

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall on **WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2014** at **2.15 p.m.**

Chairman: -

Councillor M. Whitwam

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor Mrs C Bartlett

Swanage Town Council

Councillor M Bonfield

Swanage Town Council

Councillor Mrs A Patrick

Swanage Town Council

Councillor Pratt

Swanage Town Council

PC Kyle Hickman

Dorset Police

Mrs C Drayson

Swanage Hospitality Association

Mrs C Finch

Swanage & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce

Also Present: -

Dr. M. Ayres

Town Clerk

Miss N Clark

Management Support Officer

**Public Participation Time**

There were two members of the public present.

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time:-

- Update given regarding DCC Roads and Rights of Way Committee meeting re. proposed new Puffin Crossing, High Street.
- Concerns raised regarding parking issues and confusion with a dropped kerb situated within permitted parking area in Rempstone Road.

**1) Apologies**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Miss C Harris, Poultney and Trite.

**2) Declarations Of Interest**

Members were invited to declare their interest under the Code of Conduct as defined by regulations made under section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

**3) Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2014**

**8 a) Removal of Bus Stop – Argyle Road/Kings Road** - new post now installed, no sign as yet. To be followed up with the bus company.

**8 b) Re-naming of Court Hill** – letter to be issued to all residents of Court Road requesting their opinion as to the proposed change of name.

#### 4) **Highway Matters**

##### a) **Consideration of removal of yellow lines to provide parking bays in Seymer Road**

Further to correspondence received, which had also been submitted to DCC Highways, consideration was made to the request to remove yellow lines outside Seymer Place to provide parking bays for residents. Attention was drawn to potential issues with camper vans, cars with trailers/boats parking in the bays and also passing issues. Members agreed in principle to support finding a solution to this request and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bartlett, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the Town Council write a letter to the residents of Seymer Road advising them of the potential consequences of removing the yellow lines and raising the possibility of introducing Residents' Parking Permits for Broad Road Car Park.

##### b) **Dropped Kerb parking issues – Rempstone Road**

Following concerns from a local resident raised during Public Participation time and via letter, consideration was given to the removal of a dropped kerb on Rempstone Road because it left motorists who parked their car across it vulnerable to enforcement action. It was agreed that the dropped kerb appeared to be historic, confusing and of no use. It was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bartlett and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the Town Council write a letter to DCC Highways fully supporting removal of the dropped kerb.

##### c) **Consideration of support for request to DCC for resurfacing works, Shore Road**

Consideration was given to an email received raising concerns about the current state of Shore Road between its junctions with Victoria Avenue and Clifton Road. The extent of damage and safety concerns of road users were discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Mrs Patrick and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the Town Council write a letter to DCC Highways fully supporting the resurfacing of Shore Road as soon as possible and in the interest of safety.

##### d) **Junction of Steer Road, Cow Lane and Steer Road – request for safer crossing**

Consideration was given to a letter received requesting a larger pavement or island to make crossing safer at the junction of the above roads. From close observation, Members noted that there were a number of safe alternative crossing points. It was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bartlett and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That no further action be taken with this request.

**e) Request for consideration to removal of yellow lines to provide loading bay in Kings Road East**

Consideration was given to a letter received requesting loading bay facilities for businesses situated in Kings Road East and Daisy May's Shopping Arcade. Concerns were discussed regarding existing illegal parking, passing and traffic jams. It was felt that a loading bay would exacerbate these problems and there are already loading bays in the High Street and Institute Road. It was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Pratt and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That no further action be taken with this request in view of the potential increased traffic problems and the fact that there are alternative loading bays available nearby.

**5) Panorama Road – heavy plant and vehicles problems**

Further to recent meetings with the operator of California Quarry and local residents, the Town Clerk reported on measures to be taken in respect of concerns surrounding the safety of Panorama Road. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Patrick, seconded by Councillor Bonfield and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That a Risk Assessment be carried out in respect of road safety, the Operations Manager review signage and road markings, and that if improvements were identified contributions be sought from relevant third parties.

**6) Updates from DCC Highways**

**a) Traffic Calming Measures – Cow Lane**

DCC have now arranged for the laying of cables at the lower end of Cow Lane to monitor the volume and speed of traffic and a meeting has been arranged between the County Council, Town Council and local residents to discuss these issues on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**b) St Marks School – request for reduction in speed limit**

DCC had provided an initial response to the Town Council's recent request to reduce the existing 40 mph speed limit to 30 mph, stating that this would be unlikely to gain officer approval. After further consideration it was proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Bonfield and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the Council reiterates its support for the reduction in speed limit and draws the County Council's attention to the anomaly in speed limits between the Coombe Farm junction and the existing 30 mph speed limit at the entrance to the school.

**c) Consultation update – proposed High Street crossing**

It was noted that this matter had yet to be determined by the County Council's Roads and Rights of Way Committee.

7) **Street Name Signs**

Consideration was given to a letter received requesting additional road name signs. Given the constraints on public finances at the present time it was felt that whilst this was a valid request the Committee could not support this proposal. It was proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Pratt and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That no further action be taken with this request.

8) **Residents' Permit Holders Free Parking on Market Days**

Consideration was given to moving the 2 hours free parking for resident permit holders in Main Beach Car Park from Tuesdays to Fridays when the market reopens on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Patrick, seconded by Councillor Bonfield and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That the residents' 2 hours free parking is moved from Tuesdays to Fridays between 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. with effect from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

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

There were no matters to report.

10) **Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

The meeting closed at 3.25 p.m.

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