



REGULATORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a MEETING held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on WEDNESDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2003.

PRESENT: Mrs N S Bryant (Chairman), Mr B E Atfield, Mr WS Braid, Mr M Connolly, Mr P R Davis, Mr JP Johnson, Mr C Newbury, Mr AG Peach, Mr C E G Read, Mrs P Rugg, Mrs MSN Taylor, and Mr IC West.

Mrs AB Barker, Mrs M Boulton, Mr TW Carbin, Miss M F de Rhé-Philippe, Mrs MEM Groom, Mr D Lay, Mrs J Scott, Mr TR Sturgis, Mr JE Syme and Mr J Thomson also attended the meeting.

18. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: *To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 5th February, 2003.*

19. **Chairman's Announcement** The Chairman announced that there would be a presentation on the Local Government Superannuation Scheme by the Deputy County Treasurer to members of the Committee immediately before the start of the meeting on 9th April. The presentation would be made at 10.00am and the Committee meeting would follow, as usual, at 10.30am.

20. Petitions

- (1) **Holt: Safety of Children & Adults near Holt VC Primary School, The Gravel** Mr A Fox addressed the meeting in support of the petition. On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (i) *To send a jointly worded letter with the Police and School to all parents of children attending Holt Primary School advising them not to drive through The Gravel.*
- (ii) *To erect twin flashing amber school lights on The Common, together with possible alterations to the carriageway markings to improve conditions for pedestrians crossing the B3107.*
- (iii) *To request the Police to enforce the waiting restriction on The Common at The Gravel junction and also the existing speed limit.*

(iv) *To advise the petitioners accordingly.*

- (2) **Sherston: Condition of Footways** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services and a letter from Mrs JM Bremner, a resident of Sherston in support of the petition, and on hearing the views of Mr J Thomson, the local member,

Resolved:

(i) *To review the proposed programmes after budgets have been set.*

(ii) *To advise the petitioners accordingly.*

21. **Commons Registration Act 1965 (as amended): Application for the Registration of a Town or Village Green: The Backfield, off Ringwood Avenue and Lyndhurst Road, Amesbury** The Chairman announced that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda in order to allow time for additional legal investigations to be completed.

22. **Commons Registration Act 1965 (as amended): Application for the Registration of a Town or Village Green, West Dean Village Green, West Dean** On considering a report by the Director of Corporate Services and a letter from Mr F Morland, a resident of Chapmanslade,

Resolved: *To refer the application to a Public Inquiry to be held jointly with Hampshire County Council because of the conflicting evidence and to request the Solicitor to the Council to negotiate with colleagues at Hampshire on the apportionment of costs.*

23. **Local Transport Plan Settlement & Programme for Integrated Transport Schemes in 2003-04** Consideration was given to a report by the Director of Environmental Services on transport schemes to be funded in 2003-04 from the Local Transport Plan (LTP) Integrated Transport Block Allocation. On hearing the views of local members,

Resolved:

(i) *To note the feedback from the Government on the 2002 Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report.*

(ii) *To approve the proposed funding allocations for integrated transport projects in the County in 2003-04, as outlined in Tables A to G of the report, subject to the inclusion of the following scheme in the list of schemes to be assessed during 2003, as listed in Appendix 2 to the report:-*

- *Warminster, Vicarage Street/Emwell Street – road safety issues*

- (iii) *To approve the Local Safety Scheme funding for 2003-04 being used towards:-*
- *Minor engineering improvements as appropriate at the sites listed in Table H and the sites where a number of injury accidents have occurred in a short period of time.*
 - *Minor signing and installation of anti-skid surfacing in Sandridge Road, Melksham.*
 - *An assessment of the appropriateness of the safety scheme at Stanton St Quintin, Junction of A429 and C166.*
- (iv) *To grant authority to the Director of Environmental Services to adjust the proposed spending programme to take account of changing circumstances and to request that he provide monitoring reports to the Committee periodically in the event of known changes to the programme.*
- (v) *To note the requests that had been received for integrated transport funding during 2002-03.*

24. **Traffic Management Report 2003** The following members of the public made statements as follows:-

- Mr B Cullern, a resident of Hilperton, in support of a petition for a speed reduction in Hilperton Drive.
- Mr P Oatway, a resident of Milton Lilbourne, in support of a reduced speed limit on Road B3087 in Milton Lilbourne.

The Chairman expressed her thanks for the statements made which, she 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 2003-04. The Committee also received the following documents:-

- E mail from Mr CP Humphries requesting urgent action on the request for a 50 mph speed restrictions on Road A4 at Fyfield and Savernake, and also that serious consideration be given to requests for extensions to existing restrictions at Aldbourne, Avebury and Lockeridge.
- A document from Milton Lilbourne Parish Council in support of the request for a reduced speed limit on Road B3087 in the village.
- A letter from Yatton Keynell Parish Council in support of a reduction in the speed restriction on Road B4039 from Road A420 to Upper Castle Combe.

On hearing the views of local members,

Resolved:

- (i) *To approve the allocations listed in Appendix 1 of the report to enable the schemes to be progressed from the Traffic Management Revenue Budget in 2003-04.*
- (ii) *To request, that on receipt of Government guidance on the setting of speed restrictions, a report on new policy for the setting of local speed limits be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.*
- (iii) *To request that consultants be commissioned to investigate and report back to a future meeting of this Committee on the effectiveness of 20 mph restrictions at schools.*

25. **The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (i) *To note the changes introduced by the 2002 Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions.*
- (ii) *To approve the criteria for the use of Speed Limit Roundels and Vehicle Activated Signs, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.*
- (iii) *To request the Director to present a report on the suggested criteria for Bus Stop Clearways for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee.*

26. **Heywood: Proposed Waste Transfer Station at Westbury Landfill site for Viridor Waste Management Ltd (W.02.1607)** Mr F Morland, a resident of Chapmanslade and a member of Heywood Parish Council, made a statement opposing the planning application. The Chairman expressed her thanks to Mr Morland for his statement which, she said, would be taken into account during the course of the debate.

On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services, Mr C Newbury proposed the following motion, which was seconded by Mr P Davis:-

“To defer consideration of the application, pending the holding of a site inspection and to allow time for the officers to investigate and report back on the details of outstanding objections.”

On putting to the vote the motion was lost, whereupon it was

Resolved: *To grant planning permission, subject to the conditions set out in the Director’s report, and condition 5 being amended to read as follows:-*

“Deliveries and despatches of goods to and from the site shall be limited to between the following hours:-

*0700 – 1700 Monday - Friday
0700 – 1300 Saturday*

At no times on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Operations or activities authorised or required by this permission exclusive of deliveries and despatches of goods to and from the site shall be limited to between the following hours:-

*0700 – 1900 Monday – Friday
0700 – 1500 Saturday*

At no times on Sundays and Bank Holidays.”

(Note: Mr C Newbury requested that his vote against the resolution be recorded.)

27. **Redlynch: Proposed Composting Facility at Pound Bottom Landfill Site, Hamptworth Estate for Cleansing Services Group (S.02.2169)** On considering a report by the Director for Environmental Services,

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

28. **Boscombe Down: Ministry of Defence – Explosives Factory Licence** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (i) *To appoint Mrs NS Bryant, Mr M Connolly and Mr PR Davis to serve on the Explosives Panel to hear the application for Assent by QinetiQ Limited.*
- (ii) *To name Mrs NS Bryant as Chairman of the Panel.*
- (iii) *To agree that the Panel meet on 9th April, 2003, on the rising of this Committee, to hear the application.*
- (iv) *To confirm the membership of the Panel and the Chairman, as set out in (i) and (ii) above to hear further applications for Factory Explosives Licences.*

29. **Appeal for Free Transport on Grounds of Route Safety from Langley Burrell to Maud Heath Primary School, East Tytherton** On considering a report by the Director of Environmental Services,

Resolved:

- (i) *To agree that free transport be provided for children attending Maud Heath Primary School, East Tytherton, as an exception to the current policy.*

- (ii) *To recommend the Cabinet to amend the County Council's Home to School Transport Policy so that if a route is considered to be unsafe to walk in one direction, the route is automatically deemed to be unsafe to walk in the other direction.*

30. Joint Consultative Committee for Teachers

Resolved: *To receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on 28th November, 2002*

32. Disciplinary & Dismissal Sub-Committee

Resolved: *To receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February, 2003.*

(Duration of meeting: 10.30am –12.40 p.m.)

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