

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of the Budleigh Salterton Traffic Group held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 31 July 2018 at 2.00pm.

PRESENT

Cllr S V Hall (Chairman)
County Cllr Mrs C Channon
Cllr A L Jones
G Maddaford (OVA)
E Stamp (DCC Highways)
R Elliott (DCC Highways)
A Tilbury (Chamber of Commerce)

Secretary: Mrs J E Vanstone

367. Election of Chairman

Alan J proposed, George seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Steve be appointed Chairman.

368. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Roy.

369. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Group held on 21 March 2018 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was unanimously agreed they be signed as a true record.

370. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting

- Min 365 – Brick Cross. Emma said she had passed this over to the Structures Team and will chase up and report at next meeting.
- Steve said he was unhappy at the lack of police presence at the Meeting. Jo suggested that the Town Mayor, Tom Wright mentions this at the next Police & Crime Panel meeting.
- Min 360 – Wall at Chapel Hill. Emma advised that the owner was not there very often but she would contact her again as it could become a serious issue. George asked if Devon County Council (DCC) could carry out the work and bill the owner. Emma said the work was not vital but would put pressure on the owner. East Devon District Council (EDDC) Dangerous Structures team had looked at it and Jo will ask if they can reassess the wall as there had been some changes since they first looked at it.
- Min 361 – Alan J asked what was happening about the potholes outside the entrance to the Football Club. Emma explained that section of the footway was not DCC responsibility but would take another look. Christine advised there were one or two holes near the school which may need attention.

371. Granary Lane

A letter received from J Couper, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, regarding the perceived speed of vehicles on Granary Lane, had been circulated prior to the meeting. George advised that the issues were two-fold – the speed of traffic coming through the narrower section between numbers 96 and 96a and cars parking at the very end of Raleigh Road.

Richard suggested carrying out a speed check in that area and Emma would try to get hold of some cones to place at the bottom of Raleigh Road.

Christine added that a Traffic Order for additional Double Yellow Lines (DYL) on Granary Lane and Stoneborough Lane had been discussed at a recent Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC) meeting. She wondered where the request had originated but would investigate!

372. East Budleigh Road/Coastguard Road

A discussion took place on the parking issues on this road plus requests for additional double yellow lines in the vicinity of The Hub.

Emma said she had been contacted by a resident who was concerned about the amount of cars parking outside The Hub. Christine thought it was parents picking up children from Carousel. In addition, during the summer months, many beach users park on this road. Christine also wondered, if DYL were put in place, how they could be enforced.

Emma will progress both enquiries.

Alan T joined the meeting.

373. Recent Road Closures – Knowle Village

The tardiness in removing signage after the completion of road works was discussed. Emma and Richard were not aware of the reason for the road closure – Jo advised the Order had come from Western Power to replace lamp posts. It was suggested that both the Town Council and Chamber of Commerce write to Western Power about the lateness in removing the signage.

374. Bus Stop Outside the Public Hall

Steve said that there were two issues: the bus/coach stop and the taxi ranks. He advised that there is a need for a coach stop and it was suggested it go directly behind the bus stop (if possible). He said the issue with the taxi ranks was being dealt with by EDDC.

Emma reported that John Hodgson had changed roles within DCC and she suggested that the situation be left for now and when his replacement was in post, they could reassess everything.

375. Any Other Business at the Chairman's Discretion

1. Alan T asked about the request for an additional bus stop on Marine Parade. Jo read the response from Stagecoach and it was agreed the area around 19 Steps was the best. Emma asked Jo to forward the letter to her and she would deal with it.
2. Emma reported she had received a request from the Chairman of Budleigh Carnival to cut back vegetation along the Procession route. She had contacted the various tree owners and would update the Carnival Chairman.
3. Christine said she had been contacted about scaffolding in the High Street. She wondered if there was any way of stopping any scaffolding from being erected during the summer months (particularly July and August) and Emma said this was not possible. Richard added that if the Town Council were to write with such a request, it might be taken into consideration.
4. Christine also commented on the dip in Station Road, near the junction of Elmside which had yellow marking around it. She was concerned it may be a sinkhole.
5. Christine said she had been contacted regarding the resurfacing work in Moorstead – apparently not all the road had been done. Emma explained that this was because cars had been left parked there!
6. Steve asked if there was a contact number for scaffolding queries. He said he had been contacted by a resident when the scaffolding at The Feathers had been erected earlier than the stated permit.
7. Alan J asked if a sign could be erected on the High Street asking drivers to give way to traffic coming west to east. Christine said this was just not possible and the problems were caused mainly by drivers with no common sense!
8. Steve advised of a dangerous tree on West Hill (near the junction of Northview Road). Jo mentioned a tree (also on West Hill) which was dead. Emma advised they had contacted the owner and a notice had been served to deal with it.

9. Emma said she had received a letter via Jo regarding a request to keep dogs on leads on the path up the River Otter. She said she had forwarded this to the EDDC Dog Warden. Jo will write to the correspondent to keep her informed.
10. Jo asked if she should send a get well soon card to Roy following his recent fall. All agreed this was a good idea.

376. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 October 2018 at 2.00pm.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 3.22pm.

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Chairman

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Date