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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 12 November 2013 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

Also in attendance – Councillors A Botham, D Collins and S A Spencer.

**92/13      MINUTES      RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport held on 22 October 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**93/13      PETITION – REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF A MOBILE CATERING UNIT, CRANFLEET WAY, LONG EATON**      Following the receipt of a petition requesting the removal of a mobile catering unit investigations have been undertaken.

The County Council operated a practice of ‘non-disapproval’ for mobile stalls providing that traffic regulations were not infringed and the operations did not give rise to any safety concerns. The operator concerned had positioned tables and chairs in the verge which were deemed to be a road safety hazard and following formal discussions on this matter the mobile catering unit has withdrawn from the pitch on Cranfleet Way and has not returned since.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note that the mobile unit is no longer in place; and

(2) the Local Member and petitioners be advised accordingly.

**94/13      PETITION – PEAR TREE DRIVE/RECREATION ROAD, SHIREBROOK – REQUEST FOR A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

Following the receipt of a petition requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Recreation Road near the junction with Pear Tree Drive, Shirebrook, investigations have been undertaken.

Taking all factors into consideration it was difficult to justify the provision of a controlled crossing at this location. However the area would benefit from the introduction of tactile crossing points, together with plateau features to help improve accessibility to local facilities.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Authority does not recommend the introduction of a pedestrian crossing (zebra/puffin) crossing) at this location at this time;

(2) a scheme to provide two tactile crossing points, two plateaux on Recreation Road and associated drainage works is considered for introduction

in the 2014/15 Capital Programme subject to it meeting the appropriate priority; and

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

**95/13      PILSLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PETITION REQUESTING A ZEBRA CROSSING**

Investigations have been undertaken following the receipt of a petition requesting the provision of a zebra crossing on Station Road, Pilsley outside the school gate.

The provision of a zebra crossing was investigated in detail but could not be located so that it could be utilised by the school crossing patrol warden in a safe manner. A number of other issues were discussed at a site meeting attended by Councillor Gillott and Mr Snape, the Head Teacher relating to the parking of vehicles that obstructed both Sitwell Grange Lane and Elm Walk. It was therefore agreed that the school keep clear zig-zag markings be rearranged to protect these accesses. Speed surveys would also be undertaken to quantify this at locations provided by the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** that (1) a zebra crossing outside the school on Station Road, Pilsley not be pursued at this time due to the practical implications and the adverse effect this could have on the existing crossing patrol operation; and

(2) the school keep clear zig-zag markings be rearranged to provide more extended coverage outside the school

**96/13      NORTH WINGFIELD, A6175 ST LAWRENCE ROAD – PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITY**

A petition has been received requesting the provision of a pedestrian crossing on St Lawrence Road, North Wingfield and objections have been received following public consultation on the provision of such a pedestrian crossing facility.

It was considered that a pedestrian crossing facility would be a valuable contribution to road safety and would help to assist those pedestrians wishing to cross this busy road. The presence of a crossing could also aid egress from adjacent side roads if the flow of traffic has been interrupted by a red light. The volume of the audible warning would be adjusted so as not to disturb residents.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the Puffin crossing proposal on St Lawrence Road (A6175), North Wingfield, shown on drawing TA308/N012/3 be implemented; and

(2) the Local Member and objectors be notified of the decision.

**97/13      WHITWELL – PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Objections have been received to the Whitwell, Spring Hill Proposed Prohibition of

Waiting Order 2013 and requests received for parking restrictions on Duke Street and Mill Crescent.

The objectors considered that the Spring Hill proposals did not extend far enough southwards and this could be supported but would require consultation and advertisement. The request to extend the double yellow lines on Duke Street northwards would aid traffic movement in and out of Duke Street and it was recommended that the lines should be extended on both sides northwards for a distance of 10 metres north of the junction with Welbeck Street.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the proposal on the western side of Spring Hill, Whitwell be extended by a further 12 metres;

(2) the double yellow lines on Duke Street, Whitwell be extended on both sides to a distance 10 metres north of its junction with Welbeck Street;

(3) the proposals on Spring Hill and Duke Street, Whitwell be consulted upon, advertised and confirmed subject to the consideration of any objections received; and

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

#### **98/13      CROMFORD WHARF RESTORATION SCHEME**

The buildings on Cromford Wharf were leased to the Arkwright Society on a 40 year lease. Following a major review of the Cromford Mill site, which included the wharf buildings, the Society has produced a master plan for the future development of the site. It was proposed that the café, which was a popular attraction needed to be extended and a small brick lean to would be adapted to provide toilet provision. The proposal would generate additional income however this precluded the potential for developing a separate Canal Interpretation Centre, but the potential remained to develop interpretation within the café on the walls and around the site.

The future proposal for the Gothic Warehouse was that it would eventually be developed as the education centre for the whole site. This would involve significant costs to undertake the work necessary to make it fully accessible.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed amendments to the restoration scheme for the Cromford Wharf be approved.

#### **99/13      CHARGES FOR COUNTRYSIDE FACILITIES 2014/16**

The Countryside Service makes a number of charged for services and facilities it provided. These charges needed to be reviewed in order to take account of inflation and to maintain income to the Authority and service delivery.

An increase for two years was proposed and a number of principles have been applied to the proposals, including an inflation increase based on the Retail Price Index. The appendix to the report set out the alterations to the charges and if these were arrived at via comparison, cost or if they were subsidised.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the proposed charges for Countryside facilities for 2014/16, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved;

(2) the Director of Legal Services be asked to promote the necessary changes to the Legal Order to make the changes to the Countryside charges; and

(3) the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services be given delegated powers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, to agree alterations to charges for events.

**100/13      REVIEW OF THE DERBYSHIRE JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The review of the Derbyshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy was being undertaken by Derbyshire Waste Partnership (DWP) which consisted of Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and the eight borough and district councils in Derbyshire. An Officer Steering Group has been overseeing the review process and consultants, SKM Enviros were appointed to provide technical support.

The review process has completed the production of a Waste Forecasting report; production of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) scoping report and Environment report; strategic aims and objectives setting; development of options and SEA objectives and criteria; shortlisting of options; draft Strategy document and action plans.

The draft Strategy replaces the 2006 strategy document; covered the period 2013 to 2026; focused on the higher levels of the waste hierarchy, namely waste prevention, reuse, recycling and composting; retained the target of recycling/composting up to 55% of household waste by 2020; outlined current waste management services; outlined future projected trends in waste growth; details a shortlist of delivery options and activities to achieve strategy objectives; annual monitoring of performance against the vision and objectives in the strategy and the Strategy would be subject to review on a five yearly basis and the accompanying action plans would be reviewed annually.

The Strategy was supported by individual authority action plans for all ten councils and supported by a number of technical studies documented in the report.

The County Council on behalf of the DWP must now seek the views of householders and stakeholders of Derbyshire on the revised Strategy. Public consultation would be held between mid-November 2013 and February 2014.

The consultation would be undertaken using a variety of methods including questionnaires, leaflets, posters, websites, social media, forums and citizens panels. Local Members have been consulted on the programme of activity in their areas.

The final Strategy would take into account public consultation outcomes and be subject to formal adoption by each Derbyshire Authority.

It was recommended that the call-in procedure should not apply as the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member was urgent. A decision was urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process, would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest. As provided in the Constitution, the Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places had been consulted and had agreed that the decisions proposed in the report were reasonable in all the circumstances and to the decisions being treated as a matter of urgency.

**RESOLVED** (1) to agree the report was urgent and that call-in be waived;

(2) to note and support the progress made on the review of the Derbyshire Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy; and

(3) to endorse the draft Strategy for public consultation.

**101/13**                      **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 22 October 2013.

**102/13**                      **EXEMPT MINUTES**                      **RESOLVED** that the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport held on 22 October 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.