

**PUBLIC**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 29 June 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor S A Spencer

Also in attendance – Councillors T Ainsworth, G Hickton and P Smith.

**66/17      PETITIONS      RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

<u>Location/Subject</u>	<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Local Member</u>
Somercotes, Queen Street – Parking Issues at the Junction with Birchwood Lane	25	Councillor P Smith
Crich, Dimple Lane Sub Station – Concern regarding the reduction of vehicle sight lines	96	Councillor D Taylor

(2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities considers the matters raised in the Crich petition; and

(3) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities considers the matters raised in the Somercotes petition in conjunction with current investigations.

**67/17      MINUTES      RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 8 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**68/17      PETITION: A615 WINGFIELD ROAD, OAKERTHORPE – REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT** A petition has been received requesting a reduction of the speed limit on Wingfield Road, Oakerthorpe.

A meeting was held on Wingfield Road where Officers from the County Council's Traffic and Safety Team met local residents including the lead petitioner, the Local Member for Ripley West and Heage (at that time, Councillor David

Williams) and the Amber Valley Borough Councillor for the Wingfield Ward. A wide range of safety concerns were raised by the residents and officers from the Traffic and Safety Team had the opportunity to answer those concerns and give an explanation as to why the current speed limit and road safety measures were in place.

The Department for Transport (DFT) criteria dictated that on single carriageway rural roads, where development was sparse, the National Speed Limit was appropriate. A lower 50mph speed limit could be considered on roads which have a mixed function and a high number of bends, junctions or accesses; which did not appear to be the case in respect of Wingfield Road. Derbyshire Constabulary's Traffic Management Officer has been informed of the concerns raised by the petitioners and advised that they would not support the reduction of the speed limit to 40mph. The Collision history database revealed that there have been no collisions resulting in personal injury on the 60mph section of Wingfield Road in the last three years.

It was however proposed that a single 'KEEP CLEAR' road marking be installed at the vehicular access to residential properties close to the junction with the B6013; a 40mph road marking roundel to be installed on the carriageway adjacent to the speed limit signage; a 'SLOW' road marking to be installed on the carriageway adjacent to the proposed 100 yards count down marker sign; Oakerthorpe Village name plate sign to be replaced with new and installed under the 40mph speed limit sign; 100, 200 and 300 yards count down signs to be installed in grass verge and a redundant Slippery Road warning sign be removed.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the request for a reduced speed limit on A615 Wingfield Road, Oakerthorpe be refused;

(2) the signs and lining works that detailed on drawing number HMT/RS/79/17 attached to the report be installed; and

(3) the Local Member and lead petitioner be advised accordingly.

**69/17      OBJECTIONS TO THE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
(CHESTERFIELD VARIOUS JUNCTIONS) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING,  
LOADING BAY, DISABLED BAY AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2017**

Following the public advertisement and consultation on various Traffic Regulations Orders (TROs) at 17 various locations in Chesterfield, objections have been received.

Comments and objections have been received in respect of Brockwell Lane/Franklyn Road Junction – Proposed Double Yellow Lines; Purbeck Avenue/Wenlock Crescent/Nevis Close Junction – Proposed Double Yellow Lines; Hastings Close/Newbold Road Junction – Proposed Double Yellow Lines; Highfield Lane/Mansfeldt Road Junctions – Proposed Double Yellow Lines; Malvern Road, Darwin Road/Hawksley Avenue Junction – Proposed Double

Yellow Lines; Barker Lane / Welfare Avenue Junction – Proposed Double Yellow Lines; Springfield Avenue Junction with Sydney Street, St Marks Road and Clifton Street - Proposed Double Yellow Lines and No Stopping on School Keep Clear Markings; Walton Fields Road/Walgrove Road - Proposed Double Yellow Lines; Lockoford Lane - Proposed Limited Waiting Bay, Loading and Disabled Bay; High Street, London Road, New Whittington – Proposed Double Yellow Lines and Changes to Timings of the Existing Limited Waiting Bays; and Heaton Street/Rhodesia Road Junction - Proposed Double Yellow Lines. Background to the proposals was detailed in the report together with the objection and the officers comments.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the proposed Traffic Regulation Order Derbyshire County Council (Chesterfield Various Junctions) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading Bay Disabled Bay and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2017 be introduced as advertised and implemented in due course; and

(2) the Local Members and objectors be informed accordingly.

#### **70/17      AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS**

**RESOLVED** that the Cabinet Member approves the award of grants to Police and Crime Commissioner of Derbyshire (£4,500), Derbyshire Fire Authority (£600), Belper Arts Council (£300), Chinley and Buxworth Transport Group (£400), Friends of Disley Station (£480) and Friends of Buxton Station (1,080).

**71/17      HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS BUDGET**      Derbyshire County Council has used its Historic Environment Grants budget to lever in funding into the County to protect and enhance the built historic environment. The budget for 2016-17 was £40,500.

The Derwent Valley Conservation Area Grant Scheme includes the conservation areas of Cromford and Belper and Milford, with partnership contributions from Derbyshire Dales District Council and Amber Valley Borough Council. Partners have confirmed that they were able to provide the same level of funding for this year as last, and if the County Council contributed the same as last year the total budget would be £16,000.

This was the final year of the Swadlincote Townscape Heritage scheme and the last County Council contribution of £10,000 for 2017-18 would be paid South Derbyshire District Council. The Bolsover Model Village Heritage Scheme has entered its third year out of a four year Heritage Lottery Fund Grant. An annual contribution of £10,000, from the County Council, was requested for each of the four years by Bolsover District Council. There were two further years of contributions of £10,000 for the current financial year and for 2018-19.

Derbyshire County Council contributes half of the cost of the Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire (ACID) publication and the other half was funded by the Peak District National Park Authority. Derbyshire Archaeological Advisory

Committee (DAAC) coordinated the publication of ACID and has received a quote for this year's design and printing of £5,000. DAAC was seeking a contribution of up to £2,500 from Derbyshire County Council. The Peak District National Park Authority has already confirmed it would be contributing the balance of £2,500.

A summary of the 2017-18 Historic Environment Grants Budget was detailed. In addition to these contributions, projects invariably included contributions from the private sector, usually the building owners, which were not quantified in the report.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) the allocation of £8,000 towards the Derwent Valley Mills Conservation Area Partnership scheme between Derbyshire County Council, Amber Valley Borough Council, and Derbyshire Dales District Council, for 2017-18;

(2) the allocation of £10,000 towards the Swadlincote Townscape Heritage scheme between Derbyshire County Council, South Derbyshire District Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributory partners, for 2017-18;

(3) the allocation of £10,000 towards Bolsover Model Village Heritage Scheme between Derbyshire County Council, Bolsover Borough Council the Heritage Lottery Fund and other contributory partners for 2017-18;

(4) that an earmarked reserve of £10,000 is created to cover Derbyshire County Council's contribution to the Bolsover Model Village Heritage Grant Scheme for 2018-19; and

(5) a £2,500 contribution towards the printing and publication costs of 'Archaeology and Conservation in Derbyshire'.

## **72/17      COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE CHARGES 2017-2018**

It was proposed that three E bikes were added to the Middleton Top Cycle Hire fleet as a three year pilot. The provision of E bike hire would enable new customers to experience the joys of exploring the High Peak Trail on a bike and allow customers with lesser pedal power and some mobility constraints to ride up the 1 in 14 incline.

The charge for E bikes would be £23 ½ day, £27 full day and £23 for any additional days hire, which was the same as the Peak District National Park Cycle Hire Centres. The exception to the mirrored pricing was only charging £50 hire deposit per bike. Hire was only possible on presentation of a suitable photo ID and secondary corroborating evidence (bank cards, etc.). E bikes come with a one year warranty covering components and electrical parts, motor and battery. Cycle maintenance would be carried out by Cycle Hire staff but specialist maintenance of the E components would be undertaken by the supplier once the warranty ends.

Cycle Hire staff were often asked to undertake minor cycle maintenance or repairs on private bikes belonging to visitors and did the repairs if capacity and competency allowed. The customer has been charged the retail cost of any parts and have made a voluntary donation towards labour. It was suggested that a schedule of charges was now adopted for minor repairs and a schedule was attached to the report. All repairs undertaken by staff were covered for product liability by Derbyshire County Council public liability insurance.

**RESOLVED** that the proposal to purchase E bikes and the charges, as set out in the report, be approved.

**73/17      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 8 June 2017.

**74/17      EXEMPT MINUTES      RESOLVED** that the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 8 June 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.