

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 23 September 2008**

(7.00pm to 8.05pm)

Present:

Bridget Dollard (Chairman)
J Vincent Chainey
Philip Chandler
John Cruddas
Dave Gooding
Pete Goodman
Peter Gubbins
Steve Hawker
Andrew Kendall
Tony Lock

Also Present:

Tom Parsley – South Ward Member
Alan Tawse – Town Clerk
Sally Bing - Assistant Town Clerk

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Cassell spoke regarding agenda item 6 Carisbrooke Gardens, stating that he was in support of the introduction of a residents parking scheme in Carisbrooke Gardens and asked when the County Council consultation would commence.

7/109 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 July 2008, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7/110 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Clive Davis, Tony Fife, John Hann and Wes Read.

7/111 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

7/112 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of correspondence.

7/113 **HIGHWAYS REPRESENTATION**

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk (agenda item 5 refers).

The Town Clerk explained that the County Council, with the support of the Police, had taken the decision that it would not be appropriate to go ahead with any form of loading ban in Lower Middle Street until the Reckleford Option 5 Scheme was in place and further assessment and monitoring could be carried out.

The Committee expressed their disappointment at the decision, and urged the County Council to ensure that adequate arrangements were put in place to keep the traffic moving in this area whilst the planned improvement works were being undertaken.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the developments in this matter be noted;
- (2) that the view of the Traffic Team Manager on the loading/no loading proposals in Lower Middle Street be noted and the Town Clerk seek reassurances regarding the implementation of adequate measures to keep traffic flowing in the area during the construction of the Reckleford Option 5 highway improvement scheme at his forthcoming meeting with the Traffic Team Manager;
- (3) that the views of the Traffic Team Manager on parking issues that have arisen in Carisbrooke Gardens be noted; and
- (4) that the Committee await a report on the outcome of the meeting between the Traffic Team Manager and the Town Clerk in October.

7/114 **CARISBROOKE GARDENS**

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 6 refers) and much discussion took place regarding the history of the proposals for Zone F residents parking scheme in Carisbrooke Gardens and surrounding areas. It was felt that delaying the implementation of the scheme until decriminalisation of parking was not acceptable as this could result in residents waiting one or two years for a resolution to the problems they are experiencing.

It was felt that a joined up approach to consideration of civil parking enforcement (CPE) would be necessary to avoid displacement of the problem to adjoining streets and roads. A suggestion was also raised that a restricted parking scheme similar to that in The Park be introduced as soon as possible, restricting parking time to two hours – no return within two hours, Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm. It was felt that this could help to relieve the problem in the short term and it was also requested that the Town Clerk ask the Traffic Team Manager at County Council when the consultation on the residents parking scheme for the former Zone F area would commence.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that the Town Clerk speak to the Traffic Team Manager of Somerset County Council regarding the early introduction of restricted parking in Carisbrooke Gardens; 2 hours – no return within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm; and
- (3) that the Town Clerk ask the Traffic Team Manager of Somerset County Council when the consultation for the residents parking scheme for Carisbrooke Gardens and surrounding areas would commence.

7/115 **BUS SHELTERS**

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 7 refers). During the ensuing discussion members queried why there was a necessity for the Town Council to pay for bus shelters and felt that alternative sources of funding should be sought. It was therefore requested that further information regarding the busiest bus stops on the list and alternative sources of funding be acquired before a decision is made.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;
- (2) that the Assistant Town Clerk contact South Somerset District Council and Somerset County Council to ask for alternative funding sources of bus shelters;
- (3) that the local Area Transport Co-Ordinator and bus companies be contacted to ascertain the busiest bus stops on the list set out in the report to the agenda; and
- (4) that representatives from South Somerset District Council, Somerset County Council and the bus companies be invited to the next meeting of the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee to discuss the best way forward for provision of bus shelters in the town.

7/116 **PUSH BUTTON PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT THE BOTTOM OF FOREST HILL**

The Committee considered the letter from the Engineering Resource Manager of Somerset County Council (agenda item 8 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted;
- (2) that the Assistant Town Clerk respond to the letter requesting that the inclusion of the request for a pedestrian crossing at Forest Hill be reviewed as part of the Local Transport Plan on an annual basis; and
- (3) that District Council ward members be asked to raise the request for a pedestrian crossing at Forest Hill as part of the Local Transport Plan.

7/117 STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING: NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF WEST HENDFORD, YEOVIL

The Committee considered the letter from South Somerset District Council regarding the suggestion of Fosse Park Road for a new development off West Hendford (agenda item 9 refers).

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the name Fosse Park Road for the access road off West Hendford Road, Yeovil be supported.

7/118 RENAMING ROADS IN YEOVIL

Following consultation with the Buildings and Civic Matters Committee the names Perrythorne Park and The Manse have been adopted for use. The Assistant Town Clerk informed the Committee that following consultation with this Committee the name Lawrence Way has also been adopted for a path leading from Abbey Manor Park.

RESOLVED

that the matters be noted.

7/119 DRIVER AWARENESS COURSES

The Committee considered the report by the Assistant Town Clerk (agenda item 11 refers). The Assistant Town Clerk informed the Committee that Monday 6 October at 7pm had been agreed as the date to hold the Driver Awareness Courses at Holy Trinity Scout Hall off Lysander Road, Yeovil

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matter be noted; and
- (2) that the Driver Awareness Courses at Holy Trinity Scout Hall on Monday 6 October commencing at 7pm be supported.

7/120 STREET COLLECTIONS

The Committee considered the report by the Town Clerk (agenda item 12 refers). The Committee discussed the report and felt that it was not necessary to restrict such collections to the Rotary Club but that any legitimate organisation applying to collect in the circumstances of a major natural disaster should be considered. It was also suggested that collectors by given highly visual permits to assist in the restriction of the activity to legitimate collectors.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the matters be noted;

- (2) that the granting of additional street collection permits to any legitimate organisation to collect in the circumstances of a major natural disaster be delegated to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Building and Civic Matters Committee Chairman.

7/121 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1 JUNE TO 31 JULY 2008**

The Committee considered the report by the Finance Administrator (Agenda item 13 refers).

RESOLVED

that the Financial Statement for June and July 2008 be noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Cassell queried why the residents parking scheme at Carisbrooke Gardens had not been implemented following public consultation three years ago. He also asked if there was a reason why individual streets could not have residential parking restrictions. He further asked whether there was any more the residents of Carisbrooke Gardens could do to encourage the County Council to progress with the residents parking scheme.

The Committee responded, explaining that to make a residents parking scheme work, it needed to cover a reasonable area, otherwise the problems would just be moved to an adjacent street. It was suggested to Paul Cassell that he contact his District Ward and County Division member regarding this matter.

Chairman

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