

## Honiton Town Council

### Minutes of the Town Management Advisory Committee held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

#### Present

**Councillors** – Cllr Casson, Cllr Coombs, Cllr Farnham, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Tratt

**Non- Councillors** – Sgt John Gait (Honiton Police), Mr Nigel Harrison (Economic Development Manager, EDDC), Mr Paul Wilson and Mr Lee Cranmer (East Area Highway Management, DCC), Mr John Richardson-Dawes (Public Transport Team, DCC)

#### 48. Apologies for absence

Apology received from Roger Stribling (Highways Agency), Cllr Ash, Cllr Boom.

#### 49. Progress on Items from Minutes of 16 June

- a) High Street/New Street layout – Mr Wilson reported that pedestrian and vehicle surveys had been commissioned and he was working to a December deadline to bring proposals to the Town Council. Cllr Coombs raised the question of pedestrianising New Street but this was not felt to be a viable option.
- b) Repainting of lines Heathpark, Minifie Road, Lee Close – Mr Wilson reported that Heathpark had been completed. He would look into the situation at Minifie Road but Lee Close was a private road. He stressed that the priority for general lining work was to reinstate.
- c) Cycleways Waterleat Avenue, Battishorne Way, Heathfield Farm and creation of new cycleway beside railway – Mr Wilson reported that DCC were chasing progress with developers. Agreement has been reached with respect to Glenfield Way to Rosemount railway bridge and this work has been done. Heathfield Farm is a new request which Mr Wilson would put on the wishlist; he would forward a plan to the Clerk to mark up location.
- d) Town signs – Mr Wilson is looking into moving the width restriction signs from the top of Church Hill to near the cemetery entrance so that motorists were more aware they needed to slow down as they were approaching a town. He would look at the situation at Parsonage Lane. Cllr Casson asked why the town signs were not cleaned and was informed that there was insufficient funding for this.
- e) Crossing outside Somerfields – this would be taken into account with the plans for the New Street/High Street junction.
- f) King Street/Mill Street narrow pavements – the situation is being exacerbated by a sign on the pavement and by an overhanging hedge. Mr Wilson reported that the sign could not be moved and that Mr Steve Tucker needed to be contacted re the overhanging hedge.

#### 50. Problems raised by Residents

- a) Lower Brand Road – the Town Council would like consideration given to confirming the layby as a bus stop as it is already unofficially used in this context. Mr Wilson would send the Clerk a map to mark up the area for consideration.
- b) Turks Head Lane – Mr Richardson-Dawes would look into upgrading the bus stop and providing a timetable.
- c) Sawmills Way – after discussion this was not felt to be a problem and the Clerk was instructed to write accordingly to residents.
- d) Clapper Lane – Mr Wilson reported that he had discussed the situation with the road safety officer. More robust bollards are to be put in. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain the ownership of the allotments and report back to DCC so that consideration could be given to a walkway. Mr Wilson did however express his concerns about the difference in layers between Clapper Lane and the allotments.

**Signed Chair**

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Cllr Coombs advised that the northern boundary of the allotments is a private roadway and this could also be looked into. The Clerk was instructed to report the damaged salt box to Mr Steve Tucker at DCC.

- e) Northcote Lane – after discussion it was not considered practical to put in a staggered gateway due to access problems for disabled buggies.
- f) Dove Close – after discussion it was agreed to take the advice of the police, who would continue to monitor the situation.
- g) Rookwood Close – Mr Wilson reported that this was waiting for funding to be available.
- h) Church Hill – yellow lines had been reinstated.
- i) Marl pits Lane – Mr Wilson reported that Mr Steve Tucker was looking into the installation of a handrail on the corner.
- j) Dowell Street – following a request from Cllr Farnham, Mr Wilson would look into the possibility of lowering the kerb from the TIC to Dowell Street.

#### **51. Parking**

- a) Park and Ride – Mr Richardson-Dawes advised that the biggest issue with Park and Ride was the financial underwriting of the bus service.
- b) Disabled parking in High Street – this was not felt to be a problem as there were good disabled parking facilities in the car parks and disabled drivers also parked in the High Street and displayed their badge.

#### **52. Progress on A35**

Mr Stribling of the Highways Agency had sent his apologies and provided an update on progress to date. The group felt that it was essential that a 30mph limit be considered as a priority and Sgt Gait confirmed that the police would support such a request.

#### **53. Turks Head/Exeter Road Junction**

Mr Wilson confirmed that DCC had flagged concerns with the Highways Agency. The Town Council was concerned that any road improvements happen before new developments start. Mr Wilson advised the group that the Highways Agency is now looking to re-trunk the road up to Exeter Road.

#### **54. Progress on CCTV**

Cllr Tratt advised that the hub had malfunctioned due to a recent power surge. This was now being replaced within the next few days and would include a failsafe to ensure the same problem did not occur. Once the system was fully operational again, the Town Council would be considering the next phase.

#### **55. The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.40pm.**

**Signed Chair**

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