

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday 20 May 2015 at 2.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr A J Dent
Cllr S V Hall
Cllr T D Wright
County Cllr Mrs C Channon
G Maddaford (Otter Valley Association)
A Tilbury (BS & District Chamber of Commerce)
M Clarke (Budleigh in Business/East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council)
PCSO C Major
Canon A R Henderson

Secretary: Mrs J E Vanstone

269. Election of Chairman

Alan D proposed, Alan T seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Steve be appointed Chairman.

270. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Helen Selby (DCC Highways). Jo agreed to write to East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council for confirmation of a representative to sit on the Group.

271. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 4 February 2015 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

272. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

(i) Bus Stop at Knowle

It was noted that the bus stop had been moved but Alan D advised that the new stop was obscured by over-hanging shrubs! He also advised that the old post had not been removed. Jo will ask Helen to instruct the contractors attend to this.

It was also suggested that Knowle Village Working Party members could contact the house owner asking them to cut back the offending shrubs.

(ii) Jo read a report from Helen regarding the inspection of High Street pavements (*report held on file*)

After some discussion regarding the preference for "black top" or paving slabs, it was agreed that the south side of the High Street was in need of attention and the matter should be put before the Town Council. It was also suggested that members of both the Chamber of Commerce and Budleigh in Business be asked for opinions/ideas.

It was also noted that no report had been received from Helen regarding the pinch point at Marine Parade.

273. Railings at Steamer Steps

Christine said the railings from the shelter up the cliff toward the golf course were in a poor state of repair; the main issue was their ownership. She suggested that Jo contact Richard Spurway asking if the repairs could be funded from the Coastal Path money. Jo will get some costs and it was suggested the Town Council could fund the materials and the Coastal Path team fund the labour costs.

274. Traffic Problems: Junction of Northview Road/Fountain Hill with West Hill

A letter from Ms J Lee, regarding the perceived traffic problems at this junction, was discussed.

Chantalle confirmed was not aware of any incidents in the area adding that the police are not always contacted if there is a minor collision.

Christine suggested that the scheme for double yellow lines (DYL) from Meadow Road be extended up to Little Knowle and this could be added to the Town Traffic Order (TTO).

275. Raleigh Wall, Marine Parade: Pinchpoint Scheme

Christine advised that a scheme had been drawn up to be included in the Local Transport Plan bid and she would chase this up with Helen.

Steve confirmed that the request for vertical DYL at this location was still on the TTO. Christine will also chase this up with Helen.

276. East Terrace

Alan said that the parking in East Terrace was still a problem and asked what could be done to alleviate to the parking problems.

Steve said that a scheme had been drawn up with the cooperation of East Terrace residents and whilst the parking bays were not given DCC Highways approval, the rest of the scheme could be included on the TTO. It was agreed to add it to the list.

277. Town Traffic Order

Christine reported that she had been advised that that the TTO would cost in the region of £3000 to draw up and advertise plus an additional £3000 to implement. She said she was happy to use her Locality Budget and so the Group must make sure that everything is included! She would be asking BSTC and EBWBPC to make a contribution to the implementation costs.

Jo read the list of locations which were included in the previous minutes (Min. No. 266).

Roy said there was a need for DYL on Chapel Hill near the junction of East Terrace and it was agreed that should be included, as well as the scheme for East Terrace and the extension to the DYL on West Hill.

It was suggested that the Journal be asked to include a piece about the suggestions before the TTO goes in to make sure all requests are included.

It was also agreed that all locations be visited before the TTO goes in.

The Town Traffic Order locations are as follows:

- Double Yellow Lines on West Hill from the junction of Meadow Road to the junction of Little Knowle
- Loading Lines on Marine Parade/South Parade
- Loading Lines at The Lawn outside St Peter's Church
- No Waiting At Any Time from Wynards House to Hayes Brow, High Street, East Budleigh
- Double Yellow Lines outside St Peter's School in Moor Lane
- Double Yellow Lines on Chapel Hill
- The East Terrace scheme

278. Knowle Village

The email and further letter received from the Knowle Village Working Party (KVWP) were received and considered.

Christine suggested she meet with Dave Whitton to get some clarification on the various policies – were they national policy or DCC interpretation of them! She would also discuss the following:

- Extending the 30mph limit up Knowle Hill to the roundabout
- White Line policy
- Rumble strips

With regard to the other issues raised by the KVWP:

- Speed Limit - the speed limit through the village cannot be lowered to 20mph because this is no longer national policy. It is unenforceable by the Police and does not have the backing of our local officers.
- Flashing Speed Signs – a small amount of money has been raised towards a sign but, due to budget cuts, DCC will be unable to contribute. The onus is on the village to fundraise to acquire and install this sign. There may be planning implications.
- Knowle Corner Layout – the funding for such a proposal can only come from contributions made by developers. DCC Highways are not convinced that any alteration is applicable to this area.
- Bedlands Lane – the consensus is that the only way an improvement can be achieved is if the landowner agrees to give way to increase the visibility splay. It was suggested that villagers could assist with the maintenance at this junction by helping to reduce overgrowth etc.

Members are happy to discuss a village walk with KVWP once Christine has established policy with Dave Whitton.

278. Upper Stoneborough Lane/East Budleigh Road

The installation of a dropped kerb on the southern side of this junction was discussed. Helen will be asked to look at this location.

It was also agreed that in the long term the Group should look at the feasibility of providing safe passage to the Hub.

279. Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

1. Alan T reported that the deliveries to the Co-operative store were much better and were at a more acceptable time of day.
2. He also asked that now the Police Station was closed, would the police parking bay be removed. Chantalle confirmed that the bay would be removed creating an additional 2 or 3 spaces.
3. Alan then congratulated Christine on her appointment as Chairman of DCC and Alan D, Steve and Tom on their re-election to the Town and District Councils.
4. Christine advised she had been approached by a couple who had just moved into Bramble Close who were asking for a disabled parking bay outside their house. It had been refused because there was sufficient off-street parking but she said the issue was getting from car to front door and parking off-street would block their access.
5. Mike asked if there was any progress with the Upper Station Road Car Park. Alan D said that there was nothing to report as yet.
6. Christine reported she had been advised that "good deals" would be announced regarding the Public Transport consultation after the next Cabinet meeting.
7. Christine had attended the 25th anniversary of Ring & Ride in Devon.
8. Chantalle asked if the street furniture review had been completed and wondered if there was any chance of 20mph reminder signs on Fore Street Hill.
9. Steve said he had received a complaint about the mis-use of a disabled parking bay in Station Road. Christine advised that the information should be reported to any Civil Enforcement Officer. Members were reminded that any blue badge holder was entitled to use a disabled parking bay for short term parking. Chantalle added that she would visit the driver if necessary.

280. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 August 2015 at 2.30pm. It was agreed that it is vital that Helen attends the next meeting and so if 19 August is not convenient with her then the meeting should be held on 2 September at the same time.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 16.18pm.

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Chairman

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Date

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