

Minutes of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held in the Council House, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 17 January 2007.

Present: Cllr G Watkins (Ctte Chairman) in the Chair
Cllrs A Cotton, R Garner, R Kendall, P McNeill, D Shopland

Apologies: Cllr M Adames - out of the country.

7.30pm INFORMAL BUSINESS

1. OLD STREET MINI ROUNDABOUT – Mr Andy Farnden, Clevedon Fire Officer was in attendance to highlight his concerns about the new mini roundabout by the Fire Station. He had observed a lot of traffic travelling along Old Street did not reduce speed at the roundabout or check if traffic was emerging from Highdale Avenue. He also considered visibility for vehicles joining the roundabout from Highdale Avenue was reduced and the junction appeared to be set back too far. He enquired whether Police speed cameras could be relocated to Old Street and possibly Old Church Road rather than only the present locations on the distributor roads.

Members recalled a speed survey had been carried out in Old Street which had found most vehicles to be travelling within the limit. Also the Local Action Team (LAT) speed camera is regularly in attendance in Old Street.

2. SOUTHERN WAY TRAFFIC CALMING – Mr Simcox, 8 Southern Way was concerned the lack of 30 mph signs on Southern Way, the only reminder being in Central Way, meant traffic speed increased on this road. This is of particular concern to the residents whose houses are on Southern Way (between Westerleigh Road and Old Church Road). He presented a 118 signature petition and made the following suggestions;

- Install 30 mph signs on each side of Southern Way.
- Install solar powered electronic 30 slow down signs in both directions.
- At the entrance to this area, east and west facing, paint the road red.
- Install speed camera signs allowing the Police to occasionally use hand held speed cameras.
- Convert two existing traffic islands to full zebra crossings.
- Install a roundabout at the junction with Strode Road.

The LAT had recorded some speeding motorists in this area. It is not NSC policy to install 30 mph repeater signs.

3. CAR PARKS – Viv Thomson, Clevedon Liaison Officer with NSC was in attendance to give advance notice of charges for the following car parks;

HAWTHORNS CAR PARK appeared to be under used and it was proposed to designate it for both short and long stay use (£1 per hour and £3 per day) with the possibility of issuing annual tickets to residents and weekly permits. SALTHOUSE FIELDS would remain short stay with the charge unchanged £1 per hour but with the addition of six long stay coach parking spaces.

The proposed site for the coach parking in the main car park caused Members concern; as it would reduce car spaces quite considerably when allowing an area for coach manoeuvring, also being so close to the children's play area. The preferred site for coach parking was on the tarmac area along the Old Church Road boundary, with the second entrance further along the road reopened for coaches to exit from. Ms Thomson asked for Council's comments prior to a formal proposal being submitted for consideration.

4. NORTHERN WAY – TH/06/117 – Mr Brennan from Clover Close had been at the November 2006 meeting, he asked if there had been a response from NSC about the noise/vibration. He was advised as in TH/07/06 below.

8.07pm FORMAL BUSINESS

TH/07/01 MINUTES of the Transport & Highways Committee meeting held on 8 November 2006 were approved as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman.

TH/07/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Shopland declared a person interest in TH/07/06 lives in this vicinity.

Min No		Action
Part 2 items - ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS		
TH/07/03	<u>OLD STREET MINI ROUNDABOUT</u> Following the discussion and information provided in Informal Business (1) above, it was; RESOLVED: To ask NSC Highways Department to consider; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changing the roundabout to a humped island for six month trial period. 2. A notice to advise motorists there is a Fire Station in the vicinity. 3. Investigation if the height of the wall, which limits visibility from the Highdale Avenue exit, can be reduced. 	Office to action

TH/07/04	<p><u>SOUTHERN WAY TRAFFIC CALMING</u> Following the discussion and information provided in Informal Business (2) above, it was; RESOLVED: To ask NSC Highways Department to consider;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relocating the speed activated 30mph slow down sign from Central Way 2. Investigate installing a traffic island at the junction of Old Church Road and/or narrowing the width of Southern Way at this location. 3. Light controlled pedestrian crossing to assist residents crossing to/from the Post Office/Spar shop in this vicinity. 4. Installing some 30 mph repeater signs. <p>Cllr McNeill to raise the possibility of more monitoring of this area by the Police at the next Local Action Team meeting.</p>	Page 136 Office to Action
TH/07/05	<p><u>CAR PARKS - HAWTHORNS AND SALTHOUSE FIELDS</u> Following the discussion and information provided in Informal Business (3) above, it was; RESOLVED: Prior to formal consultation to advise NSC of the Committee's observations</p> <p>HAWTHORNS CAR PARK No objection to long stay car parking provided this did not exceed 5 hours. Request limited number of permits for parking and no residential parking. SALTHOUSE FIELDS CAR PARK Interested to look at proposals for coach parking although object to coach parking in main car park, would prefer to see coach parking alongside Old Church Road boundary, exiting via the second entrance. Request Strode Road is designated an overspill car park for coaches.</p>	Office to Action
TH/07/06	<p><u>NORTHERN WAY TRAFFIC SPEED/NOISE/VIBRATIONS TH/06/117</u> NSC had inspected Northern Way adjacent to Clover Close. There were a couple of covers out of specification. Wessex Water had been advised of these. The road surface is generally in good condition and there are no proposals to resurface in the near future. RESOLVED: To ask NSC Highways Department to consider;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A speed activated 30mph slow down sign in Northern Way. 2. Some form of light controlled pedestrian crossing facility. 	Office to action
TH/07/07	<p><u>OLD STREET – WORKING GROUP MEETING, 14 NOVEMBER 2006</u> Members considered the report and agreed to progress the following recommendation; RESOLVED: As part of Safe routes to schools;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. pedestrian island at East End Triangle end of Old St before Highdale Rd. 2. a raised zebra crossing (in vicinity of the Health Centre) with the addition of pillow/cushion humps. <p>Agreed to arrange a further meeting of the Working Group to review double yellow lines.</p>	Office to Action
TH/07/08	<p><u>PROPOSAL FOR 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOSSEWAY TH/06/109</u> Mr Cox had sent a schedule of traffic calming measures but the costs may differ from NSC's. RESOLVED: To suggest the following scheme to NSC for firm costings;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pavement build out/road width restriction by school entrance on Fosse Way 2. Possible cushion/table either side of school entrance to slow traffic. 3. School signs from both directions, prior to the school boundary. 	Office to action
TH/07/09	<p><u>REQUEST FROM LAT FOR 20MPH ZONE OLD ST, MOOR LANE & KENN RD TH/06/116</u> RESOLVED: Ask the Working Group to give this consideration. See TH/07/07 above.</p>	
TH/07/10	<p><u>YEO MOOR INFANT SCHOOL TRAVEL GROUP</u> The Chairman had received a letter from the Group highlighting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dangerous parking on corners or pavements at the beginning and end of the school day. • 88% of replies to the Travel Survey wanted Treefield Rd & Kennaway Rd a 20mph zone. • 87% would like to see more dog bins in the area. Many are concerned at the state of the footpath - overgrown trees, litter and glass. <p>The Chairman had replied, a copy of which was circulated. It was hoped the new Clevedon based mechanical sweeper for the spine paths would improve the paths around Yeo Moor.</p>	Noted
TH/07/11	<p><u>REVIEW OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN CLEVEDON TH/06/115</u> See also TH/07/07 NSC had written indicating the date for the implementation of Decriminalised parking is February 2008. Then it is important to establish all road markings and signage are appropriate for the Traffic Regulation Order and a survey of all North Somerset's parking</p>	Refer to the Working Group

