

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 21 January 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

Also in attendance – Councillors A Botham, D Collins and A I Lewer.

1/14 PETITIONS The Cabinet Member allowed the lead petitioner of the Green Lane and Park Avenue, Dronfield petition to address the meeting. Comments were made relating to the proposed access and its unsuitability in transport and safety terms.

The Cabinet Member stated that the County Council as Highway Authority was a consultee in this application and North East Derbyshire District Council was the determining body. The petitioners' comments and information would be taken into account by the appropriate officers when forming their technical response.

RESOLVED (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
Dronfield, Green Lane and Park Avenue – Objections to revised access to proposed development via a modified bridle path on safety grounds	23	Councillor Janet Hill
Matlock Bath – Request for Positive Tree Management	244	Councillor I Ratcliffe

(2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment be asked to investigate the matters raised in the petitions.

2/14 MINUTES **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 3 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

3/14 LOW CARBON ECONOMY ENGAGED RESEARCH PROJECT : FINAL REPORT It was reported that the Low Carbon Economy Engaged Research project, a partnership collaboration between Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and the University of Derby was now complete.

The research concluded that large businesses recognised the business case for low carbon initiatives, whilst small and medium sized businesses often perceived these as business costs; purchasing and supply chains provided opportunities for the acceleration of low carbon economies; and the greatest challenge related to winning hearts and minds of employees, the supply chain and customers.

It was proposed that the collaboration continued and specific areas be targeted for progression. The on-going work would see a project steering group established which would incorporate business leaders and shape the priorities of the on-going research and development of the Low Carbon Economy in Derby and Derbyshire. The work would link directly into the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce and the Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2). Key areas including renewable energy technologies, sustainable transport opportunities, identification of the gaps in Derby and Derbyshire regarding the existing low carbon activity, potential to support small and medium enterprises (SME's) with growth and innovation, facilitating knowledge exchange, development of purchasing and supply chains, interconnectivity of activities for greater efficiencies in carbon reduction, and further research in the area for example into the potential for growing 'green' businesses.

RESOLVED that (1) the Low Carbon Economy Engaged Research Project Report is endorsed and approval is given for an associated joint press release; and

(2) approval is given to continue with the partnership (Derbyshire County Council, University of Derby and Derby City Council) on developing the Low Carbon Economy agenda.

4/14 PETITION – POOLSBROOK, ERIN ROAD – REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES TO ASSIST HORSE RIDERS

Following the receipt of petition requesting Traffic Calming Measures to assist horse riders on Erin Road, Poolsbrook, investigations have been undertaken.

Observations suggested that the levels of vehicle and equestrian, and or pedestrian conflict were not, on their own, sufficient to justify the provision of a crossing facility at this location. The site did not have a history of congestion and there have been no reported equestrian or pedestrian injury collisions over the last five years.

The provision of a controlled crossing was not recommended however, it was felt that two horse crossing warning signs, one on each approach to Poolsbrook Country Park, to help alert drivers of their presence would be beneficial.

Enforcement of the 40mph speed limit was the responsibility of Derbyshire Constabulary.

RESOLVED that (1) the Authority refuses the request for the provision of a Pegasus crossing on Erin Road, Poolsbrook; (2) the Authority proceeds with the erection of two horse crossing warning signs located on Erin Road, on both approaches to Poolsbrook Country Park; and (3) officers inform Derbyshire Constabulary of the allegation of speeding traffic along Erin Road, Poolsbrook.

5/14 DAMAGE TO HIGHWAY – YORK AVENUE, SANDIACRE

Following development on York Avenue, Sandiacre the disturbed area of footway was not reinstated as required. Despite a number of requests the responsible person to reinstate the footway, no action has been undertaken. In accordance with Section 133 of the Highways Act 1980 it was requested that authorisation be given to make good the damage and recover the reasonable expenses for the owner of the land.

RESOLVED to (1) authorise the County Council to carry out works under Section 133 of the Highways Act 1980 to make good the damage caused to the footway; and

(2) approve the seeking of the recovery of reasonable expenses incurred by the County Council from the landowner.

6/13 CHESTERFIELD RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME ZONES A, B AND C – AMENDMENTS ORDER 2013 Objections have been received to the Chesterfield Residents' Parking Scheme Zones A, B and C – Amendments Order 2013.

RESOLVED that (1) the proposal to introduce a residents' parking bay on New Queen Street, Chesterfield, be removed from the final Chesterfield Residents' Parking Scheme Zones A, B and C – Amendments Order 2013 and the remainder of the proposals, as advertised, be confirmed and introduced;

(2) the objection to the alteration of the proposed bay on St Helen's Street, Chesterfield, be upheld and that the bay be changed to a Permit Holders Only, Monday to Saturday, 8am to 8pm, bay and that the order be amended and made accordingly; and

(3) the Local member and objectors be informed of the decision.

7/14 OBJECTIONS – MARSDEN STREET, CHESTERFIELD RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME ZONE D Objections have been received to the Chesterfield, Marsden Street, Residents' Parking Scheme Zone D Order 2012.

The objections related to access to businesses on Marsden Street and the restricted amount of on-street parking which would be available for permit holders within the new Zone D.

It was difficult to reconcile the parking aspirations of both residents and businesses. To strike a balance it was recommended that the changes to the lengths of the Monday to Saturday 7am to 6pm, 'Permit Holders Only' bay and '2 hours limited waiting no return within 1 hour except Permit Holders Monday to Saturday to a Saturday 7am to 6pm bay be introduced. The double yellow lines on the western side could be relaxed to a single yellow line which would operate from 7am to 6pm Monday to Saturday. It was recommended that parking conditions on Marsden Street be reviewed with further surveys being undertaken three months and six months after the changes have been made to assess their effectiveness and whether further changes should be considered.

RESOLVED that (1) the proposals be amended as listed in Appendix A to the report;

(2) the Order, as amended, be confirmed and introduced;

(3) parking conditions on Marsden Street be reviewed three months and six months after the introduction of the changes recommended in the report; and

(4) the Local Member and objectors be informed of the decision.

8/14 REPORT INTO THE USE OF ACCESS ONLY ORDERS

Access Only Orders were most suitable to reduce through traffic on roads uses as short cuts but have also been introduced on cul-de-sacs to deter parking by non-residents, however such Orders were widely abused. Contravention of an Access Only Order was a moving offence and, in Derbyshire, was enforceable by the Police. The Constabulary suggested that alternative actions, such as cost effective technology, would increase compliance but, as matters stand, any new Access Only Orders would increase enforcement issues.

Parking problems were best addressed by using Traffic Regulation orders that either prohibit or restrict parking and could be enforced by Civil Enforcement Officers, or residents' parking schemes if the criteria were met.

It was recommended that no further Access Only Orders be introduced within the County and the revocation of existing Orders that were introduced to address parking issues be considered when resources permit. The road signs relating to these Orders should be removed.

RESOLVED that (1) no further Access Only Orders be introduced; and

(2) Access Only Orders previously introduced to address parking by non-residents be considered for revocation as and when resources permit.

9/14 EXPENDITURE AGAINST CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF GOODS AND SERVICES RELATING TO AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC COUNTING

The total spend on actual and planned spend on the contract for the supply

of goods and services relating to automatic traffic counting would total £90,550.50, which was over the £80,000 threshold and required Cabinet Member approval.

Existing spends on the contract currently stood at £50,530.50 and £40,020 has been identified for the project to complete the in-road sensor upgrade and the project to carry out the upgrading of automatic traffic counter cabinets. There might also be additional unforeseen expenditure required due to highway maintenance works that would remove 'in road sensors' and require their replacement. It was difficult to quantify the exact cost but an additional spend of £5,000 was likely.

RESOLVED to (1) authorise the expenditure on the contract to exceed the £80,000 threshold; and

(2) approve expenditure up to a maximum of £95,000, as detailed in the report.

10/14 CONSULTATION ON AMBER VALLEY LOCAL PLAN PART 1 – PRE-SUBMISSION CORE STRATEGY

Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC) has forwarded its Local Plan Part 1 - Pre-Submission Core Strategy (Pre-Submission CS) to the County Council for comments.

The Pre-Submission CS sets out the overall vision, strategic objectives, the main spatial strategy and more detailed policies to guide future development in the Borough up to 2028. It sets out the Borough's proposed future housing requirement, employment land needs and Strategic Growth sites. The Pre-Submission CS would comprise Part 1 of the new Local Plan for Amber Valley and would be followed by the publication of a Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Document (Part 2).

The County Council has submitted detailed Member and Technical Officer comments to AVBC on its Local Plan Part 1 – Draft Core Strategy and the Pre-Submission CS did not incorporate any fundamental changes to the overall growth strategy or policies for the Borough compared to the draft.

Local Members raised objection and concerns on the Draft CS, particularly in terms of scale and distribution of housing growth, the Strategic Growth Sites, impact on the Green Belt, the need to re-use brownfield land, the proposals for a A610 Ripley-Codnor Bypass and school places provision. Their comments on the Pre-Submission CS were similar and largely re-affirmed their previous objections and concerns.

Support was overall re-affirmed or the proposed policy approach in the Pre-Submission CS. AVBC has addressed the majority of previous concerns with appropriate amendments to the policies and supporting text. However, various strategic infrastructure issues relating to broadband, Loscoe Household Waste Recycling Centre and Greenways raised on the Draft CS remained outstanding and further co-operative working between the County and AVBC was required,

particularly relating to transport and infrastructure provision, and, therefore remained relevant and were re-affirmed.

RESOLVED to authorise officers to respond formally to Amber Valley Borough Council on its consultation for the Local Plan Part 1 – Pre-Submission Core Strategy, as described in the report and Appendix.

11/14 EDALE BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC (BOAT) 16 – CHAPEL GATE AND EDALE PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 4

Temporary closure orders were made in respect of part of Edale BOAT 16 and Edale Public Footpath 4 to allow maintenance and repair work to take place. The work was now complete and it was important that the routes were re-opened as soon as practicable as the closures were no longer require. A further closure could be implemented if necessary to cater for the delivery of planned works for 2013/2014.

RESOLVED to authorise the Director of Legal Services to make Revocation Orders to re-open Edale Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT) 16 and Edale Public Footpath No. 4.

12/14 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC **RESOLVED** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2013.

13/14 EXEMPT MINUTES **RESOLVED** that the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 3 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.