

EAST DEVON HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

19 April 2024

Present:-

Councillors S Hughes (Chair), J Bailey, C Channon, H Gent, R Scott, J Trail BEM, T Dumper and V Johns; and S Randall Johnson (remote)

Apologies:-

Councillors I Chubb, I Hall, M Hartnell, P Twiss and C Burhop

* **62** **Chair's Announcements**

There was no announcement by the Chair.

* **63** **Declarations of Interest**

Members of the Committee were reminded to declare any interests they may have had in any item to be considered at the meeting, prior to any discussion taking place on that item.

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* **64** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2023 be signed as a correct record.

* **65** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **66** **Stopping up of public highway: Land adjacent to Swordfish Avenue, Clyst Honiton**

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/24/27) regarding a proposal to apply for the stopping up of a section of public highway, so that it no longer forms part of the public highway. Appendix 1 to the report showed the land in question which was adjacent to Swordfish Avenue, Clyst Honiton.

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

RESOLVED that

(a) it is agreed that the extent of highway land adjacent to Swordfish Avenue, Clyst Honiton, as detailed in Appendix 1, is not needed for public use; and

(b) that an application be made to the magistrates' court for an order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to stop up the land in question, subject to consultations referred to in section 4 of the Report.

* **67** **Pedestrian Crossing, Deaf Academy, Exmouth**

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/24/26) which was seeking approval to construct a signal controlled "Puffin" pedestrian crossing facility near to the main entrance to the Deaf Academy on Douglas Avenue.

Sylvan Dewing (Principal, Deaf Academy) and Claire Quick (Director of Finance & Resources, Deaf Academy) attended the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme and spoke in favour of the proposed pedestrian crossing.

Members supported the rationale for the crossing in relation to safety concerns expressed by those attending under the Public Participation scheme. However there was member concern that this should have formed part of initial consultations on the building of the Deaf Academy, rather than being actioned later at cost to the Local Authority, notwithstanding the additional £30,000 contribution from the Academy for additional costs and future maintenance.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Channon, **SECONDED** by Councillor Trail and

RESOLVED that

(a) the construction of a proposed pedestrian crossing at Douglas Avenue, Exmouth as shown in Appendix 1, at an estimated cost of £101,000, be approved; and

(b) that the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Chair of HATOC and the Local Member, to make minor amendments to the scheme details.

* **68** **Petitions/Parking Policy Reviews**

There was no petition presented at this meeting.

Members expressed the wish for a report updating them on the Exmouth Residents Parking Scheme to be presented at the next meeting of the HATOC.

* **69** **Bus Users and Stakeholders (BUS) Forum**

Members noted the notes from the previous meeting of the BUS Forum.

NOTES:

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

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 11.05 am