

**REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of a MEETING held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH, 2004.

**PRESENT:** Mr M Connolly (Chairman), Mr PG Allnatt, Mr B E Atfield, Mr WS Braid, Mr PR Davis, Mr JP Johnson, Mr CEG Read, Mrs P Rugg, Mrs MSN Taylor and Mr IC West.

Mrs NS Bryant, Mr TW Carbin, Mr TP Chivers, Miss M F de Rhé-Philipe, Mr PJ Fox, Mr JB Osborn, Mrs JA Scott, Mr JE Syme and Mr DJ Willmott also attended the meeting.

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12. **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Molland and Mr RM Willan.

13. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 4 February 2004.*

14. **Chairman's Announcement** The Chairman announced that a Seminar to update members of this Committee on developments in Education Transport would be held on Wednesday 5 May 2004 at 10.30am. The Seminar would look at the areas of transport provision which were statutory and would consider other issues on which members might wish to exercise their discretion. Recent developments in Education Transport would also be explored. The Seminar would finish with an opportunity for questions, prior to the meeting of the Regulatory Committee which would start at 11.30am.

15. **Petition – Westbury: Oldfield Road – Traffic Measures** At the beginning of this item, Mrs H Robinson, Mrs S Gilbert and Mr E Manasseh, residents of Westbury, made statements in support of the petition to which the Chairman responded.

On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

*Resolved: To note that:-*

(1) *The existing weight restriction was designed to prevent through lorries using Oldfield Road, Westbury.*

(2) *The developer had relocated the advance sign.*

- (3) *A further advance sign was to be provided.*
- (4) *The developer had changed the advisory 20mph signing to the correct regulatory signs.*
- (5) *The extension of the Spine Road over the railway was developer-led. The land was proposed for allocation in the current District Plan period up to 2011.*
- (6) *To inform the petitioners accordingly.*

**16. Local Transport Plan Settlement and Programme for Integrated Transport Schemes in 2004-05** At the beginning of this item:-

- Cllr AJ Trotman, Mayor of Calne, supported by Cllr D Allen, Mayor of Chippenham, and Cllr. Mrs S Oakes, made a statement in support of road safety measures on Road A4 between Derry Hill and Calne, and
- Mrs N Phillips, Chair of Governors, Newtown School, Trowbridge and Mrs Robbins, a Volunteer of Wesley Road Church Wednesday Club, Trowbridge, made statements in support of the petition previously presented requesting the provision of a Pelican crossing outside Newtown School.

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the statements which, he said, would be taken into account during the respective debates on each issue.

Consideration was given to a report by the Director of Environmental Services on transport schemes to be funded in 2004-05 from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Integrated Transport Block Allocation. On hearing the views of local members,

*Resolved:*

- (1) *To note the feedback from the Government on the 2003 Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report.*
- (2) *To approve the proposed funding allocations for integrated transport projects in the County in 2004-05, as outlined in Tables A to H3, Appendix 1 of the Director's report.*
- (3) *To approve the Local Safety Scheme funding for 2004-05 being used towards minor engineering improvements as appropriate at the sites listed in Table I, Appendix 1 and the routes listed in paragraphs 51 and 52 of the report.*
- (4) *To approve the Scheme Assessment Framework for assessing integrated transport schemes for 2004-05 but to consult the Committee on amending the criteria for 2005-06.*

17. **Traffic Management Report 2004** At the beginning of this item:-

- Mrs S Charity, Vice Chair of Market Lavington Parish Council, made a statement in support of a speed reduction on Spin Hill, Market Lavington, and
- Mr G Deeve presented a petition requesting a speed restriction on the length of Road A429 through the village of Lower Stanton St Quinton and made a supporting statement.

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the statements which, he said, would be taken into account during the respective debates on each issue.

Consideration was given to a report by the Director of Environmental Services on Traffic Management Schemes to be considered for implementation in 2004-05. The Committee also received a letter from Mr AI Moore in support of pedestrian crossing on Seymour Road, Trowbridge, together with a reply from the Assistant Director, Planning & Development.

On hearing the views of local members,

Resolved:

- (1) *To approve the allocations listed in Appendix 1 of the report for Weight Limit, Signing Changes, Village Speed Limits listed in Appendix 3, Gateways, Partnership Schemes and Non-Mandatory Disabled Spaces to be progressed from the Traffic Management Revenue Budget in 2004-05.*
- (2) *To approve that discussions continue with the Police and the District Councils on the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and to request the officers to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee setting out the preferred strategy.*
- (3) *To not accede to the requests for lorry controls on Brook Road, Trowbridge, and the C64 road at Fovant.*
- (4) *To use the criteria set out in paragraph 24 of the report as the interim policy for the assessment of 30 mph speed restrictions in Wiltshire villages.*

18. **Marlborough: Objections to Waiting Restrictions** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (1) *To delete the proposed prohibition of waiting on Pewsey Road, Marlborough from the proposals.*
- (2) *To implement the proposed parking controls in The Parade, Frees Avenue, Hyde Lane and High Street, Marlborough.*
- (3) *To inform the objectors accordingly.*

19. **Trowbridge: Newtown School – Request for Pelican Crossing – Petition** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

*Resolved:*

(1) *To note that a budget allocation had been agreed for the preliminary design of, and consultation on, a crossing facility outside Newtown School, Trowbridge in the financial year 2004-05, with a view to construction in 2005-06. (See Minute No. 16/04 above)*

(2) *To inform the petitioners accordingly.*

20. **Ashton Keynes: Proposed Retention of One Double Mobile Classroom with Toilets at Ashton Keynes CE Primary School (N.03.3278.CP)** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

*Resolved: To grant planning permission, subject to the conditions set out in the Director's report.*

21. **Melksham/Melksham Without: Proposed Conversion of Existing Tennis Courts to a Multi Use Games Area incorporating New Surfacing, Fencing and Floodlighting at George Ward School, Shurnhold (W.03.1787.CP)** At the beginning of this item:-

- Mr A Frith, a local resident, made a statement expressing certain concerns over the effect the proposal would have on quality of life and the impact it would have on the local landscape, whilst not being totally against the planning application.
- Mr B Sanders, a local resident and Chairman of Cooper Avon Tyres RFC Junior Section, made a statement in support of the proposal.

On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services and on hearing the views of Mr TP Chivers, a local member,

*Resolved: To grant planning permission, subject to the conditions set out in the Director's report.*

22. **Salisbury: Proposed Retention of a Single Mobile Classroom with Toilets at Stratford-Sub-Castle CE Primary School (S.03.2593.CP)** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

*Resolved: To grant planning permission, subject to the conditions set out in the Director's report.*

23. **Berwick St James, Winterbourne Stoke & Shrewton: Modification Orders** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (1) *To submit the following Orders upgrading the respective rights of way to Byways Open to All Traffic to the Secretary of State, with the recommendation that they be confirmed without modification:-*
  - *Berwick St James Bridleway 3(Part) and 3A*
  - *Shrewton Bridleways 4 (Part) and 15*
  - *Winterbourne Stoke Footpath 3*
  - *Winterbourne Stoke Bridleways 4 (Part) and 5 (Part) and 6B*
- (2) *To request the officers to monitor use of the ways should the Orders be confirmed and to bring forward to the Annual Traffic Management Review in 2005 proposals for the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders on those ways of greatest concern.*

24. **West Lavington: Diversion of Footpath 1 (Part)** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved: *To approve the making of an Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 providing for the diversion of that part of West Lavington Footpath 1; and either*

- (1) *If no objections are received and on condition that the new path has been provided to the satisfaction of the County Council, as Highway Authority, and the necessary certificate has been issued, the Order be confirmed; or*
- (3) *If objections are received, a further report be brought before the Committee for Members to consider whether to refer the Order to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs with a request that it be confirmed, or for Members to decide to abandon the Order.*

25. **Explosives Panel**

Resolved: *To receive and note the minutes of the Explosives Panel meeting held on 3 March 2004.*

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am – 1.50pm and 2.30pm – 2.40pm)

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