

Honiton Town Council

Minutes of the Town Management Advisory Committee held on Monday 15th October 2007.

Present

Councillors - Cllr Tratt (Chair), Cllr Whitlock (Town Mayor), Cllr Mrs D Morgan, Cllr A Boom, Cllr Mrs S A Casson, Cllr Mrs E M Tirard, Cllr R E Coombs, Cllr B Nicholson & Cllr Miss V Ash.

Also Present

Non- Councillors - P Wilson and Amanda Pitchford (Devon CC)
R Highet (Connect Joint Venture)

14. Apologies for absence

Apology received from R Stribling of the Highways Agency

15. Honiton Community Study & Pedestrian Crossing

Mr Stribling had advised the Town Clerk that the outline of the "Study" had been returned with several minor queries by Connect. This was being responded to and it is hoped that both will have plans drawn up by the end of this financial year.

The safety on the A35 is causing concern particularly as members of staff at SeeAbility are having to stop traffic to allow wheelchairs to cross.

The Town Mayor advised that the long term solution may well be that the additional houses required under the Regional Spatial Strategy could well fund the Eastern By-Pass. The letter sent to K Hassan of EDDC has been responded to by Mrs Little, Head of Planning, but she is unable to be more specific at the present time and the authority responsible is the Highways Agency.

16. Reversal of the priority for Orchard Way

This will be included in the above study.

17. Parking Restrictions Up-date

Paul Wilson advised that when all the proposed restrictions have been agreed they will be implemented to coincide with the On Street Traffic Order which is due to take place on 1st May 2008. Consultants are measuring lines marked in the road to have definitive knowledge of the whole area. These will all be incorporated. It was felt that the Town Council should approach the hospital / PCT to request them to resolve the difficulties of parking on the site. Cllr Whitlock & Cllrs Casson or Tratt will take forward.

18. High Street / New Street Junction

The safety aspects are well known although DCC have no funds to progress any improvements certainly in this financial year.

19. Large lorries trying to use New Street

It was felt that the signage was correct and there is no more room for additional signs in the High Street. Cllr Whitlock advised he is trying to arrange to have a monthly meeting with the Police to resolve these problems.

20. Dowell Street Closure

This has now been resolved by closing the road for two days only. Diversions will be signposted for large lorries as they come off the M5 and the closure will be widely advertised.

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21. White Line Painting @ Heathpark entrance

The painting has been ordered by DCC so should be completed in the near future.

22. Commercial Vehicle Parking in Lower Brand Lane

There is little that can be done as the vehicles are taxed and they are not causing an obstruction.

23. Bus Stop at Gittisham Hill House

Paul Wilson advised that it is just not feasible to provide a lay-by and bus stop because of the fall of the land. The Town Clerk is to write to the owners to see if there is anything which can be done.

24. Improvements to Minifie Road & Lee Close.

This will be reviewed when the whole area is surveyed.

25. Streamers Meadow / King Street Junction

The provision of a traffic island at this junction would be nice to do but DCC have no funds at the present time.

26. Dunning Court

See 24 above.

27. Roman Way

The Town Clerk is to write to Steve Tucker if there is anything which can be done to prevent the minor flooding which has occurred in the past. It is understood that he is already aware of the problem.

28. Gissage Walk (Near Butts Close)

It was felt that there is no necessity for any improvements in this area as it has no priority.

29. Walkways

The walkways are there to encourage the use of walking and will not be closed.

30. Cycle ways

To be carried forward to the next meeting. There could be an additional cycle way beside the railway at Heathfield Farm.

31. Moving the Town Sign to Marlpitts Hill

It was not felt the benefits of this could be justified in view of the expense involved

32. The Chair closed the meeting at 3.40 p.m.

Signed Chair

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