

EAST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

22 July 2022

Present:-

Councillors S Hughes (Chair), J. Bailey (virtual), C Channon, I Chubb, H Gent, M Hartnell, V Ranger, R Scott, J Trail BEM and P Twiss

Apologies:-

Councillors I Hall, M Howe and S Randall-Johnson

* **27** **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

RESOLVED that Councillors Hughes and Chubb be elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the ensuring year.

* **28** **Announcements**

The Chair wished to place on record his apology to the Committee for mistakenly saying at the last Committee meeting that voting was for County Council Members only: the right to vote also included District Council Members.

* **29** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **30** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2022 be signed as a correct record.

* **31** **Local Waiting Restrictions Programme**

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/39) on the Local Waiting Restriction Programme.

A summary of the proposals advertised could be found at Appendix I and the associated plans attached as supplementary information to the report. Objections to the proposals advertised and the Council's response could be found at Appendix II. Proposals which did not attract objections would be implemented without the need to report back to the Committee.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hughes, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hartnell and

RESOLVED

- (a) that work on the local waiting restriction programme be noted;
- (b) that the recommendations contained in Appendix 2 to this report be agreed subject to:
 - (i) ENV5933-01 Sector Lane, Axminster
that authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Chair and Local Member;
 - (ii) ENV5933-02 Woodbury Park, Axminster
that authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Chair and Local Member;
 - (iii) ENV5933-15a Foxholes Hill, Exmouth
that, pending a site visit, authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Chair and Local Member;
 - (iv) ENV5933-15b Foxholes Hill, Exmouth
that, pending further discussion with members of the Exmouth Campervan Task and Finish Forum, authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Chair and Local Member;
 - (v) EMV5933-33 The College, Ottery St Mary
that, pending a site visit, authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Chair and Local Member;
 - (vi) ENV5933-35 Fortfield Terrace, Sidmouth
that, pending a site visit, authority be delegated to the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport in consultation with the Vice-Chair and Local Member; and
- (c) that the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Committee be asked to look at the county-wide problem of the parking of motor caravans in towns and residential areas.

* 32 **A3052 Pedestrian Crossing at Newton Poppleford (combining items 6 and 7 from the Agenda)**

(Councillor C Burhop, Chair of the Newton Poppleford and Harpford Parish Council attended in accordance with Standing Order 25 and spoke to this item.)

The Committee considered the two Reports of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/40 and CET/22/41) relating to the pedestrian crossing on the A3052 at Newton Poppleford, following a fatal road traffic collision in December 2020.

The matter had previously been considered by the Committee on 14 February 2022 (Minute *25) where it was RESOLVED (a) that the request from the Assistant Coroner that consideration is given to allowing additional time for pedestrians to cross and to improve any existing lighting at the pedestrian crossing be noted; and (b) that a full report be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

Report CET/22/40 summarised the findings which had been collated from a combination of information, data and experience from Officers, and included the operating specification for the Puffin crossing at Appendix 1 and the specification for the streetlighting at Appendix 2.

Report CET/22/41 included the results of the assessment undertaken by the Council's consultant WSP of pedestrian crossing facilities along the A3052 within the village of Newton Poppleford.

Discussion points with Members and Officers covered:

- The amended timings of the Puffin signals to extend the time for pedestrians to clear the crossing were fully discussed and the Parish Council would be consulted on after the trial.
- That Officers would confirm whether any other similar crossings in Devon had total pedestrian crossing times exceeding 16 seconds.
- The Chair suggested that the Parish Council consider Report CET/22/41 and put forward their priorities and options for pedestrian facilities ahead of any site meeting.
- That a pedestrian demand survey should be carried out, as referred to in the WSP Options Assessment.
- It was further clarified that the lighting levels at the crossing met the P1 standard within the British Standard (which was a classification above that required in this location).
- Any increased lighting at the Puffin crossing would necessitate a change to the infrastructure and would be a departure from policy, however, Officers agreed to look at whether the same lights used at zebra crossings in Devon could be used at this particular Puffin crossing and would report to the site meeting.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Scott, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hughes and

RESOLVED

- (a) that no changes be made to the existing street lighting at the Puffin crossing until a site visit has taken place with the Cabinet Member, Parish Council Chair, Local Members and relevant Officers;

- (b) that the current trial of adjusted signal timings be assessed by feedback from the local community and used to inform future timings;
- (c) that a pedestrian demand survey be carried out;
- (d) that the results of the assessment of pedestrian crossing facilities along the A3052 be noted;
- (e) that the identified options to improve the pedestrian facilities be considered and prioritised as potential funding sources are identified; and
- (f) that a site visit be held with the Cabinet Member, Parish Council Chair, Local Members and relevant Officers to consider the options presented in Report CET/22/41 and a full review of the A3052 in the built-up area of Newton Poppleford.

* **33** **Extension of 30mph speed limit at Buckerell**

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

Councillor Twiss was proposing the extension of the 30mph speed limit coming into the village of Buckerell from Hembury Fort for approximately 500m to the village hall, and to install some repeater signs. This was due to the increased use of the road by pedestrians and traffic, and local new development. The proposal was endorsed by the Parish Council and the local community.

Depending on cost, Councillor Twiss would be content to fund the signage from his locality budget.

Officers reported that a multi-agency meeting had been held at which the overall view was that there was no objection to the proposal in principle. The Police had requested that data was either gathered or existing data assessed to demonstrate that current speeds were relatively compliant with the proposed speed limit. This would be done at the earliest opportunity.

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

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 12.41 pm