



2) **Matters arising from Minutes of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007**

Councillor Whitwam wished it to be recorded that under item 3) he should have been described as a Director of the Swanage Railway Trust, and not the Swanage Railway Company. It was noted that the minutes had already been agreed at the Monthly Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

3) **Review of on-street parking restrictions**

Consideration was given to a schedule of requests for alterations to on-street parking restrictions in Swanage, to determine which the Town Council would support being considered by Dorset County Council as the Highway authority.

After lengthy discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Pratt and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

**TO RECOMMEND:  
That the Town Council supports items 1) to 5) and 8) to 10) on the schedule of proposed alterations to on-street parking restrictions, as follows.**

**Review of On Street Parking Restrictions 2007**

	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Restrictions</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
1)	Gannetts Park	Prohibit campervan parking.	Extend existing regulations.
2)	Battlemead	Prohibit campervan parking.	Extend existing regulations.
3)	Walrond Road - Section from De Moulham Rd to Northbrook Rd	Prohibit campervan parking.	Extend existing regulations.
4)	Victoria Avenue (lower end)	Prohibit campervan parking.	Extend existing regulations.
5)	Prospect Crescent	Restrictions in certain roads lead to problems elsewhere.	Consider waiting regulations to restrict campervans near eastern section of road.
6)	Peveril Court	Allow residents to park campervans.	Consider relaxing existing regulations.
7)	Durlston Road - Belle Vue Road to Solent Road	Parking both sides restricts access to 1 car width.	Consider restrictions to one side of the road.
8)	Durlston Road - Hillcrest exit (2 letters)	Double yellow lines.	As 7 above.

9)	Queens Road - From entrance to Osborne Road up to the Ambulance Station.	Prohibit campervan parking.	Extend existing regulations.
10)	Top of Argyle Road	Double yellow lines.	To facilitate turning and exiting from Sandringham Court.
11)	Northbrook Road junction with Bonfields Avenue	Double yellow lines on eastern side.	Introduce restrictions to improve safety.
12)	Kings Road East/Kings Road junction	Introduce 'no loading marks'.	Introduce restrictions to improve visibility at junction.

#### 4) **Review of traffic management issues**

Members discussed items listed on a schedule of traffic management issues, to determine which the Town Council would support being considered by Dorset County Council as the Highway authority.

##### **Church Hill/High Street (Court Hill to Library)/Kings Road East – Reversal of Traffic Flow**

It was noted that previous consultation on the possible reversal of Church Hill had produced mixed feedback, with a significant number of objections from residents of Church Hill. It was noted that essentially the residents of south Swanage wanted a route that would avoid the need of travelling through the congested town centre and that the Town Council should request that the County Council develops a preferred option. The importance of the Urban Design Project, being undertaken in conjunction with the Town Partnership as part of the Local Development Framework was highlighted. It was proposed by Councillor Pratt, seconded by Councillor Audley and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That Councillor Hadley, as Chairman of the Transport Committee, attend a meeting to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007, regarding the Urban Design Project and traffic management in Swanage.

It was further **RESOLVED:**

That the Town Council table the objective of identifying an alternative route into south Swanage at the meeting to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, and put forward the three options for the reversal of traffic flow as potential solutions.

### **Shore Road Closure (entire length)**

It was noted that proposals for re-routing traffic away from the seafront between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> September were agreed at the Policy and Resources meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007, although technical problems had meant that the scheme had been put on hold. Should the closure of Shore Road be used to introduce pay and display car parking, a potential conflict between cars, bicycles and pedestrians was highlighted. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Whitwam:

**TO RECOMMEND:  
That the Town Council does not proceed  
with plans to close Shore Road between  
Victoria Avenue and Ocean Bay.**

Upon being put to the meeting FIVE members voted IN FAVOUR of the PROPOSITION and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the PROPOSITION was declared CARRIED.

### **Ballard Road Stores Pedestrian Crossing**

It was noted that this was an outstanding action point, having been approved by the Town Council under minute 5) of the Planning Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

### **Anti-social Car Parking**

It was stressed that improved enforcement was the key issue in combating antisocial car parking in a number of locations in the town, including the Lower High Street, Stone Quay, outside Knapp Stores, Northbrook Road and Bonfields Avenue. Members were informed that if the parking was considered to be dangerous then it would be a matter enforceable by the police. The Town Clerk agreed to raise this issue in a forthcoming meeting with the local police inspector. Consideration was given to the role of the Town Council's enforcement officers and it was proposed by the Chairman:

That the Town Council's enforcement officers be asked to report incidents to Parking Services and/or the police.

The proposition failed to secure a seconder.

It was AGREED:

That the need for greater parking restrictions around the junction of Northbrook Road and Victoria Avenue be added as Item 11 to the schedule discussed under Item 3) above.

Mr Leach left the meeting at 3.15 p.m.

### **Speeding**

The possibility of introducing fixed/flashing 30 mph signs was raised but it was noted that the County Council did not consider introducing these to a site until there had been a serious injury or fatality. It was also widely acknowledged that they would not deter 'boy racers'.

### **Playland – Narrow Pavement**

It was noted that the narrowness of the pavement at this location was dangerous to those in disabled vehicles and those pushing prams. It was AGREED:

That this matter be reported at the meeting scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

### **Kings Road East/Kings Road Junction – Dangerous Parking**

The possibility of painting no loading marks on the kerb at the junction of Kings Road East and Kings Road was raised. It was AGREED:

That this matter be added as item 12 to the schedule referred to in minute 3), above, and that it also be raised at the meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Town Centre Speed Limit**

It was noted that a recent report from the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety had recommended the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in built-up areas. This item found wide support and a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the precise area that could be included within such a limit. Roads mentioned included Shore Road (between the Mowlem and Victoria Avenue), Institute Road, Station Road, High Street (between Prince Albert Gardens and Court Hill), Rempstone Road, Kings Road East and Kings Road West. It was suggested that the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit outside of the Middle School at Herston might encourage more children to cycle to school. It was AGREED:

#### **TO RECOMMEND:**

**That the Town Council consider the introduction of 20 mph speed limits on stretches of road to be determined at a monthly Town Council meeting.**

### **Station Road – Puffin Crossings**

Attention was drawn to the problems of traffic backing up along Station Road and Rempstone Road during the summer because of the introduction of puffin crossings on Station Road. It was AGREED:

That the situation be monitored.

### **Dropped Kerbs**

Following recent communications between the Town Clerk, Mr Nigel Hamer of Dorset County Council and Mr Steve Darrington it was RESOLVED:

#### **TO RECOMMEND:**

**That the Town Council supports the introduction of dropped kerbs in the following locations:**

- i) across De Moulham Road at Battlegate;**
- ii) opposite the Select and Save, High Street, Herston;**

- iii) pedestrian crossing outside K's, Station Road (existing dropped kerb requires lowering);
- iv) Kings Road, at the crossing between the Post Office and Health Centre;
- v) Kings Road at the junction with Church Hill;
- vi) Court Road, outside 4, Bishops Row;
- vii) Institute Road, between Martins newsagents and the Wimpey.

Further to minute 86 of the Monthly Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007 the Chairman reported that Mr Darrington was unable to contribute further to the review of dropped kerbs, but that Mr Doug Flindall had offered his assistance.

### **Bicycle Racks**

The difficulty in positioning the bicycle racks on the Stone Quay was discussed and the moving of the bicycle racks at the station was reported. The possibility of erecting additional racks near to the library was raised and it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Town Council investigate the possibility of erecting bicycle racks by the library.

[minute modified on approval on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007 by the addition of the words 'in addition to pursuing the installation of bicycle racks on the stone quay'].

Mr McKenzie left the meeting at 3.35 p.m.

## **5) Review of traffic management issues – Land owned by Swanage Town Council**

### **Co-Op Pedestrian Crossing**

Reports of traffic travelling at dangerous speeds from Kings Road into the Co-Op/Station entrance were reported. The problem of cars parking on the pedestrian crossing was also raised. It was RESOLVED:

**TO RECOMMEND:**  
**That the Town Council make alterations to the pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the Co-Op supermarket to improve safety.**

### **Peveril Point Road Parking Scheme**

The Chairman declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in relation to this item.

It was noted that the implementation of the scheme for parking on Peveril Point Road was an outstanding action point and that it was awaiting advertisement in the press.

### **Station House Car Parking**

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 Trust.

The need to address the parking of vehicles in front of Station House was highlighted.

### **6) Review and Monitoring of Objectives**

The Chairman requested that a schedule of action points be provided to future Committee meetings together with information identifying who was responsible for carrying them out and a progress report on implementation.

### **7) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**

It was reported that Railway Timetables for 2008 were now available.

It was also reported that questionnaires were available from the library regarding a proposed new pattern of opening hours and the District Council's conservation area review.

### **8) Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 2.15 p.m. on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to discuss the scale of car park charges for 2008/09.

The Meeting closed at 4.05 p.m.

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