

EAST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

10 July 2020

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors S Hughes (Chair), R Bloxham, C Channon, I Chubb, I Hall (Vice-Chair), S Randall-Johnson, J Trail, P Twiss and C Wright

Councillor Mike Howe, East Devon District Council

Apologies:-

Councillors R Scott and M Shaw

* **77** **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillors Hughes and Hall be elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

* **78** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2019 be signed as a correct record.

* **79** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

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

The Chair had decided that, at the request of Councillor Trail, the Committee should consider this outcome of the consultation of the Colonies in Exmouth, as a matter of urgency because of concerns raised by local residents.

Officers confirmed that the consultation was being processed and local members would be updated before the next meeting in December.

* **80** **Stopping up of public highway: Land adjacent to Little Slades, Rockbeare**

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer of Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/20/25) proposing that an application be made to the Magistrates' Court under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 for the stopping-up of part of the public highway adjacent to Little Slades, Rockbeare as shown on the Drawing attached at Appendix I to the Report.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Randall Johnson, **SECONDED** by Councillor Bloxham and

RESOLVED that

(a) the extent of highway land adjacent to Little Slades, Rockbeare, as detailed in Appendix I, was not needed for public use; and

(b) that subject to the consultations referred to in section 4, Devon County Council makes an application to the magistrates' court for an order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 that the said highway land be stopped up.

* **81** **Request for Introduction of weight limit on A375 through Sidbury**

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

Councillor Hughes would liaise with Highways Officers directly regarding concerns over an increase in HGV use on the A375 and highway network due to the building of the new business park, and the potential for an introduction of a weight limit.

Councillor Wright raised concerns regarding the B3180 and where HGV's may be dispersed should a weight limit be imposed.

* **82** **Rail bridge at Station Road, Broadclyst**

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

Councillor Bloxham outlined the concerns raised over the safety and flow of traffic over the railway bridge on Station Road in Broadclyst, as outlined in his Report. Vehicles were unable to pass safely, with a number of incidents where lorries had crashed into the barriers, putting at risk the businesses below as well as cyclists and pedestrians using the bridge. The provision of temporary traffic lights to allow traffic to flow in a single direction would reduce the safety concerns of local residents and road users.

Officers advised that traffic signals would need to be placed a reasonable distance from the bridge, causing some potential concerns over access to and parking in front of resident's properties.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Bloxham, **SECONDED** by Councillor Randall Johnson and

RESOLVED that a consultation with local residents be conducted to understand the impact and analyse the most appropriate forms of measures to be introduced to reduce safety concerns on the railway bridge at Station Road, Broadclyst.

* **83** **Tiger Way, Axminster - A358**

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

Councillor Hall advised of safety concerns by Waycroft Bridge, Axminster, where a 60mph a stretch of road leading into Axminster was no longer safe and should be reduced to 30mph leading into the traffic lights at Waycroft Bridge. Axminster had expanded to the north and the national speed limit was no longer appropriate in what was now a residential area.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hall, **SECONDED** by Councillor Twiss and

RESOLVED that, with the local Member, a 24 hour speed review be conducted under the SCARF process to look at average speed of vehicles and to further understand the local environment.

* **84** **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no petition presented at this meeting.

* **85** **Action Taken Under Delegated Powers**

The Committee received the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure and Waste (HIW/20/26) on action taken in consultation with the Chair and Local Members.

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

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.45 am