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MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022

A meeting of the Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Phoenix House, Tiverton to consider the following matters.

Phil Norrey
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART I - OPEN COMMITTEE

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2021, attached.

3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

4 A396 Bickleigh Bridge

Update of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste.

Electoral Divisions(s): Creedy, Taw & Mid Exe

5 A377 Speed Limit by Quickes Farm Shop

(In accordance with Standing Order 23(2) Councillor Squires has requested that the Committee consider this matter)

Electoral Divisions(s): Creedy, Taw & Mid Exe

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6 Delegated Powers (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/22/7), attached.

7 Dates for Future HATOC Meetings

20 June 2022

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MID DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

9 July 2021

Present:-

Councillors J Cairney, L Cruwys, J Berry, R Chesterton, F Letch MBE, R Radford, C Slade and M Squires

Apologies:-

Councillors E Brookes-Hocking

* 1 **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillor Radford and Councillor Berry be elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

* 2 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2021 be signed as a correct record.

* 3 **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* 4 **Members Training / Briefing**

The Committee received a presentation from the Head of Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste outlining the workings of Highways and Traffic Orders Committees (HATOCs) including powers and responsibilities under the Constitution, Terms of Reference and the Scheme of Delegation. Presentation attached to these minutes.

The designated local Neighbourhood Highways Officers were a good point of contact for Members on all highway matters and issues or concerns should also be reported via the County Council's website: Report a problem - Roads and transport (devon.gov.uk)

Members discussed pathway maintenance and the role of the Council's Highways team in addressing, for instance, overgrown footpaths.

* 5 **A396 Bickleigh Bridge**

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/21/42) regarding the proposed actions to be taken following recent incidents involving Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) at Bickleigh Bridge.

It was explained to Members that in May 2021 an HGV travelling southwards onto Bickleigh Bridge mounted the nearby double-height kerb and, in the process of reversing, damaged the southern parapet of the bridge. The road was closed for several weeks for repairs.

The bridge repair history costs for Bickleigh Bridge had been valued at £133,440 between 2005 and August 2020. Additionally, a Traffic Interview Survey was undertaken in 2009 which recommended that no further action be taken in respect of signing a diversion to A361/M5 for large vehicles. However, owing to recent incidents it had been necessary to revisit the issues surrounding Bickleigh Bridge.

In their discussion, Members outlined several potential solutions aimed at preventing future incidents on Bickleigh Bridge. A number of these focused on encouraging large vehicles to take a wider berth in their approach to the bridge, such as;

- that some land be taken from the nearby Trout Inn to facilitate the realignment of the road on the southbound approach to Bickleigh Bridge;
- that the double-height kerb be extended outwards;
- that bollards or some other obstacle be introduced where there are currently white diagonal stripes; and
- that the existing signage be reviewed and, where necessary, new signage introduced to clearly advise drivers of large vehicles of the necessary actions to safely cross Bickleigh Bridge.

Members also suggested that the implementation of traffic signals be considered to alleviate issues regarding vehicles meeting each other on the bridge. Officers advised that the damage to Bickleigh Bridge was not due to this reason, and that the implementation of traffic signals had been previously considered but was not progressed as this would cause long delays on the approaches the bridge.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Chesterton, **SECONDED** by Councillor Squires and

RESOLVED that a review of signing and lining be undertaken, a Traffic Survey be carried out, and an update and any recommended changes (which would take into consideration the suggestions by Members as discussed at this HATOC meeting) are brought to a future meeting of this committee.

*** 6 Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

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

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

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.34 am

HIW/22/7
Mid Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
23 February 2022

Actions Taken Under Delegated Powers

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect**.**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the report be noted.

1. Summary

In accordance with Minute *4 of the Meeting of this Committee on 9 July 2021 this report details the actions taken in respect of traffic regulation orders under Delegated Powers since the last meeting.

2. Actions on Advertised Traffic Orders

Since the last meeting of this Committee, a number of Traffic Orders have been progressed and where objections have been received, these have been dealt with by a consultation with the Chair and local County Councillors. Details of these matters are listed below.

Location	Proposal	Action
Countywide (Mid Devon – Crediton, Cullompton & Tiverton)	Amendments to various parking restrictions to correct discrepancies within the traffic regulation order.	Traffic regulation order advertised and changes implemented after consultation with Cabinet Member for Highway Management as no objections received for proposals in this area.
Countywide	Changes to Care Workers Permits	Traffic regulation order advertised following Cabinet approval, with objections resolved and restrictions implemented after consultation with Cabinet Member for Highway Management and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health Services.

Meg Booth
Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste

Electoral Divisions: All in Mid Devon

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Reference
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