

TORRIDGE HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

24 July 2018

Present: -

Devon County Council: -

Councillors A Eastman, L Hellyer, B Parsons and A Saywell

Torrige District Council

Councillor D Brenton

Devon Association of Local Councils

Councillor A Hewitt

Apologies: -

Councillors R Wiseman (Torrige District Council) and T Inch (Devon County Council)

* **28 Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillors Eastman and Hellyer be elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

* **29 Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 July 2017 be signed as a correct record.

* **30 Matter of Urgency: Signage Hartland Parish Council**

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

The Chair had decided that, at the request of Councillor Hellyer, the Committee should consider, as a matter of urgency, local Members' continuing concerns about a Brown Tourist Sign which had been removed by the County Council as it had been damaged and did not conform with current regulations. It was planned to be replaced with a new sign at a cost of £4000 and funding from the attractions concerned was being sought.

Officers confirmed that there was a County budget of £150,000 for the maintenance of highway road signs (not tourist signs) and reviews were regularly undertaken and priorities set within the limited funding available. There was also a County Council policy in respect of tourist signage conforming to Department of Transport regulations.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hellyer, **SECONDED** by Councillor Brenton, and

RESOLVED that Councillor Inch (as the local member) be requested to consider use of his locality budget and to liaise with the officers, Parish Council and the attractions concerned to raise the funding required for the replacement of the sign in accordance with policy.

* **31 Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme**

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/18/55) on the Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme based on requests for waiting restrictions to be introduced or amended following consultation with local County Council Members. Further proposals, such as those relating to Park Road, Holsworthy (details to be confirmed) could be added to the list for consideration in the next round. The Report also detailed two Aids to Movement (ATM) proposals.

The estimate cost of the ATM proposal (Build Out Crossing) at Jackets Lane, Northam in the region of (£15,000) was preliminary and the County Council's Design Group would be asked to undertake a design and provide an accurate costing funded from the local members locality budget. The District and Town Councils together with the School and Parents/Teacher Association would then be asked to contribute towards the cost of the scheme.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Eastman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hellyer, and

RESOLVED

(a) that the work on the annual waiting restrictions programme process for 2018/2019 be noted;

(b) that the proposals contained in Appendix I and II to Report HIW/18/38 be agreed and following consultation with the Chair and local County Council Members on the details, the proposals be advertised subject to: correction of Rosemore Road and Roscoff Close to show the limited waiting restrictions as shown on diagram (ENV5672-008 (A)) and

(c) that the course of action outlined above regarding the ATM proposal at Jackets Lane, Northam be approved.

* **32** **Roles of Community Warden and Civic Enforcement Officers (CEO) and Financing Additional CEO Cover (Minute *16)**

The Head of Highways, Infrastructure and Development reported on a review of enforcement cover in the Northam, Appledore and Westward Ho! following a request from Parish Councils. The review over 9 months (based on the number of Penalty Notices issued and current cover) showed that compliance was generally good and the level of attendance by Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO) was reasonable. There was therefore no good case for increased levels of attendance by CEOs.

Any specific issues should be drawn to the attention of the County Council via the 'Problem Reporting' page on the Council's website: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/> or reported to My Devon (Customer Services Centre, Tiverton (tel. 0345 155 1004 or 0845 155 1004)).

* **33** **A39 Junction Improvements - Buckleigh and Heywood**

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/18/31) on the A361/A39 North Devon Link Road (NDLR) project. The Report gave members the opportunity to comment on the preliminary scheme layouts for the junction improvements at Heywood roundabout and Buckleigh junction included within the NDLR scheme.

Members' discussion points with the officers included:

- the need for other improvements for example at Abbotsham junction which was not part of the NDLR Scheme; and
- the scope for improved cycle provision, noting that whilst there would not be a dedicated cycle lane on the carriageway, a shared pedestrian/cycle route was included along the western and northern side of the junction and a design would be developed with an alternative recreational route, away from the junction, but it was not part of this Scheme.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Eastman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hellyer and

RESOLVED that the preliminary scheme layouts as shown on drawings P_06_PP_01 and DCCP16425 -EDG-HGN-27502302-DR-C-192 be supported by this Committee.

* **34 Peters Marland School Passing Place**

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/18/32) a scheme for the provision of a vehicular passing place on the main road to improve access to both Peters Marland School and the Village, following recent new boarding arrangements at the School.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Saywell, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hellyer and

RESOLVED

(a) that the scheme shown on Plan B23006AA be approved for construction at an estimated cost of £47,000; and

(b) that approval be given to obtain land.

* **35 Ditch Clearance: Funding**

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Parsons had asked that the Committee consider this matter.

The Neighbourhood Highways Group Manager reported additional funding of £900,000 had been allocated County-wide for ditch clearance. A pilot initiative was now being developed with Shebbear Parish Council whereby highways officers would liaise with the local members and the Parish to identify and prioritise ditch clearance work for the contractors.

Members asked about progress on the WIP Parish Drainage Map, an online system that allowed Parish Councils to record drainage features in their areas for future maintenance. Devon County Council was currently rolling this system out to Parish Councils that had requested access to it. If any Parish Council wished to have access to the system, and an explanation of how the it worked, a request should be made to the following email address - wdmssystems@devon.gov.uk.

* **36 Strategic Reviews of Town Signage**

In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Saywell had asked that the Committee consider this matter in relation to the quality and location of highway signage in Torrington.

The Neighbourhood Highways Manager reported on the limited resources (both financial and personnel) available for such reviews across the County. Any review would need to involve the local Parish/Town Council with funding identified (internally and externally to employ consultants, as necessary) as had occurred in Seaton for example, as a self-help initiative

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Saywell, **SECONDED** by Councillor Eastman and

RESOLVED

(a) that the local County Councillor (Torrington Rural) liaise with Officers, the Town Council and the Futures Group to develop a strategic review of signage in Torrington;

(b) that Seaton Town Council be invited to address the Town and Parish Conference in the Autumn to present their experience of the Review of the Town's Signage they had carried out.

* **37 Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no petition from a Member of the public or the Council relating to the Torridge District.

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Dates of Future Meetings

Tuesday, 16 October 2018 (to be held in Torrington Rural, venue to be confirmed), and
Tuesday, 26 February 2019

The County Council Calendar of meetings available on the website:

<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 12.10 pm