

Honiton Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Management Advisory Committee held in the Council Offices, New Street, Honiton on Monday 18th June 2007

Present

Cllr C Tratt	R Stribling (HA)
Cllr R E Coombs	P Wilson (DCC)
Cllr Mrs S A Casson	C Peek (Traffic Warden)
Cllr Mrs D Morgan	S Riddell (DCC)
Cllr Mrs E M Tirard	
Cllr Miss V Ash	

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr Boom, T Farebrother, & a representative of Connect.

2. To elect a Chair.

Cllr Tirard proposed Cllr Tratt this was seconded by Cllr Casson & duly carried.

3. Up-date from the Highways Agency as to when the "Honiton Study" will be completed

Mr Stribling advised that he has a meeting with Connect later this week when instructions will be issued and a timescale agreed. It was felt that with the safety concerns increasing for the Kings Road the Committee would like to see a speedier solution. The HA have tried to hasten the design by requesting the draw down of the Sect 106 agreement monies from EDDC (Seeability). This will only be available when the work commences for the crossing. There are still HA internal processes which have to be gone through before a start can be made. Concern was expressed about the articulated lorries which sometimes have had to travel on the wrong side of the bollards to negotiate the roundabout at the bottom of the Kings road. This will be covered by the "Study".

4. To discuss the closure of Orchard Way to prevent access from the junction on the A35.

This will be included in the "Study" and all the homeowners will be consulted by HA.

5. Up-date on the parking restrictions for Honiton

DCC have produced a definitive assessment of the parking in Honiton and this will be copied to HTC and the Police. It will cover all the concerns raised in the past including Lilley Walk, Orchard Way and the new traffic islands in Dowell Street. A vote of thanks was recorded for Paul Wilson for the efforts made. The suggestions will be reviewed by Cllrs Morgan, Tirard & Ash.

6. To discuss the layout of the High Street / New Street junction to improve safety.

P Wilson advised that the whole junction including the pelican crossings will be looked at and up-graded, hopefully in the not too distant future.

7. To discuss the street cleansing in Honiton.

No representative was available from EDDC however Jim Cady has acknowledged there is a problem and this is to be monitored closely. There is to be a walk of the Town with East Devon & HTC on 27th June so this can be checked at that time.

Signed Chair

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8. A30 (T) – Is the three-lane carriageway necessary from the end of the dual carriageway / bypass eastwards? Would it be safer for only two lanes?

This is reviewed in the light of accidents and if there is a low rate then nothing will be done.

9. To discuss the problems associated with the traffic in Church Hill

It was felt that the traffic had increased since the opening of Waterleat Avenue and there has been a commensurate reduction in vehicles in Pine Park Road. This will be included in the parking review. The Civil Parking Enforcement order comes into effect on 1st April 2008 before which there will be dialogue with County Councillors for the area. This will probably be covered if the MCTi plan goes ahead.

10. To seek improvements to the footway at Roman Way to prevent the minor flooding which has occurred in the past.

The flooding is a problem for elderly residents and it was felt that Mr Wilson should look into the drains in that area. He will also check on the lamp post which has recently been altered.

11. To seek an improvement to the footway on the Gissage Walk near Butts Close.

This has been inspected and whilst there is a slight deterioration of the surface it is not dangerous and certainly a low priority.

12. Bus Shelter at Whitebridges.

P Wilson has advised that there are funds for a bus shelter at Whitebridges and hopefully sufficient room for one on the opposite side of the road.

13. Bus Stop at Gittisham Hill House

It was hoped that this could be provided however the space available is critical and Mr Wilson is to look into the location and will advise.

Signed Chair

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