

SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the **SALISBURY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**
held at the Council House, Bourne Hill, Salisbury on
Monday, 6 November 2000 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

P R E S E N T

Councillor D W Brown – Chairman
County Councillor J P Johnson – Vice-Chairman

SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillors J P Abbott, E R Draper, J R L Nettle and Mrs V O'Sullivan (deputy)

WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Councillors G Downes, Mrs B M Jay, Mrs L P Morris, P W L Sample and I C West

29. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –

Mr P Chubb, resident of Salisbury and Member of the Association of Council Taxpayers asked (a) why work at Victoria Park had been commenced prior to the end of the public consultation period and (b) why a protruding bus stop had been installed on the Devizes Road, which seemed to compromise road safety, particularly in light of the recent accident there.

The Chairman replied that the work at Victoria Park had been undertaken at this time since local schools were on holiday and the roads were less congested. In relation to the bus stop on Devizes Road, the kerb had been expanded here to accommodate a proposed bus shelter. The Chairman added that a written response detailing his reply would be supplied to Mr Chubb within ten working days.

(NOTE: County Councillors Mrs Morris and Sample requested a copy of this written response).

30. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th September be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

31. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Transport Plan

In late October, the Chairman of the County Council, Environment & Transport Committee, attended a meeting with the Under Secretary of State, Keith Hill M.P., at the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions to discuss the County Council's Local Transport Plan submission.

The Minister was unable to discuss the detailed merits of the individual projects, pending his formal decision on Highway Authorities Local Transport Plans. However he was well briefed on the County Council's proposals and his announcement is awaited at the end of December.

Advanced Traffic Light Technology to Incorporate Bus Priority for Castle Road

The Chairman thanked Officers for arranging a trip to Oxford so that Members could observe a fragmented bus-lane/bus-gate system in operation. Councillor Nettle explained that this system was very similar to the measures planned to provide priorities for the Beehive Park & Ride buses and public service buses on Castle Road and recommended it to Members of the Joint Committee. A video film had been taken by officers which could be reviewed on request.

Congratulations to Graham Wright and Family

The Chairman informed Members that Graham Wright, Transportation Officer and his wife had a new baby boy.

AGREED – That a congratulations letter be sent to Graham and his family on behalf of the Committee.

32. SALISBURY: CASTLE ROAD BUS LANES AND ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS TO ADVERTISED TRAFFIC ORDERS

The Committee noted and praised Officers for the thorough consultation undertaken with residents on Castle Road.

The Committee then considered the previously circulated report of the Transportation Project Manager, together with additional objections raised by residents and circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- (i) that the traffic orders and other administrative procedures to give effect to the bus lanes and associated traffic measures be implemented subject to the following amendments to those advertised:-
 - the 24 hour bus lane length be reduced to that shown in Appendix E (previously circulated) and the peak period bus lane be extended to match;
 - The bus stop clearway order be amended to take account of the two changes to the bus stop locations; and
 - Only the waiting restrictions in Stratford Road, as shown in Appendix F (previously circulated), be implemented.

- (ii) A yellow box be laid in Castle Road at the rear access road between Nos. 177 and 179 Castle Road, as part of the scheme.
- (iii) A relaxation of the "no waiting at any time" restriction in St Francis Road be investigated.
- (iv) Consultations continue with residents of Stratford Road and Park Lane, and the management of South Wilts Grammar School be invited to take part, with a view to improving traffic conditions along Stratford Road.
- (v) that all those residents who had submitted written comments and objections be sent a copy of the Officers' report, the resolution of the Joint Committee and advised of the Joint Committee's sentiments in dealing with this matter.
- (vi) The bus lane and associated matters be closely monitored from the initial implementation. In particular, the 24 hour parking restriction will be carefully considered, with specific reference to operation on Sundays.

33. SALISBURY TRANSPORTATION PLAN – PROGRESS UPDATES

Councillor Mrs Jay informed the Committee that she was both concerned and frustrated that the proposed bus stop in Finchley Road, Salisbury for nearby elderly residents, had still not been installed. Discussions in connection with this matter dated back to 1998 and Councillor Mrs Jay emphasised the time had come for the matter to be resolved.

Councillor Abbott asked if a temporary bus shelter could be installed on District Council land and added that this delay was not acceptable. If a temporary bus shelter could not be installed, then a representative from the Highways Agency should be invited to a meeting of the Joint Committee to explain why.

The Transportation Project Manager assured Members that the matter would be investigated and progressed as soon as possible.

Councillor West informed the Committee that although the Wilton Traffic calming measures were working reasonably well, concern had been expressed in connection with the roundabout at Saddler's Mead. Lorries were turning into Saddler's Mead and then getting stuck.

The Transportation Project Manager assured Members that he would pursue this.

Councillor Sample asked that a report be brought back to this Committee in May/June 2001 considering how the Eastern Chequer Area in Salisbury City could be further improved for local residents by reducing through traffic.

Councillor Nettle requested that more detail be supplied in the next update report in connection with the Bourne Hill/Bedwin Street traffic calming measures.

Following receipt of these statements, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Transportation Officer.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

34. REPORT ON THE FIRST SIX MONTHS' WORK OF THE SALISBURY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Committee considered the previously circulated draft report, written on behalf of the Chairman of the Joint Committee.

RESOLVED – that subject to the inclusion of more information on the development of the Joint Committee and under paragraph 5 e.g. progress updates reports and approval of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman , then the report be noted and forwarded to forthcoming meetings of the Environment and Transport Committee at Wiltshire County Council and the Transport and Environment Committee at Salisbury District Council.

(Note: A copy of this report is attached to these minutes as

Annex A)

35. FUTURE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED – that the future meeting dates of this Committee be as follows:-

Monday 15th January 2001
Monday 2nd April 2001
Monday 18th June 2001

36. MATTER OF URGENCY

Deterioration in the Wilts and Dorset Bus Services

Although this matter did not appear on the previously circulated agenda, the Chairman declared that this matter be taken as a matter of urgency, since action was required before the next meeting of this Committee (15 January 2001).

Members noted that the bus service provided by Wilts and Dorset Bus Company had deteriorated yet further since the last meeting of this Committee in September. Members acknowledged that the Bus Co. continued to suffer from a shortage of drivers.

RESOLVED – that the Chairman of the Committee contact the Operations Manager at Wilts and Dorset Bus Co. to try and progress this matter; and

The meeting concluded at 12.35 p.m.