

**CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT:** Cllr G. Watkins – Committee Chairman  
 Cllrs A. Giles-Townsend, S. Hale, S. Moores, C. Starr  
**In Attendance** Cllr D. Shopland  
 Ms Paula Heath Town Clerk

**Public Session**

3 representatives from All Saints Schools Parents Group provided details of data collected in respect of their request for the introduction of a 20mph limit at specified times around the Clevedon School and All Saints infant/junior school. The data collected showed a tendency for cars driving above the speed limit when driving into Clevedon along the Portishead Road, and thereby increasing the danger to school children. The Parents are requesting a 20mph limit during set times in the day. The signs to be located by Valley Road junction; one between the Old Inn and Strawberry Hill and one in All Saints Lane by the Church car park. It was commented that, during a survey by NSC in All Saints Lane they had recorded a slower speed limit than that shown on Walton Road but appreciated that traffic joining from All Saints Lane need to be aware of the approaching speed restriction.

**TH 19/947 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr G. Hill & J. Norton-Sealey

**TH 19/948 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

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

*The Chairman with the Committees agreement moved agenda item 5 to be discussed.*

**TH 19/949 TO RECEIVE THE LETTER AND INFORMATION IN THE PUBLIC SESSION RE ALL SAINTS LANE REQUEST FROM PARENTS GROUP**

Members discussed the data and information provided by the All Saints School Parents. It was **AGREED** by 4 votes to 0 to seek a site meeting with NSC officers to discuss the problems and invite representatives from the All Saints School Parents to attend.

**TH 19/950 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and ratified by Council on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**TH 19/951 RECEIVE THE COMMITTEE BUDGETS/ACTUALS FOR 2018/2019**

Members noted the accounts spreadsheet circulated with the agenda, it was explained that the invoices for the work done in Strode Road and Central Way still had not been received despite the work being carried out in 2018.

### **TH 19/952 DISCUSS THE MEETING WITH FIRST BUS ON 4TH MARCH, QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION REQUESTS.**

Members were reminded of the meeting with First Bus on 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Members were asked to compile a list of questions for the meeting.

- What plans are there for an integrated system to connect bus time tables to train time tables
- What are first bus doing to actively engage with users or potential users to provide a transport system that meet resident's needs? and employers (eg providing buses and routes to service major employers)
- What capacity would be needed to increase the bus services to Bristol for half hourly
- Which, if any, routes are subsidised and to what extent.

These and any other questions raised would be sent to First Bus in advance of the meeting.

### **TH 19/953 DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL BY NSC TO REMOVE THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT MILLCROSS/SOUTHERN WAY**

Members discussed the information emailed by NSC to all Councillors with a request for comments. Only one comment had been received in support of the lights being removed. Members believed that the lights should be retained on Health and Safety grounds.

- Southern way already suffers from drivers exceeding the speed limit, the lights act as a break point, slowing vehicles down.
- Residents of Millcross and Fosse Way have expressed their opposition for the lights being removed as at peak times without the lights ingress and egress will be difficult, and possibly dangerous, in or across a fast-flowing traffic stream.
- There had already been near misses as residents attempt to exit either of Fosse Way entrances with the traffic lights in situ, without will increase the danger.
- The proposed development at Millcross could dramatically increase the traffic flow at this junction.
- Members noted that there was a subway nearby but pointed out that many feel unsafe using the subway in the dark, especially as the footpath is at the rear of the pub and adjacent to the derelict development site.
- Members noted the comment on the letter concerning the "modelling" of traffic flow but questioned the data used and how much of any proposed development in the area has been incorporated.
- The removal of the lights would also mean the removal of several trees along southern way which are part of the street greening and play a part in the enhancement of air quality along the road.

Proposed seconded and **AGREED** to object to the removal of the traffic lights on Southern Way at Millcross for the above reasons and query the modelling used.

### **TH 19/954 RECEIVE INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF THE MOTION PASSED AT COUNCIL ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2019 CONCERNING HIGHDALE ROAD.**

Cllr D Shopland as the proposer of the Motion at Council explained there were issues with lower end of Highdale Road in East Ward. Resident/s from Highdale Road had contacted Cllr Shopland in respect of the inappropriate parking, speed of vehicles at the brow of the hill and pedestrian safety. A suggestion had been made, by them, to install a chicane. It was agreed to request a site meeting to discuss the issues, and if possible, to coordinate it with the Walton Road site meeting.

Chapel Hill had been mentioned at Council especially the excessive cars parked when a service is being conducted at Christchurch, it was agreed to include this on a future agenda.

**TH 19/955 DISCUSS AND COMPILE LIST OF DRAINS, GULLIES THAT NEED CLEANING/CLEARING**

Councillors would be asked to provide details of drains that need clearing/cleaning for their wards. Cllr Hale provided a list for West Ward. It was pointed out that in some areas the gully's and drains have been cleared on a regular basis whilst some areas have had no visit. It was agreed to obtain the schedules from North Somerset Council of the gully cleaning and the street sweeper. The areas raised by residents at the Council meeting have already been passed to the Area Officer for action. Members commented on the areas outside the Cinema/Waverley House, by the Co-op on Old Street and the opposite side by Proper Job, also by the old Staddens timber yard, Parnell Road; these will be reported/chased with the relevant officer.

**TH 19/956 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT.**

There are no issues to report from the monthly maintenance report of the bus shelters and twinning signs. In response to a question it was explained that NSC had been informed about the damaged shelter on Kenn Road.

**TH 19/957 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.**

With the permission of the Chairman the members were informed about the Draft Joint Local Transport Plan 4 2019/2036 which had been emailed to all Councillors on the previous Friday. The plan is open for consultation till 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Any member can go on line and respond, the Plan will be discussed by planning as it was received after the agenda had been produced and the next meeting of T & H is past the deadline. The document includes the provision of a new road from Junction 20 towards Tickenham and a new road to the south of Nailsea linking up with the airport road. There are proposals to extend the metrobus to Clevedon via Nailsea, and improvements to Junction 19 and 20, with a new junction 21a proposed to the south of junction 21 linking to Bristol Airport.

**TH 19/958 TO DETERMINE PART 1 ITEMS**

There were no Part 1 items

The meeting finished at 8.44pm

SIGNED:..... DATE: .....