

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall, Swanage, on
WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2023 at **2.45 p.m.**

Chair:

Councillor M Whitwam

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor T Foster

Swanage Town Council

Councillor C Moreton

Swanage Town Council

Also Present: -

Dr M Ayres

Town Clerk

Mrs E Evans

Democratic Services Officer

Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

1) Apologies

There were no apologies to record on this occasion. Councillor Monkhouse and Mr S Mepham, Community Highways Team Leader (CHTL), Dorset Council Highways, attended remotely.

2) Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with Section 9 and Appendix B of the Council's Code of Conduct.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

3) Highway Matters – to formulate Council views on the following:

a) High Street, Herston

Location	Concern raised	Potential solution
a) High Street, Herston.	Improved traffic management for increased pedestrian safety.	Pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Costcutter, 208 High Street. Refer to Dorset Council to consider improvement to traffic management and determine next steps.

Consideration was given to several emails received from a local resident requesting a pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Costcutters, High Street, Swanage, to improve pedestrian safety.

A discussion ensued during which comments were made that the installation of a crossing at this location would need careful consideration, in particular the implications should repositioning of the bus stop be required, and the subsequent loss of car parking spaces. It was noted that the installation of a crossing may disadvantage those with a disability in parking near to the store and therefore this would need consideration at the design stage.

It was reported that should a formal request be submitted to Dorset Council the location would be assessed to ascertain whether this met with their criteria, prior to a designer undertaking a feasibility study. In addition, the views of local residents would need to be sought to ensure any changes to traffic management benefitted the wider community.

Further to a discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Foster and AGREED:-

TO RECOMMEND:

That the Planning and Consultation Committee consider referring the request for a pedestrian crossing, in the vicinity of Costcutter, High Street, Swanage to Dorset Council.

b) High Street, Swanage

Location	Concern raised	Potential solution
b) High Street, Swanage. (section between Methodist Church and United Reformed Church).	Request for the removal of parking restrictions in the winter months and extension from 1 hour to 2 hours in the summer months.	Alteration to parking restrictions in the High Street (section between Methodist Church and United Reformed Church). Refer to Dorset Council to consider a change to the parking restrictions.

Further to Minute No. 8 a) of the Informal meeting of the Roads and Transport Committee, held on 24th November 2021, consideration was given to emails received from a local resident, again requesting a review of the timed parking limit in the High Street, Swanage, in the section of road between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church.

The CHTL confirmed that Traffic Regulation Orders could be amended and a seasonal time limit consistent with other areas of town, such as Shore Road, would be a sensible approach. It was noted that the Day Centre/Children's Centre proposed change of use may alter its footfall and increase the need to access parking spaces in the High Street, although it was also noted that some off street parking bays were available for the Centre.

It was proposed by Councillor Moreton, seconded by Councillor Foster and AGREED:-

TO RECOMMEND:

That the Planning and Consultation Committee refer the request to change to the parking restrictions in the High Street, Swanage, between the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church, Swanage to Dorset Council.

c) Rabling Lane/Rabling Road, Swanage

Location	Concern raised	Potential solution
c) Rabling Lane/Rabling Road, Swanage.	Request for an extension of double yellow lines (DYL's) at junction of Rabling	Extension to the DYL's in Rabling Road at junction with Rabling Lane.

	Lane and Rabling Road.	Refer to Dorset Council to consider an extension to DYL's or alternative measures.
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Consideration was given to emails and photographs received from a local resident requesting an extension to the double yellow lines in Rabling Road, at the junction of Rabling Lane, for improved visibility. It was acknowledged that, from the information supplied, visibility was poor when exiting from Rabling Lane and the CHTL stated that an extension to the DYL's of approximately 10 metres could improve junction safety.

Therefore, it was proposed by Councillor Moreton, seconded by Councillor Foster and AGREED:-

TO RECOMMEND:

That the Planning and Consultation Committee refer the request for an extension to the DYL's in Rabling Road at the junction with Rabling Lane to improve visibility and junction safety to Dorset Council.

4) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

a) Dorset Council – 20 m.p.h. Speed limit policy (adopted)

A question was raised around the application for 20 m.p.h. zones around schools. In response, it was stated that the newly adopted policy would enable Town Council's to apply for 20 m.p.h. zones and not exclusively around schools. However, evidence such as that gained by Community Speed Watch Teams would be required to progress the application.

b) Dorset Council - Highways reporting form:

The online reporting form link was noted.

5) Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 19th April 2023 @ 2.15 p.m.

Thanks were provided to Mr Mepham for his input into the meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.35 p.m.
