



meeting between the MCTi Transport Working Group and officers of Dorset County Council at which a walking tour of the town had taken place to discuss a number of problem areas. Particular attention had been drawn to dangerous and anti-social parking, further reference to which was made under minute 4)c), below.

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

**a) Camper vans and trade vehicles - update**

Further to minute 4)b) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 Members considered further the proposals put forward by Dorset County Council in their letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

The Meeting was briefly suspended under Standing Order 69 to permit members of the public present to give their views on this issue.

After further discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Gainsborough and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That Dorset County Council be requested to investigate the approach adopted by other local authorities to control the on-street parking of camper vans and trade vehicles.

It was further proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick:

That Dorset County Council be requested to accept the Town Council's residents' parking permits to enable local camper van and van owners to park in the restricted areas.

Upon being put to the Meeting there were THREE votes IN FAVOUR, ONE AGAINST and there was ONE ABSTENTION, whereupon the proposition was declared CARRIED.

**b) Request for parking restrictions – Sandbourne Close**

Councillor Mrs Patrick declared a personal interest in the following item under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of three of the signatories to the petition under discussion being clients of her employers.

Consideration was given to a petition from residents of numbers 22 and 24 to 28 Sandbourne Close requesting that double yellow lines be placed along a narrow section of this road. The petition noted 'that inconsiderate parking in this area had been a problem for several years, resulting in the non-collection of refuse and re-cycling by SITA'. It was reported that this issue had also been highlighted by the Environmental Services Department at Purbeck District Council. It was noted that prior to any proposed restrictions being actioned by the County Council they would have to be properly advertised. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Gainsborough, seconded by Councillor Audley and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That Dorset County Council be requested to address this issue as a matter of urgency.

c) **Enforcement**

Further to discussion under minute 3) above, it was reported that the County Council's Head of Parking Services had stated that enforcement action could be focussed on specific problem areas in the town. The possibility of the Town Council taking over the enforcement of on-street parking restrictions was raised but it was noted that this was not permissible under current highway regulations. Particular concern was noted regarding parking on the paved area by the Stone Quay.

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

That a letter be sent to the Head of Parking Services at Dorset County Council requesting greater enforcement of on-street parking restrictions in specific problem areas in the town.

It was further proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the lower High Street between the White Swan and the Pier be identified as a problem area requiring such enforcement.

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

That the Town Clerk be requested to investigate the possible transfer of ownership of the paved area by the Stone Quay to the Town Council to enable improved parking enforcement under the provisions of an amended Off-Street (Parking Places) Order.

5) **Requests for Pedestrian Crossings**

a) **High Street, Herston**

Members considered a letter from Mrs S Miles of Quarr Cottages, Bell Street, Swanage, dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007, requesting the installation of a pedestrian crossing near 'Cost Cutters', High Street, Herston. It was noted that the Town Clerk had advised Mrs Miles that the County Council were considering the introduction of dropped kerbs at that location and that that was more likely to be implemented than a pedestrian crossing. Alternatives, such as a form of traffic calming or the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit were also noted.

During discussion Members were informed that this issue has been included in proposals put to Dorset County Council by the MCTi Transport Working Group. It was AGREED:

That Mrs Miles be informed that discussions regarding the issue of pedestrian safety in the area of 'Cost Cutters', High Street, Herston are ongoing and that the Town Council is awaiting a response from Dorset County Council.

**b) Victoria Avenue/Northbrook Road junction**

A letter requesting a crossing in Victoria Avenue, in the vicinity of Main Beach Car Park, was placed before the Committee. Members agreed that this was a dangerous crossing point, but that similar attempts to install an automated crossing had been dismissed by the Highway Authority. After careful consideration it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Patrick, seconded by the Chairman and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That Dorset County Council be requested to investigate the placing of barriers along the pavements on both the north and south sides of Victoria Avenue to the east and west of its junction with Northbrook Road.

**6) Review and monitoring of Transport Committee action points**

A list of action points arising from meetings of the Transport Committee since its inception in May 2007 was received by Members for information. It was agreed that any outstanding items should be brought forward to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration.

**7) Items arising from meeting of Purbeck Transport Action Group, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2008**

A report was made of issues arising from a meeting of Purbeck Transport Action Group held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008, which had been attended by the Chairman. It was noted that recent changes to the Wilts and Dorset bus timetables had provoked considerable concern, and that a representative of that company had been present at the meeting to answer questions. It had been explained that many of the changes had been made to meet operational requirements.

Concern was expressed that buses no longer called at the Purbeck School to convey pupils back to Swanage following their attendance at after-school clubs. This point had been put to the representative of Wilts and Dorset who stated that children could still catch a bus from the centre of Wareham. It was, however, noted that it was possibly inadvisable for the youngest children to walk into the town on a dark winter's evening, and it was agreed that the Chairman would seek to put that point to the representative from Wilts and Dorset.

Other issues discussed at the meeting included: improvements to the bus fleet; a request to Dorset County Council that no roadworks should be carried out on the A351 whilst the ferry is not in service; the effectiveness of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) outside of the National Trust attraction at Corfe Castle; cycle routes to Studland; methods of conveying people into Swanage; and the possibility of establishing a park and ride scheme to Studland from Norden.

**8) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**

Members were informed that the Dorset County Council Transport Policy Manager for Local Transport Plans had written to the Town Council on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008 to state that it remains 'the County Council's intention to ensure that Swanage is better served by the Jurassic Coast bus service' and that provision had been made in the County Council's budget for the current year to assist in establishing such a service. It was noted that the County Council are awaiting a response from two leading bus operators.

Attention was drawn to a forthcoming conference entitled 'Coping with Growth ... Can our rural highway network cope?', to be held at The Exchange, Sturminster Newton on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

The Chairman presented a letter of concern regarding damage to 205 High Street due to large vehicles accessing Priests Road via its narrow junction with the High Street, opposite the Royal British Legion, and it was agreed that this be placed on a future agenda of the Transport Committee.

**9) Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

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