

TEIGNBRIDGE HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

4 July 2019

Present:-

Devon County Council:-

Councillors S Barker, J Hook, J Brook (Chair), J Clatworthy, A Dewhirst, G Gribble, R Peart and S Russell

Other Representatives

Councillor S Cook, Teignbridge District Council

Apologies:-

Councillors A Connett and G Hook

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Election of Chair

It was MOVED by Councillor Barker and SECONDED by Councillor Clatworthy and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Brook be elected Chair for the ensuing year.

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Election of Vice-Chair

It was MOVED by Councillor Barker and SECONDED by Councillor Clatworthy and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Russell be elected Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

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Minutes

It was MOVED by Councillor Brook and SECONDED by Councillor Russell and

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2019 be signed as a correct record.

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Highway Asset Management/Doing what Matters

The Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste gave a presentation (attached) covering: the Annual Programme for 2019-20 (Capital Works); Design/Delivery; Cyclical Works Programmes; and Doing What Matters.

Doing What Matters was a different approach from a largely data led process to a more stream-lined pragmatic system-thinking approach for highways maintenance. A Programme Lead and dedicated officers had been established with an external consultant and involving the Council's contractor piloting the Okehampton area to test the new approach working with local communities, Parishes, District Councils, local Neighbourhood Officers and Members using their combined knowledge in identifying local priorities and issues. This was an open process and an evidence base would be built to establish efficacy and best use of limited resources. If successful the pilot would be rolled out to other areas.

Members' discussion included:-

- Pilot welcomed;
- Flexibility within contracts to allow highway work to be done holistically (eg pothole clusters).
- Lack of flexibility on use of the jetting vehicle for emergency work due to routine contracts;
- Priority for drainage and keeping roads dry to prevent ingress of water;
- Damage to low priority unclassified network (category 12 roads) due to agricultural vehicles;
- Data collection on road condition carried out on category 1-10 roads biannually;
- Verge cutting on visibility splays only and locally managed flexibly on a seasonal basis;
- Recording of local knowledge and data.
- Better co-ordination of utility work affecting the highway to increase efficiencies and reduce damage, noting that a permit system was coming into force early next year, which would focus coordination, planning and require a need for works to be demonstrated.
- Community pay back scheme eg for weed clearance.

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

There was no petition received from a Member of the public or the Council.

* **85** **Removal of Building, Improvement and Visibility Lines at South West Exeter (minute *76)**

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Planning, Transportation and Environment (PTE/19/26) following this Committee's request for further information at the last meeting about the proposal to remove historic lines no longer considered necessary for future highway improvements.

As the building lines were not comprehensive along the A379 the benefit of them in relation to any unforeseen future changes was considered minimal. If the building lines remained it was likely to slow down and impact on the delivery of dwellings and infrastructure included in the successful Housing Infrastructure Fund bid. There were limited benefits in retaining the line, outweighed by the benefits of removing them which gave greater certainty to the delivery of the new all-through school and comprehensive delivery of development at South West Exeter. There were no additional costs in the removal and would be carried out within existing staff time.

The Local County Councillor was unable to be present at this meeting but had submitted the following comments. *"I understand the reasons for revoking the sight lines and that they are now incomplete over the passage of time. I offer no objection to the recommendations in light of the further information provided since the last meeting."*

It was MOVED by Councillor Brook and SECONDED by Councillor Clatworthy and

RESOLVED: that the building lines at South West Exeter as prescribed in the Schedule attached as Appendix I to report PTE/19/26 be revoked and rescinded and removed from the Register of Local Land Charges.

* **86** **Extinguishing a Section of Highway Land at 25 Grove Crescent, Teignmouth**

The Committee considered the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/62) on proposals to stop up a small section of highway land

not being used as highway and surplus to requirements, following a planning application submitted by the landowner. This would remove the County Council's maintenance liability.

The local County Councillor and Town Council supported the proposal.

It was MOVED by Councillor Russell and SECONDED by Councillor Clatworthy and

RESOLVED:

(a) that a section of highway land at 25 Grove Crescent, Teignmouth, is unnecessary for use as public highway, and;

(b) that Devon County Council submits a formal application to the magistrates' court for an order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 that the said section of highway be stopped up.

* **87 Actions Taken Under Delegated Powers**

The Committee received the Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure Development and Waste (HIW/19/63) on actions taken in respect of Traffic Regulation Orders under delegated powers following consultation with the Chairman and the local County Councillor, relating to:-

-St Johns Street, Newton Abbot (introduction of a mandatory disabled parking bay).

* **88 Calendar of Meetings**

All meetings to be held at Teignbridge District Council, Forde House, Newton Abbot.

14 November 2019
5 March 2020.

Please use link below for County Council Calendar of Meetings;
<http://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 11.35 am