

**PUBLIC**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 7 February 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Collins

Also in attendance – Councillors J Owen and S A Spencer.

In accordance with Standing Order 17.6, Councillor R Davison attended as Local Members for Minute No. 15/17.

**12/17      PETITION      RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

<u>Location/Subject</u>	<u>Signatures</u>	<u>Local Member</u>
Proposed    Buxton    Parking Restrictions    Order    2017    - Comments	24	Councillor T Kemp

and (2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities considers the petition with any other responses on the consultation for the proposed order.

**13/17      MINUTES      RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 17 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

**14/17      PETITION – REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMIT TO 30MPH – A6 BUXTON ROAD, NEW MILLS**      A petition requesting a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on a section of the A6 Buxton Road, New Mills, was received at this meeting on 1 March 2016.

The speed limit along the length of the A6 changes at intervals to reflect the surrounding environment in accordance with current national guidance. The Police's collision database shows that there have been no recorded injury collisions in the latest three year period to 31 May 2016 on the 40mph section of the A6, including Bank End Corner. Consultation has taken place with the Police about a change in this speed limit, however they would not support a reduction of the speed limit to 30mph.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the request for a reduced speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on the A6 at Buxton Road, New Mills be refused; and

(2) the Local Member, the Police and lead petitioner be advised of the decision.

**15/17      PETITION – SWARKESTONE, BARROW LANE AND WORKSHOP LANE – REQUEST FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE**      Investigations have been undertaken following receipt of a petition requesting that the Barrow Lane junction with Woodshop Lane, Swarkestone be closed to traffic.

Woodshop Lane has historically been subject to through traffic by drivers wishing to avoid the nearby A5132/A514 give way junction. In an effort to deter this behaviour, the County Council introduced a Prohibition of Driving (Except for Access) Order on Woodshop Lane and regulatory signs are in place at either end, accompanied by supplementary plates advising of 'no through route to A5132' and 'A514', respectively. The restriction was legally enforceable by the Police.

Despite the petitioners concerns the Police database revealed that there have been no collisions resulting in personal injury on Woodshop Lane, or at its two junctions, in the last three years.

Blocking off Woodshop Lane would require the construction of a turning head at its northern end, however the physical restraints of the built environment prevented the required width being achieved. The reversing of vehicles along this distance was not deemed to be a safe practice.

The introduction of a one-way system has also been considered, however the 'exit' junction would experience a significant increase in usage with all vehicles required to exit via this junction alone. The introduction of any measures that would compromise the existing good road safety record should be avoided.

Councillor Davison attended in support of the petitioners and addressed the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the request to permanently block the Barrow Lane junction with Woodshop Lane, Swarkestone be refused;

(2) officers meet with the Local Member and lead petitioner to consider the wider concerns at this junction; and

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

**16/17      STREET LIGHTING AT MANSFIELD ROAD BETWEEN HILLSTOWN AND PALTERTON**      The report was deferred pending further information.

**17/17      HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 278 AGREEMENT –  
DOWNLANDS, BRIMINGTON**

Chesterfield Borough Council has funding available to hard surface an existing verge and widen an existing turning head along Downlands, Brimington, for which they would need the County Council's formal permission to fund or carry out improvement works within the public highway using a legal Agreement under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.

As the developer was Chesterfield Borough Council, the County Council was able to waive the normal requirement for a guarantee Bond.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the intention to enter in to a Section 278 Agreement under the Highways Act 1980 with Chesterfield Borough Council for works at Downlands, Brimington; and

(2) to approve the proposal that Chesterfield Borough Council, as developer of the scheme, be exempt from providing a bond or paying financial security to support the Section 278 Agreement for these highway improvement works in this instance.

**18/17      OBJECTIONS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, LOADING BAY AND  
ON-STREET CHARGING ORDER, VARIOUS STREETS, CHESTERFIELD**

Following consultation two objections have been received to the proposed waiting restrictions element of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) scheme that was to be undertaken on West Street, Chesterfield.

Over the last few years, officers within the Traffic and Safety Team have been collating a number of alterations which were required, to streets within the existing Traffic Regulation Order for Zones A, B and C of the Residents Parking Scheme. The specific proposals for West Street were to remove the section of double yellow lines that were in situ outside the frontages of Nos.15 and 17 West Street. Historically, the yellow lines were to protect a former vehicular access to the site that was in use in 2010, when the Residents' Parking Scheme was being introduced. The site has now been developed.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the proposed element of the Traffic Regulation Order (Derbyshire County Council, Various Streets, Town Centre, Chesterfield)(Waiting Restrictions, Loading Bay and On-Street Charging) Order 2016 be introduced as advertised and implemented in due course; and

(2) the Local Member and two objectors be informed accordingly.

**19/17      AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS**

**RESOLVED** to approve the award of grant of £120 to Friends of Whaley Bridge Station (Hanging Baskets), £120 to Friends of Whaley Bridge Station (History Book) and £100 to Friends of Glossop Station (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event).

## **20/17      FUNDING FOR CRESWELL CRAGS AND CRESWELL HERITAGE TRUST**

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) has annually made a core funding contribution to Creswell Heritage Trust (CHT) of £38,000. This funding was matched by Nottinghamshire County Council which gives CHT a total contribution of £76,000 to its core costs. DCC's contribution comes from the Countryside Service budget, however following Council budget reductions, 2016-17 was the last financial year that the funds would be available from this source.

Following encouragement by the County Councils CHT was awarded a Transition grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The National Trust was commissioned and produced a report setting out how CHT could become a self-reliant financially sustainable entity, thereby reducing the core funding contribution from Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire County Councils to zero by 2020-21. To address DCC's core funding contributions until 2020-21, it was proposed that an earmarked reserve of £75,000 be created supplemented with £500 from the Countryside Service's revenue budget for 2017-18.

Creswell Crags was included on the United Kingdom's World Heritage tentative list in 2011. CHT has submitted information to a State Party (Central Government) Technical Review and two weaknesses were identified. The new CHT Director's focus has been to ensure that the Trust was financially sustainable and it was therefore proposed that the newly formed Conservation, Heritage and Design Service (CHaDS) at DCC assists CHT in compiling the information for the next State Party Technical Review in the autumn/winter 2017. It was proposed that CHaDS lead on the process until the next Technical Review.

The County Council has an earmarked reserve of £40,000, as approved by Cabinet on 21 January 2014 (Minute No. 16/14 refers), to assist CHT with the costs of developing a World Heritage Inscription bid. It was proposed that this reserve be used to offset DCC's contribution to the delegation costs.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) core funding of £38,000 for Creswell Heritage Trust for 2016-17 to be met from the Countryside Services Revenue budget, subject to this being matched by Nottinghamshire County Council;

(2) the transfer of £75,000 from the departmental general underspend reserve to a newly created Creswell Heritage Trust earmarked reserve which future contributions for 2017-18 – 2019-2020 can be drawn provided that Creswell Heritage Trust achieves agreed performance targets;

(3) Derbyshire County Council's Conservation, Heritage and Design Service supporting Creswell Heritage Trust in pursuing World Heritage Inscription up until the next Technical Review in autumn/winter 2017; and

(4) in principle, funding Derbyshire County Council's contribution to a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO's) Paris delegation to Creswell Crags from the earmarked reserve that was created to

assist Creswell Heritage Trust pursue World Heritage Inscription subject to a further report being presented outlining proposed detailed expenditure.

**21/17      CONSULTATION : DRAFT LOCAL PLAN FOR BOLSOVER DISTRICT**

In October 2015, Bolsover District Council published for public consultation its Bolsover Local Plan: Identified Strategic Options (ISO), which set out a range of options on the possible scale and distribution of the District's future development growth up to 2033. Derbyshire County Council submitted detailed, technical comments on the ISO in December 2015, which were referred to in the report. Having considered stakeholders' comments on the ISO, BDC has now published its Consultation Draft Local Plan for Bolsover District (CDLP).

In order to meet BDC's statutory deadline for submission of comments, provisional informal comments were submitted on 13 December 2016, subject to agreement at this Cabinet Member Meeting.

**RESOLVED** to delegate authority to officers to send a formal response to Bolsover District Council on its Consultation Draft Plan for Bolsover District, in line with the issues and comments set out in the report.

**22/17      CONSULTATION : SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PRE-SUBMISSION LOCAL PLAN PART 2**

The South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 (LPP1) was adopted by SDDC in June 2016. The LPP1 sets out strategic level policies for the District, included larger-scale site allocations for housing and employment development, and identified major infrastructure projects.

South Derbyshire Pre-Submission Local Plan Part 2 (PSLP2) sets out more detailed local development management policies to guide future development in the District on matters such as settlement boundaries; housing development in urban and rural areas, including 14 non-strategic housing allocations totalling around 700 dwellings; the built and natural environment; education, including a policy for the identification and safeguarding of land for a new secondary school(s) to accommodate at least 800 pupils on a minimum of 10 hectares (ha) of land; retail and town centres; and infrastructure provision.

In order to meet the statutory deadline of 7 December 2016, informal Member and technical comments were submitted on the PSLP2, subject to being formally agreed at this Cabinet Member meeting.

This was the last stage of public consultation on the Local Plan Part 2 (LPP2) and it was reported at the meeting that SDDC submitted it to the Government on 30 January 2017. An Examination in Public (EIP) would probably be held in April 2017.

**RESOLVED** to delegate authority to officers to send a formal response to South Derbyshire District Council in response to its public consultation on the

South Derbyshire Pre-Submission Local Plan Part 2 in line with the issues and comments set out in the report.

**23/17      AMENDMENT TO THE 2014-15 CAPITAL PROGRAMME – WASH GREEN PROPERTY LEVEL PROTECTION SCHEME**

On 20 January 2015, the Cabinet Member approved the addition to the 2014-15 Capital Programme of the Wash Green project, totalling £24,000.

The Flood Risk Management (FRM) Team appointed a consultant in Summer 2015 to undertake Property Level Protection surveys to identify the products required to secure the properties from flood water. This identified the works required to be an estimated cost of £36,000 for the six residential properties, however quotations for the works were sought in July 2016 and the returns were substantially higher than anticipated. The revised maximum cost for implementation of the scheme was now identified to be £63,000.

The FRM Team requested an increase in Local Levy to cover the increase from the Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee was and it has agreed an increase of a maximum of £5,000 per property amounting to £30,000.

It was proposed that the County Council's contribution should be increased to cover the shortfall and funding has been identified in the 2016-17 Flood Management Revenue budget to meet this cost.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) the amendment of the Capital Programme 2014-15 to increase the budget of the Wash Green Property Level Protections Scheme from £36,000 to £63,000; and

(2) the acceptance of the Local Levy grant funding of £30,000, allocated for the Wash Green project.

**24/17      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 17 January 2017.
2. To consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities on Community Rail 2017-18 (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Authority holding that information))

