

TEIGNBRIDGE HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

2 November 2017

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors J Brook (Chairman), S Barker, J Brodie, J Clatworthy, A Connett, A Dewhirst, G Gribble, G Hook and R Peart

Other Representatives

Councillor Sheila Cook, Teignbridge District Council
Councillor Mike Haines, Teignbridge District Council
Councillor Rosalind Prowse, Teignbridge District Council
Councillor Reg Winsor, Devon Association of Local Councils

Apologies:-

Councillors S Russell

* **45** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2017 be signed as a correct record.

* **46** **Hele Park Footway Extension, Ashburton Road , Newton Abbot**

(An item taken under Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972)

The Chair considered that at the request of Councillor Brodie the Committee should consider this item as a matter of urgency because an earlier opportunity had arisen for the works to be progressed.

Officers advised that due to an existing contract in the area there was an opportunity to bring forward this work (to the end of November 2017) to provide a footway for two parts of the new housing development not currently linked, i.e. between The Greens and Meadow Rise on Ashburton Road. This was to be funded through a Section 106 Agreement (developer contributions).

The local County Councillor fully supported this in view of concern at the current lack of footway for pedestrians/school children along this section of the Ashburton Road.

Members also asked that in the meantime further consideration could be given to interim arrangements during current works along the Ashburton Road for the safety of pupils, which Officers undertook to raise with the contractor. It was also suggested that consideration should be given to linking up further parts of the footway towards the town to avoid the need for pedestrians/school children to cross this main road.

RESOLVED that approval be given in principle to this scheme for a footway between The Greens and Meadow Road on the northern side of Ashburton Road - with approval of the detailed scheme to be delegated to the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste in consultation with the Chair and local County Councillor.

* **47** **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no petition received from a Member of the public or the Council.

* **48** **A380 South Devon Highway: Review of Data (minute *38)**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/75) on work with the Police, with data collected on: speed and traffic flow; collisions; enforcement. Officers and the Police and Safety Camera Partnership had identified signage and hard standing proposals to aid future enforcement as outlined in the report. Given this road was opened December 2015, data used was from 1 January 2016 to 8 October 2017, with 9 incidents resulting in 11 casualties (usually a 5 year period was considered and 2017 data had not yet been validated so may be subject to change. A road safety audit was also normally undertaken with 3 years full data). 4 sites were being further investigated for hard standing (in the region of £120k for 4 and £60/80k for 2 sites).

Inspector Richard McClellan (Roads Policing Team) also attending reported on the low number of speeding offences recorded during a four day enforcement operation in July 2017 due to the current lack of suitable locations to observe and pull over vehicles. Measures now proposed would aid this (although was no guarantee of the amount or frequency of enforcement). Currently the data did not meet the criteria for the installation of average speed cameras. The Police recognised the 50mph speed limit due to community concerns and that this limit helped from the Police perspective particularly at pinch points, lowered average speeds, improved traffic flow and road safety.

The local County Councillor reiterated the 50mph speed limit should be enforced for the amenity of local residents and on road safety grounds and remained of the view that average speed cameras should be installed.

RESOLVED

(a) that the data provided in this report be noted;

(b) that the investigation and design of hard standings to aid future enforcement activities be progressed and funding opportunities be explored;

(c) that it be noted that the data currently being collated along the old A380 (now C431) through Kingskerswell would be brought to a future meeting.

* **49** **Annual Waiting Restriction Programme**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/76) following regular requests received for waiting restrictions. The waiting restriction proposals were intended to rationalise on street parking and improve mobility and access within the Teignbridge District area.

24 objections had been received to 12 (out of 69) proposals within Teignbridge.

Members discussed the proposals contained within Appendix III of the report which had attracted objections (rather than comments). Councillor Prowse reported that the local County Councillor for Teignmouth (unable to be present) had discussed the Teignmouth proposals with her prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

(a) that the work on the annual waiting restrictions programme process for 2017/2018 be noted;

(b) that the recommendations contained in Appendix III to the report be agreed and the proposals implemented where relevant, subject to:-

Church Path, Ashburton – that a site visit be arranged and a decision on the matter be delegated to the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste in consultation with the Chair and Local County Councillor;

(c) that further representations received: Appendix III (late submissions), as tabled, be agreed and the proposals implemented where relevant, subject to:-

Huxnor Road & Edginswell Lane, Kingskerswell – that the restrictions as advertised be not approved;

(d) that the proposals detailed in Appendix I which attracted no objections be implemented as advertised.

* **50** **Traffic Sensitive Streets**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/70) on the process for a full review of the traffic sensitive streets network across the county to be completed by 1 April 2018. When a street was designated 'Traffic Sensitive', timings of street works (County Council and utility companies) could be better regulated to ensure free flow of traffic so far as was reasonably practicable (i.e. no works on major roads during peak morning and afternoon traffic flows, or in coastal towns during peak summer season) under powers conferred by the Traffic Management Act 2004/Section 59 New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 to co-ordinate works activities on the road network.

Members' views on proposed designations could be discussed with the Highways Neighbourhood Team prior to public consultation. Formal consultation with local County Councillors, town and parish councils and the public would be undertaken in March 2018.

[N.B a Review consultation webpage would be published shortly]

RESOLVED that Devon County Council proposals to undertake a full review of the traffic sensitive streets network across the county (with a proposed completion of 1 April 2018) be noted.

* **51** **Brunel Industrial Estate, Newton Abbot - Proposed Waiting Restrictions**

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/77) on proposals to implement some of the restrictions as advertised to ensure access for HGVs was maintained in the entirety of the industrial estate, together with a site meeting to review proposals in Forde Road.

Teignbridge District Council had resurfaced this private road and parking habits had been developed whilst the pre-existing double yellow lines had not been put back in place pending adoption of the road. This had resulted in some confusion amongst the public and a significant number of objections from Estuary House employees to the proposed Forde Road northern arm where access was required for large vehicles on the industrial estate. A site visit was therefore proposed to further look at this part of the estate, whilst the remaining waiting restriction proposals (Collett Way and Brunel Road) could proceed to avoid holding up the road adoption as far as possible.

Estuary House employees contained both DCC and NHS staff (including social workers requiring emergency access to vehicles) and a green travel plan could be further explored for this site.

RESOLVED

(a) the comments in the report be noted;

(b) that a site visit be arranged to review the proposals for the northern and western arms of Forde Road and that a decision on the matter be delegated to the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste in consultation with the Chair and Local County Councillor;

(c) that the neighbouring local County Councillor also be invited to attend the site visit due to the potential displacement of vehicles; and

(d) that the remaining proposals be implemented as advertised.

* **52** **Reference from Teignbridge HATOC to Cabinet - St Marychurch Road, Newton Abbot (minute 40(d) HATOC)**

The Committee noted Cabinet Minute *66 (11 October 2017) decision as follows:-

“RESOLVED that

(a) a departure from policy be agreed, to permit the advertising of a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the existing 30mph limit to an appropriate location to the south east of the junction with Twickenham Road; and

(b) if implemented, the road be monitored and the results used to inform future policy review.”

The full Cabinet minute could be viewed at <http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&Mid=2129&Ver=4>

This was an exceptional one-off departure from policy and if implemented following advertisement was to be funded as money became available. The future policy review referred to by Cabinet above was to take place later next year.

* **53** **Actions Taken Under Delegated Powers**

The Committee received the report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/17/78) on actions taken in respect of Traffic Regulation Orders under delegated powers following consultation with the Chair and local County Councillors:-

King Street, Newton Abbot Mandatory Disabled Parking Bay and No Waiting At Any Time;
Oakland Road, Newton Abbot Mandatory Disabled Parking Bay;
Traffic Regulation Order advertised, objections resolved and order sealed;

Warren Road, Dawlish Warren Zebra Crossings - Crossing advertised.

* **54** **Calendar of Meetings**

All meetings to be held at Teignbridge District Council, Forde House, Newton Abbot.

Thursday 29 March 2018
Thursday 26 July 2018
Thursday 11 October 2018
Thursday 28 February 2019.

Please use link below for County Council Calendar of Meetings;
<http://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1>

***DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.50 am

