

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 23 December 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Collins

Also in attendance – Councillor J Owen.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S A Spencer.

182/14 **PETITION** **RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
Save out School Crossing Patrols in Derbyshire	23	All County Councillors
Concerns regarding unofficial footpath between Byron Street and Chaucer Infant School	45 letters	Councillor G Birkin
Save the Old Hall Junior School Crossing Patrol	48	Councillor K Morgan
Save the Hasland Schools Crossing Patrol	482	Councillor D Allen

(2) that the Lead Petitioner be advised that a future meeting of Cabinet was to consider whether or not to consult on changes to the School Crossing Patrol service; and

(3) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment be asked to consider the matters raised in the unofficial footpath petition.

183/14 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport (now Highways, Transport and Infrastructure) held on 9 December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

184/14 **A6 DERBY ROAD, MILFORD – PETITION FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING** Following the receipt of a petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Derby Road, Milford, investigations have been undertaken.

On the basis of the traffic survey information and the strength of support demonstrated by the petition, it was considered that a controlled pedestrian crossing on the A6 fronting the Milford village shop would provide a positive safety improvement. However, funding for highway improvement schemes was coming under increasing pressure, and schemes in future programmes would be prioritised. It was recommended that a scheme to provide a puffin crossing on the A6 Derby Road, Milford be considered alongside other schemes, for inclusion in future Capital Programmes.

RESOLVED that (1) the scheme be declined for inclusion within the current Capital Improvement Programme but is retained for future consideration alongside all other possible schemes for inclusion within a future Capital Improvement Programme; and

(2) the local Member and petitioners be advised of the decision.

185/14 PETITION REQUESTING ACTION TO REDUCE SPEEDS – A618 ROTHERHAM ROAD, KILLAMARSH An investigation has been undertaken following receipt of a petition requesting action to reduce speeds on the A618 Rotherham Road and surrounding streets in Killamarsh.

Records showed that, from the roundabout junction with Sheffield Road to the County boundary there have been three recorded collisions which resulted in slight personal injury. From Police reports on the circumstances prior to the collisions, it was evident that none had a suggestion of inappropriate speed being a factor. Speed readings taken in May 2009 showed a good level of compliance with the existing 30mph speed limit with mean speeds of 25mph, 30mph and 33mph from the three locations.

Taking these facts into consideration it would be difficult to justify any further engineering measures at this time. Ultimately, the Police were responsible for enforcing speed limits.

RESOLVED that (1) no further action be taken at this time but the situation continues to be monitored;

(2) Derbyshire Constabulary be informed of the speeding concerns; and

(3) the local Member and petitioners be informed of the decision.

186/14 PETITION REGARDING TRAFFIC SPEEDS – A6175 FURNACE HILL ROAD, CLAY CROSS A petition has been received from residents of Furnace Hill Road, Clay Cross regarding traffic speeds on the A6175.

There have been no reported injury collisions with the exception of the fatal injuries sustained by a solo motorcyclist who had been riding in excess of the speed limit according to the Police report.

Due to the nature of the traffic and the function of principal roads within the road hierarchy there are only certain types of traffic calming measures that were suitable. The use of speed cameras has been given consideration but their provision was restricted to sites where a high proportion of speed related injury collisions have occurred. The number of collisions on Furnace Hill Road was not sufficient to meet the necessary criteria.

Further extensive development was planned for the large area of land to the north of Furnace Hill Road which might include a further link road between the A6175 and the A61, and would be likely to reduce the current volume of traffic on Furnace Hill Road.

RESOLVED that (1) no action be taken at this time but the situation continues to be monitored, particularly in the context of the likelihood of new development nearby; and

(2) the local Member and petitioners be informed of the decision.

187/14 OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS STREETS, BRAMPTON, CHESTERFIELD The proposed alterations to the waiting restrictions for Chatsworth Road were formally advertised from 6 to 27 February 2014. 17 objections were received to elements of the proposal, and a further 10 objections to the relocation of a bus stop outside St Thomas' Church as part of the scheme.

A consistent theme received from the businesses was that the current time limit of 'no return within 4 hours', was unreasonable and it was proposed to reduce all of the limited waiting bays along Chatsworth Road and its affected side roads down to a 'no return within 2 hours'.

An element of the objections received related to a section of limited waiting between West Bars Roundabout and Chester Street junction and its use by Town Centre shoppers to the detriment of the fronting businesses.

Taking into account the objections, extensive changes would be required to the proposed order and legally it would be required to re-advertise the proposals along Chatsworth Road and its subsequent side roads.

RESOLVED that (1) the amended Traffic Regulation Order proposals be re-advertised, as shown in Appendix D to the report, incorporating the necessary changes following the representations the Authority has received;

(2) prior to the proposals being formally re-advertised, all affected frontages be provided with a copy of the proposed changes to comment upon during a four week window;

(3) the proposed changes associated with the bus stop improvements along the A619 corridor, specifically to the stop outside St Thomas' Church, be introduced as per the County Council's proposals;

(4) the Local Members be informed of the decision;

(5) the objectors to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order changes be informed of the decision to re-advertise the proposals with the necessary amendments; and

(6) the objectors to the proposed bus stop relocation outside St Thomas' Church be informed of the decision.

188/14 WHITWELL, SPRING HILL AND DUKE STREET – PROHIBITION OF WAITING ORDER – OBJECTIONS Following the advertisement of the Prohibition of Waiting Order on Spring Hill and Duke Street, Whitwell four objections have been received.

The proposals on Duke Street were minimal and were felt to be the shortest distance necessary to ensure access and egress from the road concerned. The proposals on Spring Hill were initially proposed to address difficulties caused by parked vehicles, mainly associated with the Co-op.

Bearing in mind the levels of support both in favour and against the proposals on Duke Street, it was recommended that the proposals, as advertised, be introduced. As the Co-op was no longer open, traffic flows and parking levels have reduced. The waiting restrictions proposed would now no longer seem to be necessary.

RESOLVED that (1) the proposals relating to Duke Street, Whitwell be introduced as advertised;

(2) the proposals relating to Spring Hill, Whitwell not be proceeded with; and

(3) the local Member and objectors be notified accordingly.

189/14 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – RESULTS OF CONSULTATION FOR NEW SHARED USE CYCLE PATH A6 MATLOCK

The County Council was promoting a new scheme to improve the provision for cyclists travelling along the A6 between the roundabout at the junction with Bakewell Road and the Arc Leisure Centre. Consultations have been carried out, including a letter drop to households overlooking the proposed route and letters sent to the Chief Constable, County Members, District and Town Councils, Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water and other statutory consultees. 11 responses have been received, nine had no objections to the scheme. There were some comments noting that the County Council had provided assurance that replacement trees would be planted in the verge to compensate for the loss of the existing trees and asking the County Council to review the existing refuge crossing

provision for cyclists to be able to cross to the Arc Leisure Centre and Hooley's Estate. Two written objections from residents who lived across the road to where the new route was proposed were received. Their main concerns were the removal of the trees.

It was considered that the proposed route would provide a safer cycle route into Matlock that segregated cyclists from vehicular traffic and would provide a connection to the existing shared cycleway alongside Derwent Way. Ultimately it would provide a connection to the proposed extension of the existing Monsal Trail as part of the wider Pedal Peak project. With regard to the loss of the 15 trees, the County Council has provided assurance that the equivalent number of trees would be planted in the verge to provide mitigation.

A review has been carried out of the existing refuges and the one located at the northern end of this proposed route was 2metres wide which complied with the recommended standard suggested by Sustrans for cyclists to use and would allow also proposed to erect cycle warning signs on the carriageway to alert vehicles travelling south from Darley Dale. A further refuge towards the southern end of the proposed scheme has already had approval to be widened and work would be undertaken at the same time as the scheme.

RESOLVED that (1) the new shared use cycle path on the A6 in Matlock between the roundabout at the junction with Bakewell Road to the Arc Leisure Centre be implemented as suggested; and

(2) the respondents to the consultation be notified accordingly.