

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held at
the Town Hall, Swanage, on **WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE
2025** at 5.00 p.m.

Chair: -

Councillor C. Sutton

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor M Bonfield

Swanage Town Council

Councillor S Brookes

Swanage Town Council

Councillor J Dorrington

Swanage Town Council

Also Present: -

Dr M Ayres

Town Clerk

Mrs S Layton-Kelly

Administration Officer

Mr S Mephram

Community Highways Team Leader (CHTL)

There was two members of the public and one member of the press present during public participation time.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time: -

A question was raised regarding progress on the recent review of locations proposed by Accessible Swanage for additional dropped kerbs. The committee noted that discussions are currently ongoing between Dorset Council and representatives of Accessible Swanage and an update will be given in due course.

1) Appointment of Chairman

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

That Councillor Sutton be appointed Chairman of
The Traffic Management Advisory Committee for
2025/26.

2) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillor C
Tomes

3) 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.

4) To approve as a correct record Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 12th February 2025.

It was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Dorrington and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY : -

That the Minutes of the Traffic Management
Advisory Committee held on 12th February 2025.
be approved as a correct record.

5) Highway Matters – Update on previous requests.

Location	Concern Raised	Potential Solution
a) Lower Seymer Road	As per Minute 4a) of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 12 th February 2025, The pavement along lower Seymer Road is extremely narrow 0.8 metres in places, and its uneven surface makes it difficult for families and wheelchair users. As a result, many pedestrians chose to walk on the east side of lower Seymer Road where no pavement exists, posing further safety concerns.	Suggestion of traffic calming measures and pavement widening. Update – The Chairman met with the CHTL onsite to discuss potential signage to highlight a safe route to and from the Broad Road Car Park.
Consideration was given to the installation of signage along lower High Street between Gee Whites and the Pier, to highlight a safe pedestrian route to and from Broad Road car park. Further consideration was also given to the placement of additional signage within or adjacent to the Broad Road car park walkway, to clearly highlight the recommended safe route for pedestrians accessing or leaving the car park. During the discussion, it was suggested that this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Tourism and Local Economy Committee. It was noted that the Swanage Chamber of Trade is currently undertaking an audit of signage around the town and it was agreed that it would be prudent to work collaboratively with them on this issue.		
b) Priests Road, Swanage (near junction of Panorama Road)	Narrow pavement and parked vehicles causing obstruction to pedestrians. Additionally, concerns regarding accessibility for wheelchair users and	Update- Further to Minute No. 5 f) of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 th October 2023. Public Consultation has begun for the installation

	pushchairs as there is no dropped kerb.	of DYL's along Priests Road, Swanage, near the junction of Panorama Road. Dorset Council have reported that they received requests during the public consultation to extend the restrictions towards the junction of Hobourne Road to counteract the parking and storing of caravans on the highway at this location.
<p>Consideration was given to the additional requests submitted to Dorset Council during the public consultation phase, regarding the potential extension of the proposed restriction further towards the junction with Hobourne Road.</p> <p>During the discussion, concerns were raised about the potential loss of parking and the likelihood that introducing further yellow line restrictions could result in vehicles parking on the opposite side of the road, potentially creating additional safety or access issues. Following the discussion, it was agreed that no changes be made and the original Traffic Regulation Order that is currently the subject of public consultation.</p>		
c) Motorbikes on Stone Quay	An email was received by the Town Council requesting the addition of signage on Stone Quay to assist enforcement officers in deterring motorcyclists parking their bikes there.	Update- The Assets and Compliance Manager has had confirmation from Dorset Council that motorbikes are clearly prohibited from parking in this area due to it being behind double yellow lines and therefore, there is no requirement for signage.
<p>Consideration was given to the re-purposing of the existing Hackney Carriage Taxi Rank located on the lower High Street, near the junction of lower Seymer Road, into a designated motorcycle parking bay. During the discussion, it was also suggested that the adjacent unused Police Parking Bay be similarly repurposed to provide additional motorcycle parking provision in the area. It was, therefore, proposed by Councillor Brookes, seconded by Councillor Dorrington, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY;-</p> <p>TO RECOMMEND That a request be made to Dorset Council that the Hackney Carriage Taxi Rank and the Police Parking Bay located on the lower High Street, near the junction with lower Seymer Road, be re-purposed as designated motorcycle parking bays.</p>		

d) Detached Caravans & Camper Vans Parked on Public Highways in Swanage	Residents have raised concerns about an increasing number of detached caravans being left on public roads in Swanage.	Suggestion that Swanage Town Council request Dorset Highways to review current policy regarding detached caravans and camper vans on the highway.
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Consideration was given to a proposal for Swanage Town Council to request Dorset Council to review their current policy regarding the parking of detached caravans and camper vans on the public highway. The committee acknowledged growing concerns around safety, obstruction and the legal status of such vehicles. Further discussion took place around the potential for joint working between Swanage Town Council and Dorset Highways, to draft a courteous and informative notice to be placed on any detached caravans or camper vans parked on the public highway. It was agreed that a notice should be drafted to raise awareness of potential safety risks and legal implications, while adopting a respectful tone to encourage voluntary compliance with highway regulations.

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e) Ancaster Road, Swanage (junction of Victoria Avenue)	Vehicles parking close to the junction obscuring visibility. Impact on refuse collection.	Update – Further to Minute No. 5 g) of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 th October 2023. Public Consultation has begun for the installation of DYL's on Ancaster Road by the junction of Victoria Avenue, Swanage.
f) Washpond Lane, pedestrian safety near schools.	A meeting was held on 1 st April 2025 between representatives of the Swanage School, St Mark's Primary school, Swanage Town Councillors, Dorset Ward Councillors and representatives from Dorset Council's Highway Team, in which safety concerns were discussed regarding Washpond Lane and the A351 Herston. A further meeting was arranged in which Dorset Council Road Safety Officers would visit the site and carry out a review.	Update- Dorset Council's Road Safety Team has completed their review and site visit of Washpond Lane and the wider school safety issues, resulting in consideration being given to several improvements, including introduction of a School Streets Initiative. This would involve the temporary closure of the top of Washpond Lane for a short time (morning and afternoon). This measure is intended to create a safer crossing point for children. Dorset Highways would report once further investigation work had been completed.

6) Items of Information and Matters for forthcoming Agendas

a) Sitting Out licences, street furniture, and inconsiderate parking on pavements in the town centre - Further to Minute 8a)i) from the Planning and Consultation Committee meeting held on the 2nd June 2025, Members revisited ongoing public concerns regarding obstructions on pavements in the town centre caused by street furniture, including tables/chairs and A-boards/signs. These items were reported to be creating trip hazards, particularly in Station Road and Institute Road.

It was noted that DC's Highways Officer had previously visited local businesses and distributed an information leaflet outlining Dorset Council's policy and guidelines on the appropriate use of street furniture. This intervention had helped alleviate the issues at the time.

Concerns had also been raised about the frequent parking of vehicles on pavements in Institute Road. It was reported that vehicles were reportedly parking on the pavement rather than in the designated loading bays nearby.

In response, the CHTL agreed to review the area and visit the relevant businesses to remind them of Dorset Council's policies and guidelines regarding these matters.

b) Temporary tarmac repairs in Institute Road (outside Leonards and the Italian Bakery) – Further to Minute 8a)ii) from the Planning and Consultation Committee meeting held on the 2nd June 2025, discussion ensued regarding the proper repair of these pavements with Rhino paving to match the original surface. The CHTL said he was aware that discussions were ongoing and that further information would be provided in due course.

7) Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th October at 5.00pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.