

YEOVIL TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **BUILDINGS AND CIVIC MATTERS COMMITTEE**
meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil, on
Tuesday 22 July 2008

(7.00pm to 8.25pm)

Present:

Bridget Dollard (Chairman)
Philip Chandler
John Cruddas
Clive Davis
Dave Gooding
Pete Goodman
Peter Gubbins
John Hann
Steve Hawker
Andrew Kendall

Also Present:

Tom Parsley – South Ward Member
Alan Tawse – Town Clerk
Ian Ross - PCSO Avon and Somerset Constabulary
Sally Bing - Assistant Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr Manning of Mike Manning Audio addressed the Committee and explained that he was concerned at the lack of consultation in relation to Agenda item 5, Lower Middle Street parking and loading restrictions. He stated that in his view the proposal was totally unworkable as his business was reliant on access at all times for loading and unloading goods. He informed the Committee that he felt that the hold ups in Lower Middle Street were caused by the single lane traffic coming from the Leisure Centre and the synchronised traffic light system onto Sherborne Road.

Mr Mustafa of the Viceroy explained that deliveries of specialist spices were regularly required and felt that it was not the parking of delivery vehicles causing the congestion but the traffic system in the area. Mr Mustafa also commented on the lack of consultation, stating that a letter went to one business in Lower Middle Street explaining the recent proposals to introduce a no-loading restriction between 11am and 6pm. The Assistant Town Clerk thanked the members of the public for their attendance explaining that the Town Council had been informed that consultation had taken place by County Highways with the traders of Lower Middle Street.

7/96 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meetings held on 13 and 20 May 2008, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7/97 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Fife, Tony Lock and Wes Read.

7/98 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Steve Hawker declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item 5 (Lower Middle Street Parking and Loading Restrictions) as he carries out contract work for one of the proprietors whose shop fronts Lower Middle Street.

7/99 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Assistant Town Clerk informed the Committee that a letter had been received from South Somerset District Council informing the Town Council of their intention to name a new length of road off Preston Grove "Cooksons Orchard" as was suggested by the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee at a recent meeting.

7/100 **LOWER MIDDLE STREET PARKING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS**

(Steve Hawker, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of this application, left the room during its consideration and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon)

The Committee considered the report by the Area Traffic Engineer (Agenda item 5 refers) and discussed the problems associated with traffic congestion in Lower Middle Street and the potential causes. It was acknowledged that the introduction of Reckleford Option 5, a new traffic system for that part of Yeovil, would introduce significant changes in the not too distant future.

The Town Clerk clarified that the reason this had originally been brought to the attention of the Committee was that this part of the town centre was becoming gridlocked on occasions and, following a meeting with the Police, the Highway Authority and the Town Centre Manager, it had been recognised that some form of control needed to be introduced in that area. He added that the first paragraph of the report referred to the consolidation of an *existing* order on the north west side of Lower Middle Street. He explained that the *proposed* order on the south east side of Lower Middle Street was to attempt to facilitate deliveries but also keep this part of the town centre clear at the most congested times of the day.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that the matter be referred to the next meeting of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee and a representative of the Highway Authority be requested to attend to explain the proposals and their bearing on the proposed Reckleford Option 5; and
- (3) that all of the local traders be informed of the date of the next meeting.

7/101 FOREST HILL - PUSH BUTTON PEDSTRIAN CROSSING

The Committee considered the letter from Somerset Highways (Agenda item 6 refers)

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted; and
- (2) that the Assistant Town Clerk write to Martin Hills, the LTP Implementation Managers and copy the letter to the Headteacher of Holy Trinity School.

7/102 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERS NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF ST JOHNS ROAD

The Committee considered the letter from South Somerset District Council (Agenda item 7 refers) and supported the name of "The Manse" for the new development off St Johns Road. The Assistant Town Clerk also informed the Committee that a request for street naming for a development off St Anne's Gardens off Stiby Road had been requested from South Somerset Homes. local historian Jack Sweet had been contacted and the name "Perrythorne Park" suggested as Perrythorne had been the name of a field in the close locality.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that the name of "The Manse" for the new development off St Johns Road be supported; and
- (3) that the name "Perrythorne Park" for the new development off St Anne's Gardens (Stiby Road) be supported and referred to other ward members for comments and consideration.

7/103 STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT LOWTHER ROAD, YEOVIL

The Committee considered the letter from the Department of Transport (Agenda item 8 refers)

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the stopping up of highway at Lowther Road as detailed in the plans attached to the Agenda be supported.

7/104 WYNDHAM STREET PARKING

The Committee considered the report by the Area Traffic Engineer (Agenda item 9 refers). During the ensuing discussion it was noted that vehicles parked on private land crossing pavements (highway land). It was recognised that the matter needed to be addressed with the correct solution and further

information on the future Reckleford Option 5 Scheme was required to enable the Committee to make a considered decision.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that the matter be brought to a future meeting of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee following advice from County Highways and a request for additional information on the Reckleford Option 5 Scheme;
- (3) that proposals for providing on-street parking on Wyndham Street be not supported at this stage; and
- (4) that the possibility of providing on-street parking at this location in the future be considered after the Reckleford Option 5 Scheme has been completed and it's impact on traffic flows can be fully assessed.

7/105 FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1 APRIL TO 31 MAY 2008

The Committee considered the report by the Finance Administrator (Agenda item 10 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement for April and May 2008 be noted.

7/106 WAR MEMORIAL

The Committee considered the report of the Town Clerk (Agenda item 11 refers). He explained at the meeting that a youth had pleaded guilty to a charge of criminal damage at a Youth Court hearing on 16 July, and that the person concerned would be sentenced at a further hearing on 13 August.

He added that the Town Council's claim for compensation to meet the full cost of the damage would be considered at the second hearing.

RESOLVED

that the recent developments, including the outcome of the Youth Court hearing on 16 July, be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from members of the public.

7/107 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.

7/108 **WAR MEMORIAL**

The Committee considered the verbal confidential report of the Town Clerk which included details of the quotations received in respect of the repair of the damage to the War Memorial and how these costs might be met.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted ; and
- (2) that the proposed actions set out in the separately circulated confidential minute relating to this matter be approved.

Chairman

SB/HD
30/07/08