

PLANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE of Bridport Town Council held at Mountfield, Bridport on Thursday, 27 June 2013 at 2.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr G.J. Ackerman K.G. Wallace
C.M. Ray Ms S.J. Williams (ex-officio)

Also in attendance: Cllr: D.G. Rickard and Mrs M.J. Ray

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Cllr G.J. Ackerman be elected Chairman of the Sub Committee for the municipal year 2013/2014.

Councillor G.J. Ackerman in the Chair

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Malcolm Leighton spoke in support of his concerns regarding motor cycle parking and signage.

This matter was considered under agenda item 10 (a) New Highways Issue.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2013, which had been previously circulated, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. ISSUES RAISED BY WATAG

Mr Alan Williams, representing WATAG, updated members on ENCL: 2704 and the latest position on a number of issues relating to bus services in the area. In particular, he said that WATAG was still awaiting information on the outcome of the review of subsidised bus services. He also highlighted a number of suggestions for possible service improvements and efficiencies, which WATAG would like to discuss with the County Council.

It was mentioned that, with the support of the County Councillor, it was hoped to arrange a meeting with the County Council to discuss bus services and seek to open up a dialogue with WATAG. It was hoped that this would help to take some of the items forward.

Members thanked Alan for his update, which was noted.

RESOLVED: that the proposal to hold a meeting with Dorset County Council, to discuss a number of issues relating to bus services, be endorsed.

6. GAS WORKS

The Town Surveyor updated members on the latest position with the gas works. The works were due to start very soon in Court Orchard and St Swithins and would mainly be on the footways. At the end of September, the works would move to West Allington.

It was asked if there was any proposal to look at the pinch point outside the medical centre, when the works were in this area.

The Town Surveyor said that he would ask the County Council about this, although it was felt to be unlikely.

The update was noted.

7. A35 MILES CROSS MEETINGS - UPDATE

The Town Clerk said that Cllr Kayes had represented the Town Council at the last meeting and had said that the main issues discussed were consideration of speed limits. In particular, a suggestion to extend the 40 mph from Chideock to the London Inn and in the longer term, look at the same limit for Miles Cross itself. Also, speed cameras were being considered either side of Miles Cross.

Members felt that it might be preferable to have a constant speed limit right along this route.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

8. PARK AND RIDE 2013

The Town Surveyor reported that the 2013 Park and Ride service from West Bay to Bridport would run from 13 July to 7 September and the contract had been awarded to Sovereign Coaches.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

9. ONGOING HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Town Surveyor updated members for information on the following ongoing highway matters: -

(a) Green Ring Route: a volunteer was assisting in looking at the route and the AONB would help with interpretation boards.

(b) Roundabouts: this still needs to be discussed further with the Highways Agency.

- (c) Cycle Racks: the latest position on the installation of new cycle racks around the town, funded by the County Council, was reported.
- (d) Tree Works: the tree works in South Street were almost complete and the County Council would now be doing some work on trees in North Street.
- (e) Car Parks: examples of the new signage to be installed by West Dorset in car parks, was shown to members.
- (f) Street Furniture: repairs had been undertaken on benches in the town centre and new replacement litter bins were also to be installed by the District Council.
- (g) North Mills Estate entrance: this matter was ongoing and a further meeting was being convened by Oliver Letwin, MP, to try to seek a solution.
- (h) Wellfields Drive: following discussions at this Sub Committee, a letter had been received from a local resident, asking that no further waiting restrictions be introduced in the road. Other representations had also been received, saying that these were not necessary. It was therefore intended not to pursue this matter any further.

RESOLVED: that it be agreed that a scheme for further waiting restrictions in Wellfields Drive not be taken forward.

10. NEW HIGHWAYS ISSUES

The following items had been received for consideration, since the last meeting:

(a) Motor Cycle Parking / Signage including in West Bay

The Sub Committee discussed the issue of signage for motor cycle parking. It was reported that this had been discussed with West Dorset District Council, who were looking at this matter.

RESOLVED: that it be noted that these matters were being taken forward by West Dorset District Council.

(b) East Road Speed of HGV's

It was reported that a letter had been received regarding speeding lorries approaching the East Road roundabout.

RESOLVED: that this matter be discussed with the Highways Agency and reported back to the Sub Committee.

(c) Sparacre Gardens Signage

RESOLVED: that the existing "no parking, turning point" signage be looked at, to see if it was being enforced.

(d) Garden Close

The issue of yellow lines had been raised again.

RESOLVED: that local residents be asked whether they would support parking restrictions in this area and the outcome be reported back.

(e) Meadowlands Parking

RESOLVED: that local residents be asked whether they would support parking restrictions in this area and the outcome be reported back.

(f) St Swithins Court

The ongoing difficulties with parked vehicles be raised with the County Council and reported back.

RESOLVED: that the ongoing difficulties with parked vehicles be raised with the County Council and reported back.

(g) St Katherine's Avenue

It had been reported that there were some issues with the number of parked cars in this area during school times.

RESOLVED: that the issue of the increasing number of parked cars in this area be raised with the Headteacher of Bridport Primary School.

(h) Fulbrooks Close

RESOLVED: that waiting restrictions in the turning space be discussed with the County Council and reported back.

(i) Bus Stop Monkeys Jump

This matter had been raised by a Bridport resident and it would be raised with the bus company.

RESOLVED: that the position be noted and discussed with the bus company.

(j) On street parking outside Bridport Primary School

This matter had been discussed under (g) above.

Other matters raised by members, not on the agenda, included:

- consideration of dropped kerbs at the junction of Barrack Street and East Street.
- the status of the traffic sensors in Barrack Street and whether they could be listed.

- the condition of the access road way into Palmers Brewery.

It was asked if these matters could be included on future agendas.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk reported that there was to be a meeting with Dorset County Council, to discuss the options for South Street. Also the new tourist signs on the B3157 were now in place.

The meeting closed at 4.00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Highways and Transportation Sub Committee will be held on 24 October 2013