

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOM, 44 OLD STREET ON WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY 2012

PRESENT: Cllr T Morgan – Committee Chairman in the Chair
 Cllrs J Geldart, P McNeill, J Middleton, N Pennycott, D Shopland,
 A Withers, Mrs I Johnson - Deputy Town Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs G Hill, L Knott, A Walker.

TH/12/122 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

TH/12/123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr A Withers declared a personal interest in Station Road Bollard Min TH/12/128, his partner is Chairman of Clevedon Pride.

TH/12/124 MINUTES

The minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 16 November 2011 were approved and signed.

TH/12/125 INFORMATION AND UPDATE ON COMMITTEE BUDGET 2011/12

Members received the financial papers, which had been circulated with the agenda. It was noted that should the Station Road Bollard not be installed before the end of the current financial year, the sum allocated for this project would need to be earmarked by the Committee for the next financial year.

ACTION: Next Agenda

TH/12/126 UPDATE ON ACTIONS NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

TH/12/126.1 MISUSE OF FOOTPATHS TH/11/111.1

It was reported that the newly installed kissing gate at Strawberry Hill Woods had been vandalised but had subsequently been repaired. NOTED.

PART 1

TH/12/126.2 STREET LIGHTING IN CLEVEDON

The Deputy Clerk advised that this item was not on the agenda as it had been referred to the Committee at the full Council meeting on 4 January 2012 after the agenda had been circulated. The Committee Chairman asked for the item to be taken in view of the strong feelings on this subject held by the general public in the town. These concerns, followed a recent road traffic accident now the subject of police enquiries. Members felt NSC should be asked to make a compromise with regard to late night street lighting to ensure whole roads and areas were not without street lighting.

Members were not clear what savings would be made from the current reduction in street lighting. The illumination of the NSC Castlewood building at night was discussed.

- RESOLVED:**
1. TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL ask NSC to investigate improved street lighting late at night by lighting alternate street lights or lower energy/dimmed lights to provide lighting to all the streets in Clevedon.
 2. In twelve months time to clarify with NSC what the actual savings were made as a result of the reduction in street lighting in Clevedon.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

PART 2

TH/12/127 HOLLY LANE WEEKEND PARKING TH/11/114.6.2

The Committee was informed that there had been no reduction in off street parking this season following the installation of the signs.

RESOLVED: To re-investigate the following;

1. An off street car park on the playing fields .
2. The criteria for a clearway on Holly Lane.
3. The criteria for double yellow lines on Holly Lane.

It was noted that no funding had been allocated for these projects in the Committee budget for 2012/13 agreed at the last meeting.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/12/128 STATION ROAD BOLLARD TH/11/119.1

Two councillors had viewed drop down bollards in both Weston and Exeter but felt these were unsuitable to use on Station Road by multiple users. All the drop down bollards they had identified to date required keys.

A Walton Ward Town Councillor had obtained details of a telescopic bollard which did not require keys. The cost of this bollard is £295.00. The bollard has been in production for ten years with no problems reported and has been used by local authorities. It was pointed out that NSC, as the Highways Authority, would be required to approve this barrier for use in Station Road. Concern was raised about the possibility of dirt encroaching the housing for the retracted bollard and how this would be cleared.

RESOLVED: Cllr Withers to arrange for members to view a demonstration of the telescopic bollard.

ACTION: Cllr Withers

TH/12/129 YEO MOOR SCHOOL, KENNAWAY ROAD – Changes to markings.

Details forwarded to the Transport & Highways Committee Members for comment. No adverse comments received. NOTED.

TH/12/130 OFF STREET PARKING CHARGES

Members considered the notice of proposed increases for off street parking places. In Clevedon the increased charges will be applied to the Salhouse Fields and Hawthorns Car Parks. It was noted that there had been a substantial increase in charges for these car parks the previous year.

Members felt that recent Government proposals advocated reducing car parking charges to encourage shoppers to town, ie the Mary Portas report.

RESOLVED: To strongly object to the proposed increases in charges for the Clevedon car parks, however to welcome the reduction in the length of the peak season - 2 March to 31 October (previously 2 March to 30 November).

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/12/131 MORRISONS SUPERMARKET – CAR PARKING RESTRICTIONS

TH/11/106.3

Morrisons Supermarket had now replied that their car park signage had been changed to read 'shoppers' only and not Morrisons customers only.

RESOLVED: To write a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to Morrisons Supermarket.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/12/132 OLD STREET EXPERIMENTAL ORDER – TRIAL SUSPENSION OF SINGLE YELLOW LINES

The East Ward NSC Councillor reported there had been no complaints to date from Old Street residents also the increased parking appeared to be slowing down through traffic. It was unclear whether the emergency services had been consulted about this experimental order. It was thought this trial would be evaluated by NSC based on the comments of the public. NOTED.

TH/12/133 REVIEW OF NSC SUPPORTED BUS SERVICES TH/11/94.1

The NSC consultation report had been circulated to Committee Members. The NSC Executive Member for Strategic Planning, Highways and Transportation had now issued a decision notice that the 800 town service would cease to operate from April 2012. There would also be changes to other Clevedon services with the amalgamation of some services into a new 66 service.

Members were particularly concerned about the withdrawal of the 800 town service which would have a severe impact on elderly and disabled residents in the town who regularly use this community service.

RESOLVED: To respond to NSC making the following points;

- Consider the customer consultation did not achieve a meaningful survey of local residents – 562 responses from a population of 160,000 residents.
- Consider the summary of the findings not acceptable in that these are not separated into towns and villages or feedback on particular services. It would appear none of the responses from Clevedon are included. Also concern as to how much this exercise has cost.
- The comments of Clevedon Town Council concerning the 800 bus service appear to have been disregarded.

TH/12/134 BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

12/134.1 **REVIEW OF THE BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

A copy of the Contract was available for Members. There were no areas of concern with regard to the performance of the contract since its commencement in September 2010.

RESOLVED: To continue with this three year maintenance contract for bus shelters and town signs under the terms of the contract document and scheme of works.

12/134.2 **BUS SHELTER MAINTENANCE REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2011**

The reports were received. No concerns raised by the Contractor.

TH/12/135 GRIT BINS TH/11/115

12/135.1 **JUNCTION OF WALTON ROAD/CONYGAR CLOSE**

The NSC Area Highways Officers had confirmed that they had not changed their previous decision that a grit bin in this location is not necessary as Walton Road is on the salting route therefore the junction would be salted. Also the incline on Conygar Close is slight.

RESOLVED: To ask NSC if they could write to the residents in Conygar Close explaining this decision.

ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/12/135 GRIT BINS TH/11/115 continued...

12/135/2 KINGS ROAD
NSC had proposed a location for the grit bin adjacent to the junction with Dial Hill Road.

RESOLVED:To ask NSC if the grit bin could be sited closer to number 35 Kings Road.
ACTION: Deputy Town Clerk

TH/12/136 FOR INFORMATION

12/136.1 COMMUNITY PAYBACK PROJECTS TH/11/84
The Deputy Town Clerk reported that the Group had not cleared the main areas as requested only immediately adjacent to the path which did not require clearing.

RESOLVED:To inform the Probation Service that the Town Council is disappointed about the work carried out by the Team.

12/136.2 BRISTOL AIRPORT – Copies of recent publication available.
Cllrs D and A Shopland were unable to attend the event at the airport for parish and town councillors before Christmas. NOTED.

12/136.3 LIVING STREETS – Street Life publication.

TH/12/137 CHAIRMAN ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

137.1 CASTLE ROAD – FAULTY ROAD SURFACE The Area Officer has been informed.

TH/12/138 TO DETERMINE PART I AND PART II ITEMS

Min TH/12/126.2 STREET LIGHTING IN CLEVEDON to be a part I item, due to the fact it was not listed on the agenda for this meeting and had been referred to the Committee by Council.

The meeting finished at 9.05 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

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