

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held at
the Town Hall, Swanage, on **WEDNESDAY 12th
FEBRUARY 2025** at 5.00 p.m.

Chair: -

Councillor C. Sutton

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor S Brookes

Swanage Town Council

Councillor M Coward

Swanage Town Council

Councillor J Dorrington

Swanage Town Council

Councillor T Foster

Swanage Town Council

Also Present: -

Councillor M Bonfield

Swanage Town Council

Councillor D Monkhouse

Swanage Town Council (until 5.45pm)

Dr M Ayres

Town Clerk

Mrs S Layton-Kelly

Administration Officer

Mr S Mephram

Community Highways Team Leader (CHTL)

Ms G Percival

Assets and Compliance Manager

There was one member of the public present during public participation time.

Public Participation Time

The following matters were raised during Public Participation Time: -

- A concern was raised in respect of the recent works carried out at Station Approach. In response it was stated that an update would be provided under agenda item 6a).
- Further to Minute No 9) of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 30th October 2023, Councillor Monkhouse stated she would be passing papers regarding dropped kerbs to the Community Highways Team Leader (CHTL).

1) Apologies

There were no apologies given on this occasion.

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) **To approve as a correct record Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 19th June 2024.**

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

That the Minutes of the Traffic Management
Advisory Committee held on 19th June 2024
be approved as a correct record.

4) **Highway Matters – Update on previous requests.**

Location	Concern Raised	Potential Solution
a) Lower Seymer Road	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.
Consideration was given to the briefing paper circulated prior to the meeting which included concerns raised by the residents of Pier View flats regarding pedestrian safety along lower Seymer Road. The paper was accompanied by images illustrating the issues. A discussion followed during which several potential options to improve pedestrian safety were examined, along with the feasibility of their implementation. The discussion concluded with the Chairman agreeing to meet with the CHTL on site to discuss potential signage to highlight a safe route to and from Broad Road Car Park.		
b) Commercial Road (West Side)	A Community Highways Request Form has been received by the Town Council raising the persistent issue of parked cars obstructing Commercial Road, which is causing serious safety risks and daily inconvenience for	Suggestion of measures to prohibit parking on Commercial Road.

	residents. An Emergency Service vehicle has previously encountered difficulties accessing the cul-de-sac, while residents struggle to transport items, manoeuvre prams, and access their homes. Additionally, frequent missed bin collections contribute to further concerns.	
<p>It was noted that the area in question does not fall within the ownership or responsibility of either Dorset Council or Swanage Town Council.</p> <p>It was therefore agreed that this matter cannot be taken forward.</p>		
c) Commercial Road	Obstructions on the footpath caused by bins are forcing pedestrians to walk in the road where they are at risk from passing vehicles. Additionally, the poor road surface, with numerous holes and raised areas from repeated roadworks and tarmac erosion, further compromises pedestrian safety.	Suggestion of traffic calming measures and a review of the road condition.
<p>Consideration was given to the briefing paper circulated prior to the meeting that set out concerns raised by The Heart of Swanage group of businesses. The CHTL advised that he would liaise with the Community Highways Officer to review the issues highlighted.</p> <p>.</p>		

Information Only		
Northbrook Railway Bridge	No footway over bridge. Bridge is used by school children and numerous others for the purpose of observing and photographing heritage trains. This becomes increasingly crowded through the summer months.	Update- An order has been raised by Dorset Council for 2 “pedestrian in road” warning signs. A confirmed date cannot be given currently for their implementation, however, it is expected to be before the end of the financial year.
High Street Swanage, section between the Methodist Church and the	Request for the removal of parking restrictions in the winter months and an	Update- On the request of Dorset Council, Swanage Town Council have

United Reform Church.	extension from the current 1 hour restriction, to a 2 hour restriction in the summer months.	delivered letters to residents along the relevant section of the High Street (between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church), advising that Dorset Council has agreed to remove the parking restrictions during the winter months but the 1 hour restriction will remain in place during the summer months and to advise that the Council are unable to bring in the residents' parking scheme as requested. The letter advised that any comments must be received by Dorset Council by 31/01/2025.
Community Speed Watch	20 mph Limits and Zones and Dorset Road Safety Community Speed Watch.	Update- On 20 th November 2024 at 7.30pm a meeting was held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. This was facilitated by the Town Council and attended by the Dorset Police Community Speed watch Coordinator, Maria Attwood. Councillor Brookes has expressed her willingness to take this forward and will be contacting the Police Community Speed Watch Team.
Priests Road, Swanage (near junction of Panorama Road)	Narrow pavement and parked vehicles causing obstruction to pedestrians. Additionally, the issue regarding accessibility for wheelchair users and pushchairs as there is no dropped kerb.	Update- TRO ranking plan has been completed by Steve Mepham (CHTL) and submitted to Dorset Council's Traffic Regulations Team, requesting the installation of DYL's with a loading ban on the north side of Priests Road between

		the Hillview Road junction and the Panorama Road junction.
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5) Additional dropped kerbs for Swanage- Update.

The CHTL provided the Committee with an update regarding the request for additional dropped kerbs in Swanage. He reported that a meeting had been scheduled between himself and the Visitor Services and Business Development Manager (VSBDM) to review the identified sites. It was noted that, subject to the complexity of the work required, the newly allocated budget from April may enable the installation of up to 5 sets of dropped kerbs.

Councillor Monkhouse left the meeting at 5.45pm.

6) Items of Information and Matters for forthcoming Agendas

a) Update on Pedestrian Safety Improvement Works at Station Approach – The Assets and Compliance Manager reported that concerns had been raised regarding the surface material used in the recent improvement works at Station Approach which will result in Dorset Council undertaking remedial works, although no specific timeline had yet been provided.

In response to the matters raised by a member of the public, the Assets and Compliance Manager confirmed that she is happy to liaise directly with Dorset Council on their behalf and provide an update in due course.

b) Update on Pedestrian Safety Improvement works along Ulwell Road, near Redcliffe Road – The Assets and Compliance Manager gave a brief update regarding the improvement works, noting that Swanage Town Council is not directly responsible for the works. Once completed, the improvements are expected to provide a safer route for residents and school children attending the nearby primary school.

It was further reported that two mature pine trees had been removed to enable the commencement of the works. These trees were at the end of their natural lifespan and had been identified as potentially hazardous. Two replacement trees are to be planted in Days Park.

c) Update on Washpond Lane, pedestrian safety near schools – It was noted that a Teams meeting to discuss safety concerns around Washpond Lane, involving Representatives from The Swanage School, St Mark's Primary School and representatives of Dorset Council and Swanage Town Councillors would now be held on 1st April 2025.

d) Update on 20mph outside St Mark's and Swanage Schools – Councillor Brookes provided an update on the Community Speed Watch initiative she is leading, advising that 30 individuals had signed up for the Speed Watch group. A query was raised regarding the flashing advisory school sign located at the entrance to Swanage which had reportedly been observed flashing at 10.00pm at night. It was questioned whether the sign operated on a timer. The CHTL agreed to liaise with a

relevant colleague and provide an update.

A question was raised about letters sent by the pupils of St Mark's Primary School to the Town Mayor, outlining their concerns regarding safety along Washpond Lane. The Town Mayor advised that she had responded to the pupils, explaining that as the matter falls under the remit of Dorset Highways, it was not within the Town Council's authority to intervene directly.

7) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee had been provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 11th June at 5.00pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their attendance.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.