Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall on **Wednesday 1st August 2007** at **2.15 p.m**.

Chairman: -Councillor M Hadley

Present: -Councillor S Poultney Councillor M Whitwam

Also Present: -Councillor Mrs C Gainsborough Councillor M W Pratt Swanage Town Council

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Dr M Ayres Mrs L Burgess Assistant Town Clerk Senior Administration Officer

Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Audley and Bright.

2) Range and scope of Transport Committee responsibilities

It was noted that the range of the Committee's responsibilities had been agreed at the Policy and Resources Meeting held on 21st May 2007.

3) Setting of Transport Committee's priorities

The Chairman declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in relation to parking restrictions on Peveril Point Road as owner of a property on that road.

Councillor Whitwam declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in relation to matters relating to Swanage Railway as a director of the Swanage Railway Company.

Following discussion of a pre-circulated list of transport-related issues the following items were raised as priorities for the Committee to address. They are not listed in priority order.

a) From the Strategic Plan:

ECONOMY

Urban design project — Item 4 develop traffic flow & reduce conflict between traffic/people and buildings.

Swanage Coast development — Item 5, manage and improve control of sea access points.

ENVIRONMENT

Accessibility – to investigate and implement joined-up transport systems utilising bus, train, cycle paths and ferry in and around Swanage.

b) Camper Vans: meeting of those for and against Town Council proposals.

c) **Pavements:** Concerned that our stone pavements get damaged and not replaced (and are an important part of our heritage).

d) Pay& Display information: lack of clarity.

e) Broad Road mini-roundabout sign: move to before roundabout.

f) Stafford Road/High Street : dangerous pinch point - consider new crossing.

g) **Station parking:** potential danger, cars often park across footpath by Co-op entrance.

h) Peveril Point Road: implementation of proposed restrictions.

i) **Puffin crossings:** apparent back up/delays in Station Road.

j) **Shore Road:** possible Ocean Bay - Victoria Avenue closure. Need to ensure reviewed at appropriate point.

k) Shore Road: Victoria Avenue — Mowlem 24 hr closure - progress report.

I) High Street: possible reversal from Court Hill to library – progress.

m) Jurassic Coast bus: add Swanage to route as proposed in Strategic Plan.

n) Durlston: management of increased traffic with new centre proposals.

o) Railway: mainline link.

p) Poor condition of roads.

q) Antisocial/dangerous on-street parking: Lower High Street, corner Seymer Road, Stone Quay, near junction King's Rd East, King's Rd (west, north and south-bound).

r) Car Park charges: review next year.

s) Taxis: speeding, dangerous parking on zebra zigzags

t) Wilts & Dorset Bus Company: a) disability access to buses b) facilities for disabled getting on/off buses at Station c) condition of buses.

u) Quay bike racks: repositioning.

v) Pavement by Playland.

w) **Dangerous Double Parking:**– Knapp Stores/Select and Save; Northbrook Road and Bonfields Avenue (affects access to North Beach Car Park for coaches).

- x) Dangerous Driving: 'boy racers'.
- y) Taxi ranks: Station/Somerfield/Stone Quay.
- z) Best Value: review performance indicators.

A number of these issues were identified as urgent priorities:

b) Camper van on-street parking restrictions

The urgent need to convene a meeting to discuss on-street parking restrictions in relation to camper vans was highlighted. It was RESOLVED:

That a meeting be held in late September 2007 between the Town Council, an officer from Dorset County Council and representatives of those in favour and those against the removal of the existing on-street parking restrictions in relation to camper vans.

It was agreed that Mr and Mrs Cook be invited to represent those in favour of removing the restrictions and Mr James to represent those in favour of their retention, each being allowed to invite two further representatives to the meeting. It was further agreed that all Councillors should be invited to attend.

d) Pay and Display information

Attention was drawn to the importance of ensuring clear signage in Town Council car parks in respect of parking fees.

q), **v)** and **x**) Dangerous driving, antisocial parking and pavement at Playland Grave concern was expressed over the issue of boy racers speeding in the town centre, and on Ferry Road, Studland. A number of other dangerous issues were also highlighted, including parking on pavements, double parking, and the narrow pavement by Playland. It was suggested that both the police and the highway authority be requested to take action in respect of these matters. After further discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Poultney and AGREED RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

> That the Chairman and Town Clerk have delegated authority to draw up a list of priorities to forward to the police and highway authority, requesting their urgent attention.

Further comments were made in respect of the following issues:

h) Peveril Point Road

It was agreed that a progress report be provided to the next meeting of the Committee.

i) Puffin crossings in Station Road

The possibility of asking Dorset County Council to monitor the impact of the new puffin crossings on traffic-flow was raised.

- j) Shore Road: possible Ocean Bay Victoria Avenue closure, and
- High Street: possible reversal from Court Hill to library progress. It was agreed that these items should be put on a future Transport Committee agenda.

k) Shore Road

It was reported that the County of Dorset (Shore Road, Swanage) (Traffic Management) Experimental Variation Order 2007, closing Shore Road between Victoria Avenue and the Mowlem Theatre 24 hours a day between 1st May and 30th September would come into force on 6th August for a maximum period of 18 months.

- m) Jurassic Coast bus: add Swanage to route as proposed in Strategic Plan.
 It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Tourism Committee for further consideration.
- Wilts & Dorset Bus Company: a) disability access to buses.
 It was agreed that an update on this issue be provided to the next meeting of the Transport Committee.

The following additional items were also discussed:

The possibility of erecting a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in the town was raised and it was agreed that further information be acquired for a future meeting. The need for an improved bus shelter outside the convenience store at Herston was highlighted.

4) Outside representation on Transport Committee

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Poultney and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That a representative from each of the following organisations be invited to attend meetings of the Transport Committee: Cycling Club/Association Durlston Country Park Purbeck Transport Action Group Swanage and Isle of Purbeck Chamber of Trade and Commerce Swanage Railway Swanage Residents Association.

It was noted that these representatives should be informed that they will not have voting rights and that they should raise issues for discussion prior to any meeting.

It was noted that the Swanage Town and Community Partnership should be advised of the possibility of sending a representative to future meetings of the Purbeck Transport Action Group.

5) <u>Review and monitoring of objetives</u>

It was noted that the Committee should discuss both quantitative and qualitative performance measures and agreed that this matter be deferred for further consideration at the next meeting of the Transport Committee.

6) Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Committee should next meet after the proposed meeting to discuss the on-street parking regulations in respect of camper vans.

The Meeting closed at 3.40 p.m.
