

Service 31 - WATAG had been requested by First to make suggestions on how the existing timetable could be improved. This had been done and WATAG hoped to discuss these suggestions with First. Any changes would not be operational until the Autumn.

Service X53 - new Summer service timetables were available, running from 22 July to 1 September 2012, during which time there would be roughly hourly services between Bridport and Poole, between 0930 hours and 1800 hours. There was a new late bus from Weymouth to Bridport at 2010 hours. During the Olympics, the service would be split at Weymouth, with no guaranteed connection in either direction. Dorset County Council had asked for comments from WATAG on the X53, as the contract was up for renewal next year.

The new Dorset County Council bus timetables had just been published and Alan circulated copies for the Sub Committee.

Finally, it was reported that the 45 service was still being shown between Bridport and Beaminster on the summary of all services between these points, at both County Council bus shelters in West Street. However, the service was no longer in use. This had been raised with both the County Council and the bus operators.

Members thanked Alan for his update, which was noted.

RESOLVED: that efforts to ensure that the regular hourly service on the X53 was maintained after September, and within the new contract, be supported

6. GAS WORKS

It was reported that there was a short strip of South Street that required further work, following the recent resurfacing. It was intended that this work would be complete by 6 July 2012, which would enable the pedestrian crossing near the Electric Palace to reopen. It was also reported that the gas works were to start again in September 2012, which would entail an immediate temporary closure of the top of South Street. There would be consultation with the Town Council before the start date for the works was confirmed.

The update was noted.

7. ONGOING HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Town Clerk updated members on the following ongoing highway matters: -

(a) Motor Cycle Parking

The list of proposals for motor cycle parking in car parks was still being worked through by the District Council.

The update was noted.

(b) Information Signage

It was reported that this was being looked at and the need for the following signage was emphasised:

- (i) on Bucky Doo Square, to the new town centre toilets.
- (ii) a sign 'to the sea' in East and West streets.
- (iii) signage to the town centre, for vehicles and pedestrians leaving Rope Walks car park.

RESOLVED: that the new signage as above be progressed as soon as possible.

(c) East Road Parking

Members confirmed that they would support further discussion with the County Council, to see if there was any possibility of residents' parking in this area. It was also confirmed that the Town Council had previously supported this request.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted and that this matter be progressed with Dorset County Council.

(d) Gateway Signs

This matter was ongoing and it was felt that the provision of Spirit of Bridport signs should be looked at after the summer. This would be a good legacy of the Spirit of Bridport events in 2012.

RESOLVED: that the gateway signs be progressed, following the Spirit of Bridport events this summer.

(e) Waiting Restrictions – County Consultation

The Town Clerk reported that the list of waiting restrictions, previously supported by this Sub Committee and reported to the Plans Committee, were being progressed by the County Council.

The update was noted.

(f) Fulbrooks Close

The provision of potential additional parking space was being discussed by the Town Surveyor with Magna Housing.

The update was noted.

8. NEW HIGHWAYS ISSUES

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

(a) St Andrews Road – Commercial Vehicles on the Sidings

This matter had been raised with the Town Council by Dorset County Council, as they had received complaints from members of the public in this area.

RESOLVED: that the County Council be asked to look at options to address the issue of commercial vehicles parking on the Sidings.

(b) Additional waste bins

A request had been received for a waste bin to be placed on the west side of St Andrews Road, at a convenient point between Barrack Street and Coneygar Road.

RESOLVED: that the provision of an additional waste bin at this location be supported.

9. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS UPDATES

The Town Clerk reported that the County Council would now only consider highways requests, once they had been through the relevant parish or town council. This was the process that had always been followed by the Town Council, through this Sub Committee.

This was welcomed by the Sub Committee and it was felt that this process should be publicised.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

10. EVENTS 2012

The Town Clerk reminded members that the Town Council would be assisting with the Charter Fair, Melplash Show and Spirit of Bridport.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items to report.

The meeting closed at 3.25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Highways and Transportation Sub Committee will be held on 25 October 2012