



**4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024**

**a) Shore Road improvements – Dorset Council highways modelling work**

It was noted that this matter would be discussed in more detail under agenda item 6).

**b) Washpond Lane – Pedestrian safety concerns**

Further to Minute No. 6 (h) of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024, consideration was given to the proposal to approach Dorset Council with a request to extend the 30 m.p.h. speed limit to the full length of Washpond Lane. During the ensuing discussion it was noted that concerns about pedestrian safety were shared by councillors, local schools and residents.

It was acknowledged that reducing the speed limit to 30 m.p.h. for the entire length of Washpond Lane would be less confusing than having different speed limits on various sections of the road and that better signage alerting drivers to pedestrians in the vicinity would be highly beneficial. It was proposed by Councillor Monkhouse, seconded by Councillor Harris and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a request be made to Dorset Council to reduce the speed limit along the whole length of Washpond Lane to 30 m.p.h. and install signage to indicate children on the road, on the grounds of pedestrian safety.

**c) Queens Road – Swanage hospital carpark entrance/exit visibility concerns**

Further to Minute No. 7 (b) of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024, consideration was given to a proposal to approach Dorset Council and request additional double yellow lines at either side of the entrance/exit for Swanage Hospital car park. Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Tomes and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That a request be made to Dorset Council to install Double Yellow Lines at each side of the entrance/exit to the hospital car park to improve visibility for vehicles exiting on to Queens Road.

**5. Station Approach – to confirm details of the scheme further to the Community Services Committee held on 8th November 2023**

Further to Minute No.124 of the Council Meeting held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and Minute No. 6 of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 8th November 2023, consideration was given to a briefing paper prepared by the Assets & Compliance Manager detailing a number of proposed minor amendments to the agreed infrastructure improvements at Station Approach. These had been developed through continued discussions with Dorset Council Designers and Project Managers, and took into account the valuable feedback and input received from consultation with Accessible Swanage.

It was noted that, following a site visit by a contractor, it had been determined that, due to the access requirements of Station Approach for the supermarket, medical centre, buses and taxis, the construction would require night working to maintain uninterrupted traffic access during the day. Following a further meeting with Accessible Swanage, it was reported that a request had been received for consideration to be given to the installation of a marked pedestrian priority route along the pavement in front of the station to assist in access along this section of footway.

Having considered the proposed amendments to these proposals, it was proposed by Councillor Tomes, seconded by Councillor Monkhouse and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

To approve the minor design amendments to the approved proposals for infrastructure improvements at Station Approach, including a marked pedestrian route in front of Swanage station (if feasible), and that future monitoring of the project is undertaken by the Finance and Governance Committee and the Capital Projects Sub-Committee.

**6. Shore Road improvements – To consider options put forward by Dorset Council, for highways modelling work**

Further to Minute No. 180 (b) of the Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, and Minute No. 4 of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024, consideration was given to a briefing paper prepared by the Assets & Compliance Manager, which outlined the revised options put forward by Dorset Council for highways modelling works to inform consideration of potential changes to traffic flow along the northern section of Shore Road. These options had been developed in response to the feedback regarding pedestrian safety received through the public consultations held in connection with the Swanage Seafront Masterplan and the Swanage Green Seafront Stabilisation Scheme.

The proposed modelling works would involve utilising Automatic Traffic Counts (ATC) and Classified Turning Counts (CTC) at specific locations. Some of the monitoring would be conducted in March 2024 whilst Shore Road is closed for highway repair works at a cost of £6,500 funded by Dorset Council, with the remaining monitoring conducted during the summer of 2024 at a cost of £5,400 funded by the Town Council. Further to a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Moreton, seconded by Councillor Tomes and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

To approve the data collection and modelling proposal provided by Dorset Council to inform the feasibility study to investigate options for changing the traffic flow along the northern section of Shore Road.

It was **FURTHER RESOLVED:**

**TO RECOMMEND:**

That a budget of £5,400 be allocated to fund the Shore Road modelling work and data collection in the summer 2024.

**7. Partnership Project Updates**

**a) Swanage Wellbeing Project, Chapel Lane**

Further to Minute No. 101 (c) of the Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023, and to Minute No. 3 (a) of the Finance & Governance Committee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023, representatives of Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust (SPDT) provided an update on the progress of the Community Asset Transfer of the Chapel Lane site (Day Centre and Children's Centre).

It was reported that at a SPDT Trustees meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024, a long lease from Dorset Council had been signed for the Chapel Lane site. In addition, a licence had been agreed with Care Dorset to continue operating day care services on part of the site. It was anticipated that occupation would commence on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, although a 3 to 6-month transition period has been agreed.

Decisions are awaited on a number of grant applications which have been submitted recently, relating to both staffing and works. Whilst there is still a lot to achieve, it was reported that matters were progressing well and that an Open Weekend is planned for 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

It was noted that now the asset transfer of the Chapel Lane site had been completed, the Town Council could release a grant of £21,000 to the Trust, the first of three such annual payments in support of the project, which had been agreed in Minute No. 118 (a) of the Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Councillors expressed their thanks and support to SPDT for their work on this project.

**b) Swanage Community Housing Project**

Further to Minute No. 166 of the Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024, an update was provided regarding the progress of the Swanage Community Land Trust (CLT), known as Swanage Community Housing, with regard to the development of land at the junction of Ulwell Road and Washpond Lane.

It was reported that monthly meetings had continued between Dorset Council and Swanage Community Housing in respect of the transfer of the land and that good progress is being made with regards to the legal agreements required.

It was also reported that additional meetings had been held with Dorset Council relating to the Allocations Policy and agreements were being developed with an emphasis on the provision of housing for local residents that are key workers in Swanage.

**8. CCTV – Update on monitoring arrangements**

Further to Minute No. 7 of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023, an update was provided on arrangements for monitoring the CCTV cameras provided by the Town Council in Swanage.

It was reported that Dorset Council had confirmed that it is in receipt of a grant from the Home Office under the Safer Streets Project which will fund the linking of the Town Council CCTV network into the CCTV monitoring centre at County Hall. Whilst the grant will cover the initial setup costs, there is potential that after an 18-month funding period the Town Council may be approached to support ongoing costs.

**9. Swanage Town and Herston Football Club**

Further to Minute No. 15 of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and Minute No. 181 of the Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, it was reported that the Football Club had commissioned the drawing up of plans for a new community sports hall which would soon be the subject of consultation with local sports clubs and residents. It was noted that the Club is also developing a business plan and that consideration is being given to the appointment of a professional fundraiser to assist in the grant applications that will be required to raise a significant proportion of the estimated £3 million cost.

**10. Beach Gardens Review - Update**

An update was provided further to recent meetings with the Swanage Bowls Club and Swanage Tennis Club regarding the future funding of facilities at Beach Gardens. It was reported that the Tennis Club were continuing to plan for the installation of artificial surfacing on courts 4 and 5. It was noted that a further update will be provided to a future meeting.

**11. Items of information and matters for forthcoming agendas**

**a) Cancare Garden Official Launch – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Further to Minute No. 9 of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023, the Assets & Compliance Manager reported that the groundworks have progressed well. An official launch day has been set for 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 with timings still to be confirmed.

**b) Swanage Skatepark Community Day – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

It was reported that the Friends of Swanage Skatepark group had arranged a Community Day for 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024 between 12 noon and 5 p.m. where a range of activities would be held, including workshops and lessons provided by a specialist with skateboards and safety equipment. Additionally, there will be exhibition displays and competitions with professional skateboarders and BMX riders. Attention was drawn to the excellent progress that had been made by the Friends of Swanage Skatepark group since its formation, with the support of the Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust. The importance of community-led groups was highlighted, and it was noted that the recent activity reflected the passion that the members of the group have for the future of the skatepark.

**c) Town Hall – Front desk service review**

Further to Minute No. 21 (a) of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the Town Clerk reported that the front desk service review is an ongoing matter. Conversations are continuing with Dorset Police regarding the formalisation of arrangements for the opening hours. It was noted that although the current opening hours have been confirmed for 2 days a week, Dorset Police have not been able to maintain this consistently. As this matter progresses and further updates are received, the Town Council will be able to take forward the front desk service review and an update on this matter will be brought to a future committee meeting.

**d) Swanage Museum**

Further to Minute No. 20 of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, the Chairman of Swanage Museum provided an update on the progress in relation to the commemorative tree in memory of Bob Field within Prince Albert Gardens. A site visit had been conducted with the Grounds & Estates Manager and the location of the memorial tree had been agreed, although the process of selecting and agreeing the wording of the plaque was ongoing. Additionally, the Museum Chairman noted that a meeting had been scheduled with Arts Council England for 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to discuss potential funding for repairs that are required at the Museum/Heritage Centre building.

**12. Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

The Meeting closed at 2.55 p.m.

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