

NORTH DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

28 June 2018

Present: -

Devon County Council: -

Councillors J Yabsley (Chair), F Biederman, C Chugg, P Crabb, R Edgell, B Greenslade and J Mathews

North Devon District Council

Councillor J Chesters, M Manuel and G Lane

Apologies: -

Councillors D Chalmers (DALC) and A Davis (Devon County Council)

* **29** **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor Yabsley and Councillor Mathews be elected Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

* **30** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2018 be signed as a correct record.

* **31** **Matter of Urgency: Cedars Roundabout**

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

The Chair had decided that the Committee should consider this item as a matter of urgency to update the Committee on briefings with local and other members. The briefings had covered the proposed Scheme on the Roundswell Link Road in combination with a staggered pedestrian crossing facility. As well as providing a crossing facility, the Roundswell approach into Cedars Roundabout would operate as signals without a crossing demand and hold this traffic on red from entering Cedars Roundabout at peak periods during weekday mornings. The cost of the Scheme would be met through developer contributions and was subject to approval by Cabinet. The briefings had also covered traffic analysis regarding Cedars and the Roundswell link, capacity at the Wrey Arms roundabout, associated issues and the feasibility of a trial at the Cedars Roundabout.

Members supported the view for a holistic and strategic approach to addressing congestion in and around peak periods. This could include a request for the local primary and secondary schools to stagger their start times and finish times.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Biederman, **SECONDED** by Councillor Greenslade and

RESOLVED that a trial (for up to 6 weeks) be implemented at the Cedars Roundabout during the School Term using temporary traffic lights for two way stops (in and out) or a splitter island arrangement to assess the morning peak, to help inform the final Scheme proposals.

* **32** **Annual Local Waiting Restriction Programme**

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/18/38) 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.

A further programme would be developed for 2018/19 to include minor aids to movement improvements such as drop crossings, footway improvements and bollards.

Members referred to more effective enforcement of the restrictions in Croyde and the need for a further check on the implementation of the restrictions already introduced in Beechfield Road, Fremington and restrictions agreed but not marked by the Doctors' surgery.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Yabsley, **SECONDED** by Councillor Mathews and

RESOLVED

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

(b) that the recommendations contained in Appendix I and II to the 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 further site visits by the Chair and Local County Councillor regarding proposals at: Landkey Road, Old Sticklepath and Gloster Road, Barnstaple;

(c) in relation to Mill Head, Ilfracombe: clarification be sought with the local County Councillor of the proposals relating to the location of the current and proposed taxi ranks.

* **33** **Changes to Waiting Restrictions - Lower Park Road, Braunton**

(Mrs Reid attended in accordance with the Public Participation Scheme and spoke to this item in support of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order)

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/18/39) on proposed changes to waiting restrictions on Lower Park Road, Braunton. The proposal had been advertised to enable adequate visibility to be provided at a potential development site and the outcome of the statutory consultation was also detailed in the Report. The objections to the removal of the current parking restrictions related to the likelihood of increased speeds and displacement parking of less suitable locations.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Chesters, **SECONDED** by Councillor Greenslade and

RESOLVED that the proposal to extend the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions along the north side of Lower Park Road, Braunton between its junction with Hills View and Longfield Close be approved (the two sections of No Waiting at Any Time restrictions were to the east and west sides of the access to properties Green Valley and Broadlands).

* **34** **Budget Updates**

The Committee received a presentation from the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste covering:

- the Safety Defect Repair Standard and procedure for repair of potholes on major, minor and rural roads;
- the number of current outstanding pothole repairs which was quickly improving with the current good weather conditions;
- insurance claims and financial payments details during 2017/18; and
- approximate costs of storm 'Emma' in January 2018 in North Devon.

Members requested that an update report be made to the next meeting on the county wide spending of the additional highway maintenance funding and progress in North Devon.

* **35** **Barnstaple Car Parking Strategy (Minute *23)**

The Committee considered the Barnstaple Car Parking Results and Recommendations Report commissioned by North Devon District Council in partnership with the County Council. Following a study and review of current parking in Barnstaple the document set out the scope, methodology and results, along with recommendations and options for the parking strategy within the Town.

Following discussion with the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment, points covered included:

- there was currently no draft car parking strategy or consultation to respond to and that comments had been made at the draft stages of the report by County Council officers;
- the County Council had raised concerns that the survey methodology had not incorporated some key car parking sites like the North Devon Hospital car park and that the draft conclusions of the study report did not provide clarity on the current requirements in Barnstaple including the type, capacity and location of car parks;
- the report had not clearly identified the car parking requirements for the Town that were needed to meet future traffic growth over the local plan period; and
- the North Devon District Council Executive Committee had identified three areas of work to be progressed further, and these focused on recommendations for the Cattle Market, Belle Meadow and Queen Street car park sites; and had recommended that a consultation and communications strategy would form part of any further work.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Greenslade, **SECONDED** by Councillor Yabsley and

RESOLVED that the County Council Barnstaple Members be kept fully informed of the consultation process and developing proposals.

* **36** **Changes to Waiting Restrictions - Sticklepath Hill Area, Barnstaple**

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/18/40) on the proposed amendment to the parking on the north side of Sticklepath Hill to restrict it to residents only and introduce some echelon bays to increase the number of spaces available.

Following requests from residents, an extension to the existing residents parking in Barnstaple was proposed to include residents on Sticklepath Hill. At the same time the opportunity was being made to review the parking for school coaches to move them from Old Torrington Road into Sticklepath Hill.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Mathews, **SECONDED** by Councillor Greenslade and

RESOLVED

(a) that the traffic regulation order be made and sealed as advertised; and

(b) that the location of the bus stop for local services on Old Torrington Road be reviewed on site with the local member.

* **37** **Barnstaple Town Centre Hazards for partially sighted pedestrians (Minute *24)**

The Neighbourhood Highways Officer reported on the scope and available options for additional pedestrianisation in the Butchers Row/High Street area. This followed on from discussion at the last meeting relating to the scope for additional pedestrianisation in the area, for example during the hours of 10.00 am – to 2.00 pm to include clearer markings or rumble strips to assist partially sighted pedestrians at the point where pedestrianisation ended. He circulated to members examples of tactile paving types and a copy of the current Traffic Regulation Order in Castle Street and Cross Street prohibiting motor vehicles. Despite the Prohibition Order the Committee noted the number and range of exceptions for certain

vehicles, which could be problematic and asked whether cyclists were allowed in both directions within the current pedestrianised areas.

The information and issues would be relayed to the Town Council's Pannier Street/Butchers Row Working Party for consideration.

* **38 Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no petition from a member of the public or the Council relating to the North Devon District.

* **39 Delegated Powers**

The Committee noted the report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/18/41) on actions taken by the Chief Officer under delegated powers.

* **40 Dates of Future Meetings**

13 November 2018 and 5 March 2019 at Taw View, Barnstaple.

The County Council Calendar of meetings was 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 12.56 pm