

## HONITON TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Town Management Advisory Committee held on Monday 26 October 2009

#### Present

Cllr Vivienne Ash	Honiton Town Council/East Devon District Council
Mr Peter Barnes	East Area Highway Management, Devon County Council
Cllr Alf Boom	Honiton Town Council
Cllr Sally Casson (Chairman)	Honiton Town Council
Cllr Roy Coombs	Honiton Town Council
Mr David Hayler	Honiton Chamber of Commerce
Ms Amanda Pitchford	East Area Highway Management, Devon County Council
Cllr Peter Fleming	Honiton Town Council
Cllr Diane Morgan	Honiton Town Council
Cllr Barry Nicholson	East Devon District Council
Cllr Marion Olive	East Devon District Council
Mr Paul Wilson	East Area Highway Management, Devon County Council

#### 87. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the Highways Agency and Devon County Council Rights of Way.

#### 88. To discuss progress on matters arising from the Minutes of 15 June 2009

Minute 72 - No 2 Cycle Way - Mr Wilson reported that the adopted plan agrees with the plan already supplied to the Town Council. It was not possible to look at any work on this during the current year but Mr Wilson would consider its inclusion in next year's budgeted work.

Minute 72 - Handrail at Marlpits Lane - Mr Wilson reported that he had spoken with Mr Tucker but it was felt that any handrail would seriously affect the width of the footpath. He agreed to ask Mr Tucker to look at this again, just considering improvements to the actual corner.

Minute 77 - Lowering Kerbs - Mr Wilson reported that Devon County Council is looking at this issue as part of the public infrastructure for next year. He would speak with Mr Tucker about issues in Dowell Street.

Minute 78 - Sub-standard buses - Cllr Ash reported that she had evidence of two instances of sub-standard buses being used. The Clerk would pass these to Mr Richardson-Dawes.

#### 89. To discuss progress on the New Street/High Street junction

Mr Wilson reported that the detailed design was currently being finalised and he expected plans to be available for comment within a month. Work was likely to start during this financial year. At the same time some consideration would be given to improving street signage, surfaces etc. The Clerk queried whether additional market pitches could be allocated on the site of the current crossing and it was agreed that this would be useful. Mr Hayler asked that the Town Council again include the Chamber of Commerce in the consultation on the finalised plans.

Signed Chair

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90. To discuss parking matters in the town

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Ash had recently attended a meeting at East Devon District Council and put forward on behalf of the Town Council recommendations to improve the parking situation in Honiton, having consulted with the Chamber of Commerce. She understood that the results of these meetings with the East Devon towns would be included in a report for committee and she asked the District Councillors to be aware of this. The Town Council had recently been offered two hours free parking on Christmas late shopping evenings but had written back to say this was unacceptable due to the lack of interest in such events by local residents; instead the Town Council had put forward the suggestion of some free parking on the Wednesday before Christmas and was awaiting a response.

The group discussed recent complaints concerning the poor standard of work being carried out by the Highways Agency on the A35. The Clerk would write to the Highways Agency on these matters.

Amended traffic orders were approved for Marl pits Lane, Silver Street, Oaklea, Devonshire Road, Gloucester Close, Northcote Lane and Honiton Bottom Road and the Clerk was authorised to sign these on behalf of the Town Council.

A query had been received regarding parking on Pine Park Road and it was confirmed by Devon County Council that the existing traffic orders would address the issues raised.

Mr Barnes advised that all limited waiting times were being amended to 9am-6pm and all no waiting times amended to 7am-6pm.

Correspondence had been received from a resident in Rookwood Close. Mr Wilson would talk with PC Atyeo about the issues raised but believed that the traffic orders agreed were the best solution for this area.

**91. To consider improvements to the town entrances and other town signs**

The Clerk reported that Connect had asked the Town Council for advice on where they wished to see information boards suitable for bypassed communities and also what content was required. It was agreed that the Clerk, Mayor and Deputy Mayor would agree on the siting on the A30 in both a western and eastern direction and the issue of content should be referred to the Marketing Group.

Cllr Morgan raised a query from the Principal of Honiton Community College who felt there was insufficient signage in town for the school. The situation was reviewed and felt to be adequate. Cllr Morgan also raised the issue of the Community College wishing to open up a gate towards the primary school; it was agreed that the school should pass this to Devon Education to deal with.

**92. To discuss increasing the number of bus stops in the town centre**

Cllr Coombs advised that he felt the current distance between bus stops was unacceptable. It was agreed that this should be looked at during the review of High Street/New Street junction but that it would need to be considered together with the need for more market stalls.

**93. To discuss enforcement of the new 30mph speed limit in Kings Road**

Cllr Morgan advised that confirmation was needed as to whether this speed limit had been approved or was still a recommendation. Once confirmed, the Clerk would write to PC Atyeo asking for assistance from the police to enforce the new limit.

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**94. To discuss progress on CCTV in the town centre**

The Clerk advised that the ongoing problems with the four cameras in town appeared to have been resolved. She had been advised by the Town Council's contractor that they continued to be unhappy with the support of the current supplier and were therefore going to change to a

simpler system. She had been assured that this would be done with minimum disruption. Once everything was running to the satisfaction of the police and the Town Council, consideration would be given to the location of the remaining two cameras. She asked that if anyone had concerns that could be helped by CCTV they pass these on to either the Town Council or police to be taken into consideration when the locations were being agreed.

**95. To discuss the impact on the town centre of the proposed community complex**

The group discussed the impact on neighbouring roads and car parks once the community complex was built. It was agreed that all options should be looked at including road direction and car park layout.

**96. To consider the classification of the Southern Distributor (spine) road**

Cllr Olive raised the issue of the classification of Old Elm Road, which had recently been the subject of an enforcement dispute. This had resulted in a dropped kerb leading to a gate, which was contrary to the information given to residents when they moved into the road. Mr Wilson confirmed that the road was not classified as it was regarded as an estate road; should Hayne Lane be opened up there would be a possibility of re-classification.

**97. To discuss the latest situation with Cranbrook**

Cllr Olive reported that work on Cranbrook was expected to start in the next financial year; development had been delayed due to details of S106 agreements.

**98. To discuss issues relating to footpaths and town lanes**

Complaints had been received regarding the walkway to the north of Tesco where trees were poorly maintained and there was no lighting. The Clerk would determine ownership and progress.

Cllr Fleming had completed most of the annual footpath inspection and found no major problems. The Clerk confirmed that much work had been carried out during this year. However complaints had been received regarding Rosemount Lane and Hale Lane and these would be looked into.

There were reports that work had been carried out at the bottom of Oaklea, although the Town Council had not been informed of this being re-opened. This would be looked into.

Cllr Coombs raised the problem of misleading notices being put up which led residents to believe footpaths and walkways were private property. The Clerk advised that it was planned to develop a leaflet on local footpaths and walkways and this should overcome the problem - she would raise it at the Marketing meeting.

**99. Brand Lane**

Cllr Coombs was awaiting a response from Devon County Council regarding issues in Brand Lane. Mr Wilson would look into this.

**100. The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.15 pm.**

**Signed Chair**

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