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The Meeting... **Buildings and Civic Matters Committee**

The Time... **7.00pm**

The Date... **Tuesday 18 March 2014**

The Place... **Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil**

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Alan Tawse

Alan Tawse
Town Clerk

12 March 2014

Buildings and Civic Matters Committee

To: All Members of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee

Martin Bailey
Philip Chandler
Clive Davis
Bridget Dollard (Vice-Chairman)
Tony Fife
Dave Greene
Peter Gubbins
John Hann
Andrew Kendall (Chairman)
Mike Lock (Ex-officio)
Tony Lock
Manny Roper (Ex-officio)
Darren Shutler

Equality Act 2010

The *general* public sector equality duty places an obligation on a wide range of public bodies (including town and parish councils) in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The protected characteristics are:

Age

Race

Disability

Religion or Belief

Gender Reassignment

Sex

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Sexual Orientation

Pregnancy and Maternity

A G E N D A

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes)

1. **MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 January 2014.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

5. **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES**

To consider a report by the Assistant Town Clerk attached at pages 2 – 4.

6. **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION – CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE ALONG PARTS OF CHELSTON AVENUE, ELMHURST AVENUE, GLENTHORNE AVENUE AND ST GEORGES AVENUE**

To consider a report by the Assistant Town Clerk attached at page 5.

7. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – DECEMBER 2013/JANUARY 2014**

To consider the Financial Statement for the period 1 December 2013 to 31 January 2014 attached at pages 11 to 16.

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee will be requested to pass a resolution excluding the press and public 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. **CCTV MONITORING**

To consider the confidential report of the Town Clerk attached at pages 17 to 26.

6. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Attached at pages 3 to 4 are the readings (SS1110) taken from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) that was installed in West Coker Road (A30) during February 2014.

The Speed Indicator Device for Preston Road was installed in early March so the results were not available at the time of writing this report.

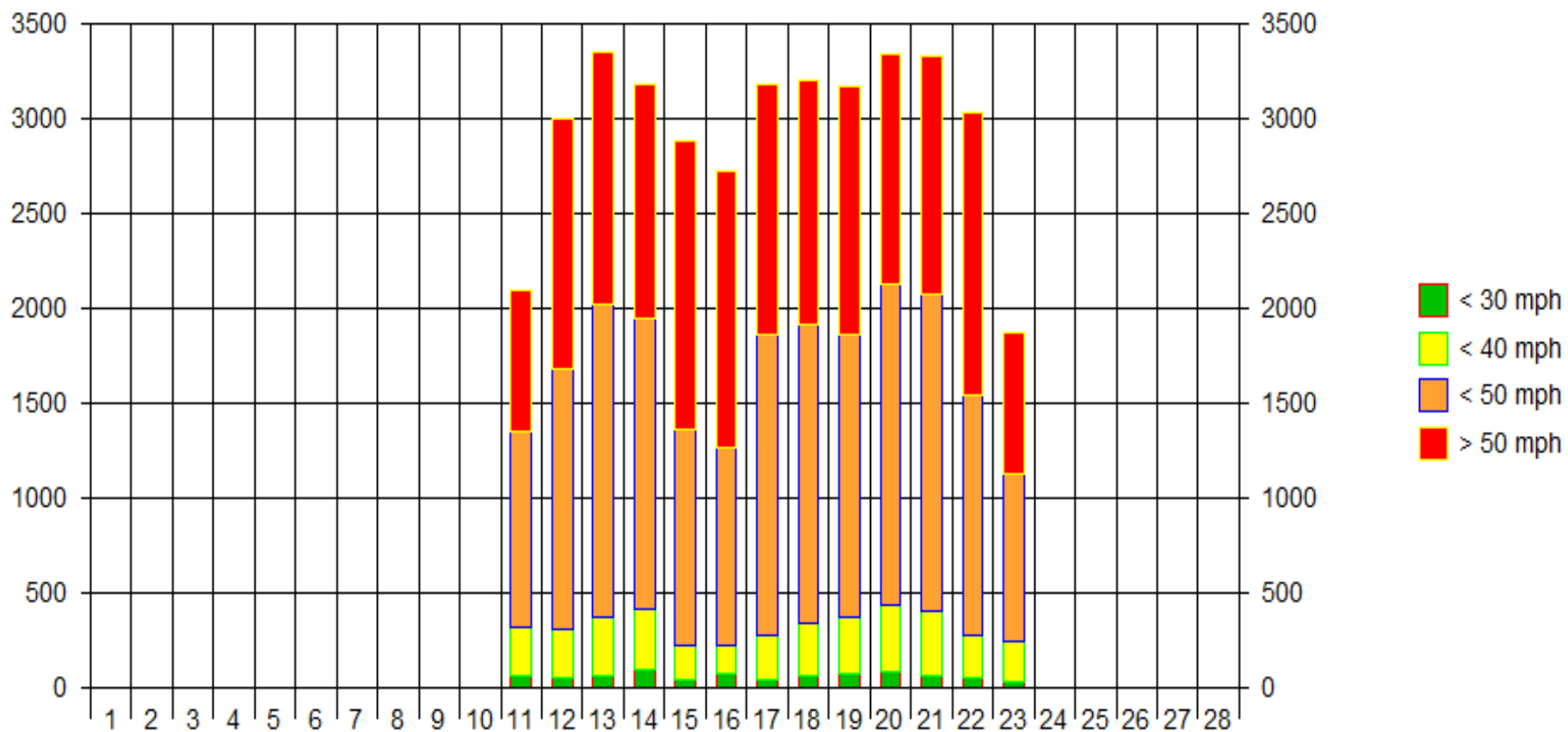
Further to the request made by the Town Council last year (Minute 8/246 refers) the two suggested additional locations at Goldcroft and Lysander Road (A3088) have been included in the current SID programme and readings are scheduled to be undertaken in March. They will then receive a regular installation every four months, and the results taken will be reported to future meetings.

The SID requested for St John's Road at the request of this Committee (Minutes 8/198 and 8/210 refer) is due to be put in place towards the end of May 2014. This Committee also requested that the speed of vehicles be recorded along Chelston Avenue following concerns raised by a resident. A vehicle counter classifier (VCC) is therefore due to be installed in March for a period of two weeks. The VCC is a small grey box which will be mounted on a suitable traffic sign post (or possibly a lamp column) and will record the number of vehicles travelling in each direction together with their speed.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the report and to consider the recent readings for West Coker Road (A30).

(Sally Freemantle, Assistant Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

SS1110 110214 (Feb 2014)



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(Median = 48 mph | 85% Percentile = 56 m)

SS1110 110214 (Feb 2014)

FLOW

	< 30 mph	< 40 mph	< 50 mph	> 50 mph
1	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0
11	57	259	1036	745
12	50	259	1376	1323
13	59	311	1649	1335
14	86	324	1540	1232
15	35	180	1144	1528
16	65	159	1041	1456
17	40	231	1591	1324
18	61	278	1579	1291
19	65	307	1494	1305
20	81	356	1688	1219
21	58	343	1677	1258
22	50	225	1266	1495
23	25	210	888	752
24	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0
26	0	0	0	0
27	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0
	732	3442	17969	16263

Median : 48 mph

85% Percentile : 56 mph

Total Count : 38406

6. SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION – CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE ALONG PARTS OF CHELSTON AVENUE, ELMHURST AVENUE, GLENTHORNE AVENUE AND ST GEORGES AVENUE

The Town Council has been consulted by Somerset County Council on proposals to alter the Order relating to the Controlled Zone and No Loading within the zone as detailed on the attached Order and plan. At present the restriction only applies from 6 January to 11 April, from 23 April to 25 July and from 4 September to 21 December. The proposed restriction will be for 365 days a year.

The Committee will recall that previous proposals put forward by the Highway Authority were considered last March (Minute 8/161 refers). A copy of the referral minute extract is attached at pages 9 -10.

Members will note from the draft Order that comments and representations were to be made by 27th February 2014. This was the public consultation period, but the Town Clerk requested that the views of this Committee be fed into the consultation process after this date due to the previous discussions on this matter and the scheduled date of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee meeting, and this was agreed by Traffic Management at Somerset County Council

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the consultation and consider a response to forward to Somerset County Council.

(Sally Freemantle, Assistant Town Clerk – 01935 382424)

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL

**THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET (CHELSTON AVENUE, ELMHURST AVENUE, GLENTHORNE AVENUE
AND ST GEORGES AVENUE) (YEOVIL)(CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES) (NO LOADING)
(REVOCATION) ORDER 2014**

NOTICE is hereby given that Somerset County Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) and 4(2) and 32 35 36 45 and 46 and part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effect of which is to introduce new restrictions to the Controlled Zone and new restrictions to the No Loading within the controlled zone and to revoke the existing Controlled Zone and No Loading along the lengths of road as shown in the schedules below.

The reason for introducing these restrictions is to simplify and rationalise the parking restrictions in this part of Yeovil near Milford School. The roads affected by this Order are; Elmhurst Avenue, Chelston Avenue, Glenthorne Avenue and St Georges Avenue.

A copy of the Order and the associated Plans may be inspected at (i) The Area Highway Office, Somerset Highways, Mead Avenue, Houndstone Business Park, Yeovil during normal office hours and at (ii) Somerset County Council, B Block Reception, County Hall, Taunton during normal opening hours; or online at www.somerset.gov.uk/TRO

Any persons wishing to object to the proposed order may do so in writing, specifying the grounds on which it is made, to Somerset Highways, Traffic Management, (PPC601A), County Hall, Taunton, Somerset TA1 4DY and received no later than 27th February 2014

SHEILA WHEELER

Chief Executive

Dated: 06 February 2014

Schedule 1

Controlled Zone – No Loading

Monday – Friday 8.30 am – 9.15 am, 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm

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| Elmhurst Avenue
Yeovil | - | From its junction with Chelston Avenue in a north easterly direction for a total distance of 92 metres |
| Chelston Avenue
Yeovil | - | From 18 metres south east of its junction with Glenthorne Avenue in a south easterly direction for a total distance of 240 metres |
| St Georges Avenue
Yeovil | - | From its junction with Chelston Avenue in a south westerly direction for a total distance of 98 metres |
| Glenthorne Avenue
Yeovil | - | From 19 metres east of its junction with Mudford Road in a north easterly direction for a total distance of 300 metres |

Schedule 2

REVOCATION

Controlled Zone – No Loading

Monday – Friday 8.30 am – 9.15 am, 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm

6 Jan – 11 Apr, 23 Apr – 25 July, 4 Sept – 21 Dec

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- Yeovil

TI004034 - Extents of Existing Parking Zone



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Scale 1/2216

Centre = 355694 E 117286 N



Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Building and Civic Matters Committee held on 19 March 2013

8/161 GLENTHORNE AVENUE AREA – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (agenda item 5 refers) and the comments made by the public earlier in the meeting.

A copy of the consultation document, which included details of the draft traffic order and the Highway Authority's reasons for its proposals, was attached to the agenda.

The Town Clerk drew attention to an email from a local resident, which had been copied following its receipt earlier that day to all Members of the Committee, in which she outlined the reasons for her opposition to the proposals, and made a suggestion that a hardstanding area adjoining Milford School be used as a general drop-off/pick-up point thereby alleviating pressure on Glenthorne Avenue and the surrounding roads during term-time.

He indicated that this area was currently used by school transport vehicles and that the possibility of extending the arrangement to other vehicles had previously been explored with the School, which had ruled it out on health and safety grounds.

Reference was made to a number of comments made by local residents on a Facebook Community Forum, none of whom had expressed their support for the proposal. The reasons put forward included:

- Proposals not felt to be safe
- Access problems arising from double-parking
- Obstruction of driveways by vehicles
- Hindering access by emergency vehicles
- Encourage parking on footways

Reference had also been made to the need for greater enforcement of the present traffic regulations in the area; the upgrade of the existing pedestrian crossing on Mudford Road to a light-controlled crossing and the use of school crossing warden in Glenthorne Avenue.

During the ensuing discussion, Members commented on the narrowness of a number of the roads where it was proposed that the existing "no waiting" restrictions be lifted – particularly Ashford Grove and Folly Fields – and the access problems that would arise if the suggested changes were introduced.

Whilst it was acknowledged that ways of discouraging parents from using vehicles to drop-off/pick-up children would help alleviate potential problems, it was recognised that many parents travelled onto and from work, and therefore arrangements needed to be made to enable them to park nearby in a safe and considerate manner whilst retaining adequate and effective traffic management controls.

Members expressed their support of the reasons put forward by a number of local residents opposed to the proposals and, in the circumstances, felt it would not be appropriate to introduce all the planned changes.

It was also felt that the upgrading of the nearby pedestrian crossing in Mudford Road to a light-controlled crossing would encourage more parents to use the Chilton Grove Car Park thereby alleviating parking pressure on the roads around Glenthorne Avenue.

Members also expressed the need for greater enforcement of the existing traffic regulations in the area as a way of discouraging parents from parking in contravention of these regulations and creating a safer environment.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that the Highway Authority be informed of this Council's concerns at the proposed revocation of various no waiting restrictions in the Glenthorne Road area which, in light of the evidence received, is not considered to be a safe and appropriate measure;
- (3) that the Highway Authority be requested to consider upgrading the nearby existing pedestrian crossing in Mudford Road to a light-controlled crossing as a way of encouraging a greater number of parents to use the Chilton Grove Car Park thereby reducing the demand for parking in the roads leading off Glenthorne Avenue; and
- (4) that the Highway Authority's attention be drawn to the apparent lack of the enforcement of the existing traffic regulations in the Glenthorne Road area, and both Somerset County Council and the Police be requested to increase their level of enforcement in this area.