons and some of the access is unsuitable, i.e. mud flats. However, access will still need to be given to people who have boats and also fishermen.

A proposal is to erect a noticeboard on the end of the slipway at the boat harbour on the Pill to point out the dangers to the public and discourage people going out onto the mud flats.

At this stage the footpath is only a proposal and is subject to change. If approved, the footpath could be open within 24 months.

Natural England has also been in contact with Landowners from Clevedon to Wick St Lawrence about their proposals and negotiations are going really well.

The Transport & Highways Committee discussed in detail the proposal and the information obtained by the Committee Chairman and it was proposed, seconded and unanimously **AGREED** to accept Natural England's proposal.

TH/16/695 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

There were no Chairman's Items for information

TH/16/696 TO DETERMINE PART 1 ITEMS

There were no Part 1 items.

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD *The meeting finished at 7.40 pm*

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

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION BY THE COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL