

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2010

PRESENT: Cllr G Watkins – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs C Arnold, R Garner, J Middleton, N Pennycott, D Shopland

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs L Knott, C Wring.

TH/10/73 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs P McNeill out of Clevedon.

TH/10/74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

TH/10/ Declarations of personal interest on this item were received from; Cllr G Watkins as the Chairman of Clevedon Civic Society Environment Group is a neighbour.

Cllr R Garner as a member of the Civic Society.

Cllr C Wring a member of the Civic Society and the Town Council representative on the Society.

TH/10/75 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 1st September 2010 were approved and signed.

PART 1

TH/10/76 NEW BUS SHELTER, CASTLE ROAD

Following a site meeting with Mr P Connolly from NSC it was agreed to extend the yellow bus box marking on the road towards St Mary's Church. This should allow more room for the bus to gain access to the bus stop. Subject to the results of the investigations into the services under the pavement and the removal of the dilapidated public seat to be carried out by NSC it was agreed to erect a bus shelter at this site.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that a new bus shelter is ordered total cost including installation £3,639.70 to be purchased from the committee budget 2010/2011

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK AFTER FULL COUNCIL.

TH/10/77 HIGHDALE ROAD PROPOSED BUILD OUT

A meeting between residents from Highdale Road and the East Ward Councillors had been held some time ago and issues about highway safety, traffic speeds and lack of pavement were raised. The North Somerset Councillor for East Ward then raised these concerns with NSC. The Highways Officer has now written to the Councillor stating that 'NSC Minor Works Group proposed improvements to lining and signing with a further possible upgrade/relocation of school wig wag signs and advisory 20mph at school times'. The letter also states that 'NSC understand that there is strong representation for a physical build out (near the electricity sub-station) however there is no justification that NSC could fund a build out'. Clevedon Town Council is therefore asked to consider funding the build out, the cost of which would be in the region of £5,000.

The East Ward Councillor explained that NSC did not intend to extend the pavements or install traffic calming. However a build out into the road in the

region of Highdale School could give traffic travelling up hill priority and slow down the traffic coming down the road. It was hoped to include these works with resurfacing early next year.

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND THAT COUNCIL fund the build out in Highdale Road subject to an assessment by NSC Highway Engineers concerning the exact location due to visibility/sight line constraints. The sum of up to £5,000 to be taken from Council reserves in this financial year. Also to request NSC pursue the extension of the pavement on the north side of the road adjacent to the entrance to Fir Woods.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK AFTER FULL COUNCIL.

PART 2

TH/10/78 TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON ACTION ITEMS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

78.1 HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING TH/10/60.1

The Committee Chairman reported that following the last full Council meeting, Cllr Dagnall had raised the issue of parking on Holly Lane at a meeting of the School Governors. The Headteacher was aware of the problem and agreed to try to persuade parents of pupils using the playing fields to park in the school car park. However the Headteacher had no power to insist. It was also noted that the Swiss Valley Sports Club had done all they could to advise teams not to park on Holly Lane and had even suggested NSC install double lines. Letter sent to clubs using the playing fields attached as Appendix 'A' to these minutes. Following lengthy discussion it was;

RESOLVED:

1. To write to the Chief Executive of NSC with a copy of the letter from the Town Council dated 19 February 2010 requesting a response to Members' suggestion to progress plans for a car park on an area adjacent to the playing pitches.
2. The NSC Councillor for East Ward would raise the issue of car parking at Sports pitches at a future NSC North Area Committee.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK (1) AND COUNCILLOR SHOPLAND (2)

TH/10/79 FOOTPATH WESTBOURNE AVE/LOWER KNOWLES ROAD TH/10/64

Cllr Blades as the NSC Ward Councillor reported at full Council that it was not the intention of NSC to put in a barrier nor was it required by the local residents. NOTED.

The Committee agreed to defer consideration of their budget until the end of the main agenda items.

TH/10/80 JUNCTION STRODE ROAD AND OLD CHURCH ROAD TH/10/64

Members considered previous plans for the realignment of this junction.

RESOLVED: The suggestions for amendments to the plan be forwarded to NSC to include if possible a central refuge on Strode Road to narrow the west side of Strode Road approaching the Old Church Road junction to a single carriage way. The realignment of the junction would then only be necessary on the west side of Strode Road. These works would be subject to section 106 funding.

TH/10/81 GRIT BIN – ALEXANDRA ROAD TH/10/67

The Chairman of Clevedon Civic Society had replied asking the Committee to reconsider their decision at the last meeting to leave the grit bin where it has been sited. Cllr Wring spoke on behalf of the Civic Society and provided photos of the bin sited next to the Dalton drinking fountain and asked for aesthetic reasons that the bin be relocated either to the opposite side of the road or further up the hill.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC whether the bin could be relocated behind the gate pillar at the entrance to the ladies toilets and Pier Copse.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK

Cllr Wring left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

TH/10/82 REQUEST FOR GRIT BIN – CAMBRIDGE ROAD

A resident had written on behalf of the residents of the lower part of Cambridge Road requesting a grit bin adjacent to the junction of Orme Drive and the Avenue. It was recalled that last winter many vehicles were stuck and abandoned on this slope up Cambridge Road.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC to agree a location for a grit bin in this area. The bin to be funded from the Committee budget for 2010/11.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK

TH/10/83 CONDITION OF ROAD SURFACES IN THE TOWN TH/10/72.1 & TH/10/50

The NSC Officer had visited the roads on the Town Council list and agreed that they would all benefit from resurfacing however due to financial constraints it is likely that only one or two roads could be resurfaced. The Officer considered Albert Road, Victoria Road, St John's Road and Marson Road to be most in need of repair. However their inclusion in the final programme of work will depend on the number of higher priority roads which require treatment in North Somerset and the amount of funding.

It was noted that PACT had expressed concern about the poor state of St John's Road/Hillside Road.

RESOLVED: To inform NSC that Members consider St John's Road/Hillside Road to be a priority for Clevedon and request reassurance that this road will be included in the programme of works as a matter of urgency.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK

TH/10/84 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Members received the reports for September and October from the new Contractor. No damage reported. NOTED.

TH/10/85 REPLACEMENT BUS SHELTER – ELTON ROAD TH/10/58

The order had now been placed with Queensbury. The anticipated installation date is early January 2011. NOTED.

TH/10/86 NORTHERN WAY BUS SHELTER TH/10/53.2

The remaining older style shelter on Northern Way has now been replaced by NSC with a newer second hand shelter which had been relocated from Weston.
NOTED.

TH/10/87 SOUTHERN WAY – ADDITIONAL BUS STOP AT SALTINGS CLOSE

Following requests from several members of the public, NSC propose to locate an additional bus stop at the above location to complement the existing opposite stop and reduce the distance between bus stops on this part of the route.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for the additional bus stop at Saltings Close.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK

TH/10/88 UPPER CLEVEDON WORKS TO RAISE BUS PLATFORMS AT 13 BUS STOPS

It was noted that this work is under way.

TH/10/89 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE BUDGET 2010/2011

Members received a current statement of the budget. It was noted there may be a balance left in the budget this year due to the change in the bus shelter maintenance contract.

TH/10/90 COMMITTEE BUDGET 2011/2012

90.1 NAILSEA & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT REQUEST FOR £10,500
It was noted there were four shopping runs per week within Clevedon.

RESOLVED: To allocate £8,000 to NDCT for 2011/12 (£2,000 less than the previous financial year).

90.2 STATION ROAD – PROPOSAL FOR DROP DOWN BARRIER**90.2.1 REPORT OF SITE MEETING ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Mr O'Keefe NSC had indicated that no new traffic regulation order would be required. The local Police were also present and had since written to formally support the installation of a new barrier. Mr O'Keefe felt the barrier would need to be sited far enough from the junction to allow a vehicle to pull in and stop. This would require the planter to be relocated. The signage at the entrance to Station Road from Kenn Road would be improved to make the 'access for loading only' sign more visible.

90.2.2 LETTER FROM MR A O'KEEFE, NSC He requests confirmation that the Town Council will 1) meet all the costs of installation of the bollard 2) be responsible for the cost of maintaining the bollard 3) be responsible for the operation of the bollard (working with the businesses). He estimates the cost for installation to be £2,500.

90.2.3 LETTERS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS

Both letters raised concerns about the number of vehicles driving through Station Road or stopping at shops along Station Road and the consequent dangers to pedestrians.

RESOLVED:

1. To allocate £3,000 for the installation of a drop down bollard in Station Road.
2. To obtain costings for a service contract to maintain the bollard and confirm with NSC the breakdown of the figure of £2,500
3. The Town Council could not be responsible for the operation of the bollard. This would need to be the responsibility of traders in Station Road.

ACTION: DEPUTY CLERK

90.3 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE BUDGET 2011/2012

RESOLVED: TO RECOMMEND to the Finance & General Policy Committee the following

Budget for 2011/2011;

	£
Nailsea & District Community Transport (see min TH10/90.1 above)	8,000
Bus Shelter Clean & Maintenance Contract	5,000
Station Road drop down barrier (see min TH/10/90.2 above)	3,000
Bus Shelter Replacement Programme	<u>4,000</u>
TOTAL	£ <u>20,000</u>

TH/10/91 **FOR INFORMATION** The Committee received and noted;

91.1 NSC WORKS TO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL.

91.2 SCHOOL TRAVEL ACTION NEWS – SUMMER NEWSLETTER.

TH/10/92 **ITEMS FOR NEXT TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE AGENDA**

92.1 KENN MOOR DRIVE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

92.2 DOUBLE YELLOW LINES – NEXT TRAFFIC REVIEW

The meeting finished at 8.40 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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