

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **WEDNESDAY 30th MAY 2018** at **2.15 p.m.**

Chairman: -

Councillor M Whitwam

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor J Bishop

Swanage Town Council

Councillor M Bonfield

Swanage Town Council

Councillor G Green

Swanage Town Council

Councillor T Morris

Swanage Town Council

Councillor W Trite

Swanage Town Council

Mr D Rawsthorn

Swanage Railway

Also Present: -

Dr M Ayres

Town Clerk

Miss N Clark

Acting Administration & Communications
Manager

Public Participation Time

There were eight members of the public present.

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Concerns regarding Cow Lane, including inconsiderate parking leading to poor visibility for drivers. A request was made for additional double yellow lines.
- Request made for the Town Council's support for double yellow lines to be removed along a section of Cluny Crescent, and that consideration be given to the removal of unnecessary double yellow lines elsewhere in Swanage.
- Safety concerns reiterated regarding parking on Shore Road.

1) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillor Poultney, Ms K Black (Durlston Country Park), and Mr K Humphreys (Dorset County Council).

2) Declarations Of Interest

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with paragraphs 9 - 13 of the Council's Code of Conduct and regulations made under chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

Agenda Item 6) Swanage Station – Consideration of installation of raised kerbs -
Councillors Trite and Whitwam declared a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct by reason of being directors of the Swanage Railway Trust.

3) Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 7th February 2018

4) a) i) Cluny Crescent, junction with Sunridge Close – consideration of concerns regarding parking issues, and request for new, and repainting of existing, double yellow lines (DYLS) – clarification was provided regarding the location of the new DYLS being requested, and the ones that were in need of repainting. It was confirmed that these requests had been sent to DCC accordingly.

4) Dorset County Council (DCC) - Highway Matters

a) Requests for improved traffic management in the following locations

i) De Moulham Road and Walrond Road crossroads

Consideration was given to correspondence received from a local resident regarding road/pedestrian safety around the De Moulham Road and Walrond Road crossroads. The letters gave details of car accidents witnessed at this location, and included a request for consideration to be given to improved signage, road markings, and the possibility of making Walrond Road, to the east of De Moulham Road leading downhill to Shore Road, one way.

It was noted that a verbal representation had also been received from a local resident who had recently been involved in an accident at the junction, and who would be providing details of this in writing, along with supporting photographs.

During the ensuing discussion, it was reported that the Community Highways Team Leader had recommended a review of the area by the DCC Road Safety Team. In light of the above concerns which had been received, Members agreed that a formal request should be sent to DCC for such a review to be undertaken.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Trite and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-**

That the DCC Road Safety Team be requested to undertake a review of the area around the De Moulham Road and Walrond Road crossroads, the findings of which to be considered at a future Transport Committee meeting.

ii) Junction of Bon Accord Road and Durlston Road

Consideration was given to an email/photographs received from a local resident raising road safety concerns around the junction of Bon Accord Road and Durlston Road. It was reported that vehicles regularly parked too close to the junction, and motorists had experienced visibility difficulties when exiting Bon Accord Road into Durlston Road. Vehicles were being forced into the middle of Durlston Road, the junction was near to a bend, and vehicles had to travel uphill from both the north and south sides of Durlston Road. Further concerns were raised regarding the speed of some vehicles, which exacerbated these problems. The email included a request for consideration to be given for new DYLS to be installed at the junction in the interests of safety.

A discussion ensued and comments were made that numerous similar requests/concerns had been raised regarding various roads around the town, particularly the indiscriminate parking on DYLS and at road junctions, and it had previously been confirmed that the Highway Code stated 'Do not stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Trite and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That a recommendation be made to Dorset County Council to consider installing double yellow lines at the junction of Bon Accord Road and Durlston Road in the interests of safety.

iii) Cluny Crescent – Request to remove double-yellow lines

Consideration was given to an email/photographs received from a resident of Cluny Crescent. The email included a request for the removal of a section of DYLS in Cluny Crescent to provide an extra parking space, and for consideration to be given to the possibility of residents' parking permits.

During the ensuing discussion comments were made that, to date, Swanage

had no on-street residents' parking permits, and that there was ample free on-street parking in and around Cluny Crescent. Further comments were made that DYLS had been installed in nearby St Vast Road to enable coach access to the Youth Hostel, and a question raised as to whether the Cluny Crescent DYLS had been installed for the same reason, being close to a sharp bend/junction with Stafford Road.

At 2.45 p.m. the Chairman invoked Standing Order No. 1 p) to briefly suspend the Meeting to allow members of the public to address the Committee and respond to questions relevant to Agenda Item 4 a) iii).

Members were in agreement that further information was required before a recommendation could be made regarding this request. It was also felt that a general review of DYLS in the town was required and that a working party should be formed to undertake this review.

It was therefore AGREED:

That advice be sought from Dorset County Council regarding the location of the double yellow lines in Cluny Crescent, the outcome of which to be considered at a future Transport Committee Meeting.

It was further AGREED:

That a working party be appointed, consisting of Councillors Bonfield, Green, Morris, Trite and Whitwam, to undertake a review of double yellow lines in the town and present its findings to a future Transport Committee Meeting for further consideration.

iv) Lower High Street – Parking outside of Royal Victoria Apartments

Consideration was given to a request received via the Community Highways Team Leader (CHTL) for residents' parking permits in the High Street, outside Royal Victoria Apartments. The CHTL had advised that, technically, there should be no parking at this location as there were DYLS running along the edge of the road (the pavement ran behind the DYLS in a semi-circle, which meant that cars were parking behind the DYLS). There were three options which could be considered by DCC:

1. Shared parking arrangements – which would see a one-hour parking restriction from 8.00am to 6.00pm, and then unrestricted parking overnight from 6.00pm to 8.00a.m.
2. Relocation of the DYLS from the edge of the road to around the edge of the pavement, which would see parking removed altogether.
3. Leave arrangements as existing.

During the ensuing discussion Members were in agreement that they would not wish to see parking removed altogether from this area, and felt that the preferred option would be for the introduction of shared parking arrangements, which would mirror arrangements seen in the surrounding area. Comments were also made that there was ample free on-street parking in the area, and the Council's Broad Road car park was also nearby.

It was therefore proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Green and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That a recommendation be made to Dorset County Council to consider the introduction of shared parking arrangements outside the Royal Victoria Apartments, High Street, Swanage.

v) **Parking on pavements in Swanage – consideration of request for a new byelaw**

Consideration was given to a letter received from a local resident raising concerns regarding the indiscriminate parking seen on pavements around the town, and the difficulties which could be experienced by pedestrians, wheelchair users, and the visually impaired. The letter included a request for the consideration of a new byelaw to prohibit motorised vehicles or vehicle trailers from parking in such a position that it impeded the passage of any footpath user.

During the ensuing discussion it was reported that DCC had advised that it was proposing to install new DYLS in Victoria Avenue, and at the corners of the junction with Prospect Crescent, which had previously been an area of particular concern regarding parking and passing problems. Members empathised with the resident, but felt that existing laws were in place to deal with this type of offence.

It was further reported that the Town Council would be meeting with representatives from Dorset Police and Dorset Highways to discuss traffic management in the town, and the concerns raised regarding parking on corners and pavements would be placed on the agenda for discussion at that meeting.

b) **Updates from previous meetings**

i) **Institute Road improvements**

It was reported that there would be Public Consultation Exhibitions held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church Hall on 13th and 14th June 2018 regarding DCC's revised highway improvement proposals for Institute Road, details of which would be widely publicised when known.

ii) **Rempstone Road – Request for contribution towards the costs of removal of redundant dropped kerb**

Further to Minute No. 4 b) i) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 21st June 2017, consideration was given to a request received from DCC for a financial contribution of up to £400 towards the cost of removing the redundant dropped kerb in Rempstone Road. It was noted that this had been a long outstanding matter.

It was proposed by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Morris and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

TO RECOMMEND:

That approval be given to a contribution of up to £400 to Dorset County Council towards the costs of removing the redundant dropped kerb in Rempstone Road.

iii) **Report from Community Highways Team Leader**

There were no updates to be given at the present time.

5) **Cow Lane – Further consideration of traffic calming measures**

Further to Minute No. 7) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 22nd November 2017, consideration was again given to possible parking restrictions and traffic calming measures on the Town-Council owned part of Cow Lane.

During the discussion attention was drawn to the potential for the Highway Authority to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order, as although the section of road in the Town Council's ownership is unadopted it is nevertheless a public highway.

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

That the Town Council's Traffic Flow Working Party should meet with representatives of the Highway Authority and the County Councillor for Swanage to consider options for reducing speed and better managing parking on the northernmost section of Cow Lane, and to make recommendations to a future Council meeting.

Further to his declaration under item 2 above, the Chairman left the room during consideration of the following item and it was agreed that Councillor Bonfield, as Town Mayor, would assume the chair.

Councillor Bonfield assumed the chair.

6) Swanage Station – Consideration of installation of raised kerbs

Consideration was given to representations from Dorset County Council's Travel Community Engagement & Infrastructure Officer requesting that consideration be given to the installation of raised kerbs at the bus stops outside of Swanage Railway Station to improve the access of disabled passengers to local bus services.

Representations were made on behalf of Swanage Railway raising serious concerns over the proposed alterations to the kerb height. Key points raised related to drainage, erosion of heritage and pedestrian safety.

After careful consideration, it was AGREED:

That further information should be sought regarding the technical issues raised in relation to drainage and pedestrian safety, and that the matter should be referred to the Traffic Flow Working Party for further consideration.

A request was made that the risk assessment previously commissioned in respect of the station forecourt should be circulated to all members of the Transport Committee.

Councillor Whitwam re-assumed the chair.

7) Car Parks – Request for parking permits for Broad Road car park for Swanage Sea Rowing Club

The Committee gave consideration to an e-mail dated 22nd May 2018 from a representative of Swanage Sea Rowing Club, requesting discounted parking permits for Broad Road car park, in support of the Club's training sessions in the nearby gigshed.

During the ensuing discussion concerns were raised regarding the loss of parking spaces during peak weekend times, together with the possibility that this could create a precedent which would lead to similar requests from other local clubs and societies. Attention was drawn to the support given by the Town Council to the Rowing Club in many other ways, including granting the site of the gigshed on a peppercorn lease and supporting events organised by the Club in the town.

It was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Bishop and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That, with regret, the request from Swanage Sea Rowing Club for discounted parking permits in Broad Road Car Park be refused.

8) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

a) Bus Shelter- consideration of the purchase of new shelter outside Costcutter, Herston – further to Minute No. 6) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 7th

February 2018, it was reported that the Council was awaiting further news from Dorset County Council regarding potential grant support. It was noted that if this was not forthcoming the Town Council had committed in principle to purchasing a replacement bus shelter.

- b) **Cluny Crescent** – concerns were raised regarding holes in the pavement on Cluny Crescent and it was agreed that this would be reported to the Highway Authority.
- c) **Sandbanks Ferry Toll Review Application** – notification had been received that a Public Inquiry is to be held on 25th and 26th September 2018, at Studland Village Hall, Heathgreen Road, Studland, BH19 3BX. It was reported that the Town Council would be actively lobbying the District Council to represent the objections raised by it and neighbouring parish councils.
- d) **Coombe Corner** – it was noted that the long-planned improvement works were now scheduled to take place this autumn.
- e) **Northbrook Road Cycle Route** - it was reported that Dorset County Council's Highways Improvement Teams would soon be developing preliminary designs for a cycle route along Northbrook Road between Victoria Avenue and St Mary's RC Primary School.

9) **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 28th November 2018.

The meeting closed at 3.35 p.m.
