

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held on 10 February 2015 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Collins

Also in attendance – Councillor J Owen.

An apology was received from Councillor S A Spencer.

**11/15      PETITIONS      RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

<b>Location/Subject</b>	<b>Signatures</b>	<b>Local Member</b>
St George's CofE Primary School, Church Gresley – Save the School Crossing Service	188	Councillor T Southerd
Chesterfield, Ashgate Road - School Crossing Patrol	290	Councillor S Brittain
Dronfield, Hallowes Estate – Request to Review Gritting System	392	Councillor Janet Hill
Morley Primary School – Request to extend the 30mph past Church Lane, Morley	135 13 letters 9 pictures	Councillor C Hart

(2) that the lead petitioners for the St George's CE Primary School and Ashgate Road, Chesterfield petitions be advised that the County Council's Cabinet has approved the School Crossing Patrol Service consultation which is on the County Council website and closes on 21 April 2015; and

(3) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment be asked to investigate the matters raised in the Hallowes Estate, Dronfield and Morley Primary School petitions.

**12/15      MINUTES      **RESOLVED**** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for 20 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**13/15      RESPONSE TO PETITIONS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS OF HILCOTE** Two petitions have been received from residents of Hilcote, the first requested a reduction of the existing 60mph speed limit and the second the introduction of horse warning signs.

The petitioners have stated that drivers were unaware of the likely presence of horses and that this has created hazardous conditions for riders. The installation of horse warning signs was therefore justified to alert through traffic to the fact that the route has a significant amount of horses being ridden along it and also crossing.

A reduction in the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph was difficult to justify, bearing in mind the lack of adjacent roadside development and no reported injury collisions in the past three years. The residents' dissatisfaction with the traffic calming measures, the 30mph speed limit and the presence of HGVs in the village has also been previously reported. The measure of success for a traffic calming scheme was not just a reduction in fatalities, but the severity and regularity of reported injury collisions. In these terms, the traffic calming measures have been and continue to work successfully. It was not recommended that the traffic calming features be removed.

**RESOLVED** (1) to approve the installation of Horse Warning signs in Hilcote;

(2) that the request for the removal of existing traffic calming features in Hilcote be refused;

(3) that the request for speed reduction on Hilcote Lane not be acceded to at present; and

(4) that the Local Member and lead petitioners be informed of the decision.

**14/15      PETITION – BOLSOVER, VALE CLOSE – REQUEST FOR EXTRA CAR PARKING FACILITIES** Following the receipt of a petition from residents of Vale Close, Bolsover requesting extra car parking facilities investigations have been undertaken.

The grass verges on Vale Close form part of the public highway and regarded as an amenity enhancing the attractiveness of public highway in the District. The County Council has never held a budget for the creation of off-street parking places. It was felt that the responsibility should rest with the householder or adjacent land owner, rather than the Local Authority due to the limited resources required for other road safety and traffic management measures.

**RESOLVED** that the County Council does not recommend the provision of extra parking facilities on Vale Close, Bolsover.

**15/15      OBJECTIONS TO A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER TO PROVIDE NO WAITING AT ANY TIME (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES) – DONCASTER AVENUE AND THE GREENWAY, SANDIACRE**

The proposals to introduce “No Stopping Monday – Friday 7.30am – 6pm” on the School Keep Clear zig zag markings and “No Waiting at Any Time” (double yellow lines) on Doncaster Avenue and The Greenway, Sandiacre have been advertised and three objections have been received from the Local Member, Parish Council and one resident.

The basis of the objections related to the proposed section of double yellow lines outside numbers 17 and 19 Doncaster Avenue, which were considered to be excessive. These comments have been taken into account and it was proposed to amend the 45 metres length of double yellow line on the north side of Doncaster Avenue (outside nos. 17 and 19) to “No Waiting Monday – Friday 8.30am to 9.30am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm”.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the “No Waiting at Any time” restrictions on Doncaster Avenue outside no’s 17 and 19 be changed to “No Waiting Monday – Friday 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.45pm to 3.45pm as detailed in the schedule, and shown on the attached drawing number HMT/RS/01/15, and implemented in due course;

(2) the remainder of the restrictions on Doncaster Avenue and The Greenway, Sandiacre be implemented as advertised; and

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

**16/15      OBJECTION TO PROHIBITION OF WAITING ORDER – NOSKWITH STREET JUNCTION WITH CORPORATION ROAD, ILKESTON**

Following consultation and advertisement of the proposal to introduce “No Waiting At Any Time” restriction around the junction of Noskwith Street and Corporation Road, Ilkeston, one objection has been received.

The objector raised a number of traffic-related issues relating to Corporation Street suggesting that a wider study was needed. However the purpose of the proposal was to address the visibility problems for drivers exiting Noskwith Street, rather than any wider safety concerns. Response to the objector’s issues was detailed in the report.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the “No Waiting At Any Time” (double yellow lines) restriction for Noskwith Street and Corporation Road, as detailed in the schedule and shown on drawing number ST/SMP/360/12 attached to the report, be approved and implemented in due course; and

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

## **17/15      CAR PARKING CHARGES AT COUNTRYSIDE SITES**

Since 2012, there have been a number of attacks on pay and display machines, particularly following busy bank holidays, mainly but not exclusively at Elvaston Castle. Although the cost of replacement was not insignificant, the real cost to the Authority was the loss of income and the cost of putting in interim arrangements for collecting the charges whilst the machine was out of order.

A variety of options have been explored to deal with the situation including moving to cashless payment; added physical security to the machines; management options (more regular emptying); technological fixes (alternate methods of payment); and reverting to manual methods of collection. However it was concluded that no one solution would suit all sites.

Elvaston was both the main problem and the most significant generator of income. A compromise solution was to re-introduce paying on the gate at Elvaston Castle Country Park at weekends, bank holidays and busy periods, with pay and display machines remaining to collect the charges at quieter periods. It was also proposed to introduce handheld machines for use inside the visitor centre. This option was not suitable for Shipley Country Park due to its open nature and it would not be financially viable for other countryside sites. It was therefore proposed to continue using pay and display machines at these other sites and introduce cashless payment options when available.

**RESOLVED** (1) to approve the purchase of three handheld ticket machines for use at Elvaston and other visitor centres when machines are out of order, at a cost of £3,000;

(2) to approve the introduction of a “pay on the gate” scheme for collection of car park income at Elvaston Castle during peak times with an initial set up cost of £7,880 to commence as soon as practicable; and

(3) that the “pay on the gate” scheme be subject to annual review.

## **18/15      AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENTS**

**RESOLVED** to approve the award of grants to the following recipients:

- South Derbyshire District Council, Flood Management, Woodville Road, Hartshorne 2014-15 - £9,500.
- South Derbyshire District Council, Flood Management, Robinsons Hill, Melbourne 2014-15 - £1,000.
- Sutton-Cum-Duckmanton Parish Council, Staveley Road, Duckmanton 2014-15 - £7,000.
- Breadsall Parish Council, Flood Warden Scheme, Breadsall 2014-15 - £7,000.
- Foston and Scropton Parish Council, Flood Warden Scheme, Scropton 2014-15 - £7,000.
- Ockbrook and Borrowash Parish Council, Flood Warden Scheme, Ockbrook 2014-15 - £7,000.

- Parwich Parish Council, Flood Warden Scheme, Parwich 2014-15 - £7,000.

**19/15      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 consider the exempt Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment on Contract for the Production and Supply of b\_line cards. (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holder that information))