

## WEST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

22 March 2019

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors P Sanders (Chair) and J McInnes

West Devon Borough Council

Councillors B Lamb and T Leech

Devon Association of Local Councils

Councillor G Hill

Apologies:-

Councillors K Ball and D Sellis

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**Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2018 be signed as a correct record.

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**Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

No item was raised as a matter of urgency.

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**Road Safety Presentation**

The Committee received a presentation from the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment covering a Road Safety Status Update 2019 for the period 2013-2017. A new detailed 'dash board' was being developed (which would include detail to divisional/ward levels) and would be made available to all Members, District and Parish Councils, as well as other statutory agencies and partners. This would assist with future priorities, planning and policy across the partner bodies (Data for the West Devon District attached).

In addition more detail would be added to the information currently available on the Council's website at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/collision-data/>

Members commended the availability of sophisticated and detailed data/information to assist the County Council and partners across Devon.

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**Annual Review of Waiting Restrictions**

The Committee received the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/31) on the annual waiting restrictions programme process for 2019/2020 and update on progress with the 4th year of this countywide project.

To ensure that proposals could be delivered within the 2019/20 financial year, a closing date of 18 January 2019 for submission of proposals had been agreed with the Cabinet Member for Highway Management. The Proposals received were listed in Appendix I to the Report. Individual members would be contacted over the coming weeks regarding proposals within their divisions and it was also intended to gauge the support of Parish and Town Councils prior to advertising.

The Committee noted that following advertisement:

- proposals which did not attract objections would be implemented without the need to report back to Committee; and
- proposals attracting significant objections would be reported to the next Committee meeting on 13 June 2019.

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### **South Zeal Traffic Regulation Order**

(Councillor Leech declared a Personal Interest in this matter by virtue of a relative residing near the location of a proposed parking restriction)

(Mr J McKechnie, Mr S Powell, Mr A Pearce and Mr Maunder attended and spoke in accordance with the Public Participation Scheme objecting to the proposals for additional parking restrictions in South Zeal relating to, inter alia, the limited on and off-street parking available for residents and visitors, the impact on local businesses, the need for an additional car park which was currently being investigated and the levels of objections received).

The Committee received written statements from Mr McKechnie, Mr Pearce and Mr Powell.

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/32) on revised proposed restrictions which would result in the control of approximately 180m of road over 11 locations, with Double Yellow Lines (as shown at Appendix II to the Report and in the Plan attached).

The Report included:

- details of survey results undertaken by the County Council on Thursday, 28 February 2019 and Monday 4 March 2019;
- the outcome of the consultations undertaken between 17 January 2019 and 7 February 2019 (Devon County Council (Various Roads, South Zeal) (No Waiting & Parking Restrictions) Amendment Order B13396-2 5730);
- details of two petitions (one within the consultation period) the first (e-petition) objecting to previous proposals and the other objecting to the current proposals with analysis by Officers;
- a South Tawton Parish Council survey (*South Zeal Traffic and Parking Consultation results, March 2016*) of local parishioners and users of the centre of South Zeal; and
- three options available to this Committee: Option 1. Implement the Proposals as Advertised; Option 2. Implement the proposals removing the section on the Road from Shilhayes shown on Plan No. ENV 5730-004; and Option 3. Do not implement the proposals.

The Officers responded in detail relating to the objections received and questions raised by the speakers and Members and confirmed that both the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service and the local bus operator Country Bus were in favour of the proposed restrictions to limit potential access problems. The Officers also confirmed that the provisions of Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 had been given due consideration by Officers and had been met as far as was practicable. This view had been endorsed by the County Solicitor. The Officers acknowledged that an additional off-street car park would alleviate current issues should a suitable site be identified, subject to planning permission.

Members referred to the limited restrictions now proposed and the requirement to balance the needs of residents and visitors (noting the available current on and off-street parking provision) and ensuring access for emergency and local bus services and other users.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Sanders, **SECONDED** by Councillor McInnes and

### **RESOLVED**

(a) the contents of the report be noted; and

(b) that the proposals be implemented as advertised.

*(N.B. location of the sources of the objections indicated on the attached Plans)*

**\* 43      Whitchurch Road: Grenofen**

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

Mr R Jones and Ms S Naybour attended and spoke in accordance with the Public Participation Scheme requesting amending the speed restrictions in Grenofen, nr Tavistock to 30 mph from the current national speed limit of 60 mph.

The Chair reported that he had raised this item to address residents' concerns about speeding on Whitchurch Road in Grenofen following a review by the Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF).

The Committee also received a written submission by residents adjacent to Whitchurch Road, Grenofen '*This Mile of Road is Dangerous. We need Village Status and 30 mph limit*'.

The Officers outlined the SCARF process and options now available and confirmed that whilst they were no concerns about 'village' status following the SCARF review (including analysis of the low level of reported Road Traffic Collisions and no personal injury record) a change of speed limit could not be recommended at this location. Options included investigation into gateway features and/or installation of new Village Name Plates for the Village which could lead to reduced speeds. Funding was limited, and the local Parish Council could be approached to contribute towards an upgraded sign.

The Chair requested that the Officers approach the Parish Council with a view towards a contribution for the installation of upgraded Village Name plates at the appropriate locations. The effect of new Village signing on speed would be monitored.

**\* 44      Dates of Meetings**

29 July 2019 (Okehampton); 5 November 2019 (Tavistock) and 4 March 2020 (Okehampton) at 10.30 am.

*[N.B. Dates of meetings available on the Council's website at:*  
<https://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 1.32 pm