

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **BUILDINGS AND CIVIC MATTERS COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, on **Tuesday 24 March 2015**

(7.00pm to 8.30pm)

Present:

Andrew Kendall
Bridget Dollard
Peter Gubbins
John Hann
Mike Lock
Tony Lock
Darren Shutler

Also Present:

John Clark – West Ward Member
Sally Freemantle – Assistant Town Clerk (Job Share)
Sergeant Pete Paskin – Avon and Somerset Police Constabulary
PC Amanda Thomas – Avon and Somerset Police Constabulary

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Goodchild, Chair of Governors of Milford Infant School and Hanna Goodchild (both also local residents) addressed the Committee regarding concerns about vehicles parking inconsiderately along the “No Waiting” and “School Keep Clear” areas outside the school on Glenthorne Avenue. Hanna Goodchild had sent emails to the Highway Authority (Somerset County Council), and to the Police regarding the issues and Mark Goodchild reiterated the concerns, requesting more enforcement and solutions to the parking problems which he said were causing hazardous conditions for school children to walk to and from school as well as affecting residents’ access during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

8/304 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 January 2015, copies of which had been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8/305 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Greene and Wes Read.

8/306 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

8/307 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence, apart from the email received from Hanna Goodchild, referenced in Public Comment above.

8/308 **REPRESENTATIVE FROM AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE CONSTABULARY**

Discussion took place regarding the parking problems along Glenthorne Avenue and the Police Sergeant and Constable referred to some of the ways in which the issues had been addressed in the past. There was a general agreement that the first step would be for the Assistant Town Clerk to pursue the initial approach made to the Highways Authority regarding the Road Traffic Order.

Members raised other issues regarding a specific incident involving drinking of alcohol in a public place and asked about the previous problems of vehicles speeding around car parks in the Town. The incident was noted and Members were informed that, whilst the speeding in car parks was not so prevalent in the Town Centre, some car parks further out were being targeted by Police in an attempt to prevent recurrences.

The Sergeant explained that the management of the Town Centre by the One Team included a pro-active rather than reactive approach which had resulted in positive problem solving. Some of the issues included anti-social behaviour, legal highs, drug users targeting vulnerable people and people drinking in public places. He added that the pro-active approach was delivering positive results.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that the Police Sergeant and Constable be thanked for attending; and
- (3) that the Assistant Town Clerk pursue the initial approach made to the Highways Authority regarding the Road Traffic Order outside the school in Glenthorne Avenue.

8/309 **PARKING IN WILLOW ROAD**

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk (agenda item 6 refers) and it was reported that the Highways Authority were now amalgamating all proposed Road Traffic Order applications to be processed on a six monthly basis. It was added that referral of the Road Traffic Order suggested for Willow Road (2 hour maximum parking restriction between the hours of 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday) to the County Council was subject to support of residents of Legion Road and the Town Council.

Members voiced disappointment that more importance appeared to be being placed by the Highways Authority on the Road Traffic Order for restricted parking along Willow Road than the required Road Traffic Order outside Milford School.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that representations be made to Somerset County Council to support the suggested Road Traffic Order for Willow Road (2 hour maximum parking restriction between the hours of 10am and 4pm, Monday to Friday), but that priority be placed on the Road Traffic Order for the road outside Milford School.

8/310 REQUEST FOR A SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE IN ROSEBERY AVENUE

The Committee considered the request from residents of Rosebery Avenue for a Speed Indicator Device and it was agreed that it be requested that the next available Speed Indicator Device on the rolling programme for Yeovil be located in Rosebery Avenue.

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that the next available Speed Indicator Device on the rolling programme for Yeovil be located in Rosebery Avenue.

8/311 GREENHILL ROAD/SUNNINGDALE ROAD

The Assistant Town Clerk informed the Committee that the Mobile Radar Speed check for Greenhill Road/Sunningdale Road would be carried out during the week of the meeting. It was also reported that residents were investigating the possibility of forming a community speedwatch group.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that the Mobile Radar Speed check results for Greenhill Road/Sunningdale Road be emailed to the Committee on receipt by the Town Council.

8/312 TRANSPORT SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes of the Transport Sub Committee (agenda item 9 refers) and the suggestions for the proposed locations of future bus shelters subject to additional information were noted.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and

(2) that the request to carry forward the remaining £4,380 in the budget allocation for Transport Support for 2014/15 be supported and referred to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for consideration.

8/313 PRESTON PLUCKNETT WAR MEMORIAL

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 10 refers).

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

8/314 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – DECEMBER 2014/JANUARY 2015

The Committee considered the financial statement for the period 1 December 2014 to 31 January 2015 (agenda item 11 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was reported that Yeovil Town Band had been successful in the recent regional finals and would be competing in the National Band Championship later this year. It was therefore **RESOLVED** that a letter of congratulation be sent to the band secretary by the Chairman of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee.

8/315 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

8/316 CCTV MONITORING

The Committee considered the confidential report (agenda item 12 refers).

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

Chairman