

MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

29 June 2020

Present:-

Devon County Council:

Councillors R Radford (Chair), J Berry, P Colthorpe, C Slade and N Way

Mid Devon District Council

Councillor J Cairney

Devon Association of Local Councils

Councillor E Brookes-Hocking

Apologies:

Councillors L Cruwys and M Squires

- * **49** **Meeting Procedures - Briefing and Etiquette**
- The Committee and attendees received a short briefing from the Democratic Services Officer on the process and etiquette for remote meetings.
- * **50** **Announcements**
- The Chair welcomed Mrs Saltmarsh who attended the meeting in her capacity as a Co-opted Member of the Council's Standards Committee to observe and monitor compliance with the Council's ethical governance framework
- * **51** **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**
- RESOLVED** that Councillors Radford and Berry be elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the ensuring year.
- * **52** **Minutes**
- RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019 be signed as a correct record.
- * **53** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**
- There was no matter raised as a matter of urgency.
- * **54** **Diversion of Public Highway - Land adj Holwell Farm, Bampton**
- (Councillor Colthorpe declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being a Member of the British Horse Society.)
- The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/20/21) relating to a proposed application to the Magistrates' Court under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 for the stopping-up and diversion of part of the public highway adjacent to Holwell Farm, Bampton, as shown in red and green respectively in Appendix I to the Report.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Colthorpe, **SECONDED** by Councillor Berry and

RESOLVED

(a) that the extent of highway land adjacent to Holwell Farm, Bampton, as shown in red on Appendix I to the Report (HIW/20/21), is not needed for public use; and

(b) that, subject to the consultations referred to in paragraph 4 of the Report, the 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 diverted.

* **55** **Traffic calming requirements in Halberton**

(In accordance with Standing Order 23(1) Councillor Hughes had requested that the Committee consider this item.)

(Councillor Slade declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being a Governor of Halberton Primary School and Councillor Radford declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being a resident of Halberton.)

Councillor Slade reported on the safety concerns of Halberton residents due to the speed of traffic passing through the village despite the existing traffic calming and 20mph speed limit in place. This had been exacerbated recently by the closure of the A361 in both directions resulting in large vehicles diverting through the narrow village road, which Officers acknowledged, stating that any future closure of the A361 would be in one direction only.

Discussion with Members and Officers included:

- enforcement of the 20mph speed limit was a Police matter and would be raised at a future SCARF meeting;
- it was hoped that the new road currently under construction would ease the problem;
- Highways were working with the Parish Council and the Primary School on a safe travel route;
- the viability of mobile speed cameras; and
- that the Community Speed Watch lacked volunteers to enable data collection, and Councillor Slade would raise this at the next meeting of the Parish Council and report back to the Committee.

Officers confirmed they would continue to work with the Parish Council and the Primary School on a safe travel plan.

* **56** **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no current petition for a parking review from a member of the public relating to Mid Devon.

* **57** **Delegated Powers**

The Committee noted the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/20/22) on delegated decisions taken since the last meeting.

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

The Meeting started at 10.35 am and finished at 11.18 am