

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR JOBS, ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT** held on 18 June 2013 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor J E Dixon

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

**1/13      PETITIONS RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petitions:-

<b>Location/Subject</b>	<b>Signatures</b>	<b>Local Member</b>
Buxton, Hartington Road/Fountain Street – Request for roads to be included on the priority gritting list	41	Councillor T A Kemp
Shirebrook, Pear Tree Drive/Recreation Road junction – Request for pedestrian crossing	398	Councillor M Stockdale
Clowne – Bus Services – Complaints including frequencies, timetable and request for bus passenger forum	64	Councillor A Western

(2) that the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services be asked to investigate the matters raised in the petitions.

**2/13      PETITION REQUESTING A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT IN CHARLESWORTH** Following receipt of a petition requesting that a 20mph speed limit be applied on all residential roads in Charlesworth investigations have been undertaken.

The ‘20s Plenty’ campaign did not advocate use on the arterial roads leading into urban areas which was consistent with Department of Transport Circular 01/2013, which clearly ruled out consideration of a 20mph speed limit or zone on the A626 in Charlesworth. Close liaison must be undertaken with the Police and their view was that any new limits must be reasonable and realistic in terms of the enforcement capabilities that could be provided. If driver perception was that the speed limit had been imposed at a place which

genuinely required special protection and was not unrealistically low, their respect of the limit would be enhanced.

A local community group from Charlesworth called SPEED (Safe Pedestrians, Equines, Environment and Drivers) was in regular contact with the County Council on a number of initiatives which have resulted in bids for funding being submitted for two highway improvement schemes. Work has been undertaken with the group to assist in providing an off-road circular equine route and safe road crossing points.

The Local Members have been consulted and understood there might be merit in looking at the 20s plenty scheme as a Derbyshire-wide strategy instead of considering individual cases.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the speed limits remain unchanged in Charlesworth until further consideration is given by the Local Area Committee;

(2) the Authority continues to give fair consideration to the requests of SPEED (Safe Pedestrians, Equines, Environment and Drivers) and others in conjunction with the Parish Council and the local County Member;

(3) the collision statistics continue to be monitored and remedial action be considered should the need arise; and

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

**3/13      PETITION – MAIN ROAD, HATHERSAGE – REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO MAKE AN AREA OF ROAD SAFER**

Investigations have been completed following receipt of a petition requesting that the narrow section of carriageway adjacent to the chemist on Main Road, Hathersage be made safer for pedestrians.

The road at the pinch point was approximately 4.6 metres wide and could accommodate two medium sized vehicles passing, larger vehicles would need to stoop and give way. There have been no recorded injury collisions at or near the pinch point over the last three years.

The feasibility of a 'priority give way' system has been considered, however it would be necessary to reduce the carriageway width to prevent drivers squeezing through and the inter-visibility of 75 metres was too great, taking into account the topography of the area, for drivers to see approaching vehicles and give way in good time. Whilst the desire for changes at this location was understood, a scheme of this nature whilst solving one problem would bring about other problems.

Additional suggestions have been considered, including the provision of a pedestrian barrier, raised kerbs or traffic signals at the pinch point, however the contribution to reducing the collision statistics was questionable and could result in worsening congestion in this area.

**RESOLVED** that (1) no further action be taken regarding Main Road, Hathersage;

(2) the location be monitored over the next twelve months; and

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

**4/13      PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – FLOWERY LEYS LANE/NOTTINGHAM ROAD, ALFRETON**

Following consultation on additional 'No waiting at any time' restrictions around the Flowery Leys Lane junction in Alfreton, one objection has been received.

These short lengths of parking restrictions were considered to be the minimum required to help maintain safe highway access, whilst preserving as much on-street parking as possible. There have been five recorded personal injury collisions within the Flowery Leys Lane/B600 Nottingham Road junction during the three year period to end of February 2013.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the proposed parking restrictions on Flowery Leys Lane/Nottingham Road, Alfreton be implemented as highlighted on plan ST/DJO/353/12;

(2) the area continues to be monitored in case further action is required; and

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

**5/13      PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING – COOMBS ROAD, BAKEWELL**

Following the advertisement of the proposed prohibition of waiting on Coombs Road, Bakewell, two letters have been received supporting the proposal, one suggesting that they did not go far enough; and one from a commuter who was not aware of any parking problems on Coombs Road.

It was felt that the main safety issue to be addressed occurred on two bends, where there was regular vehicular conflict due to poor forward visibility. It was proposed to remove a 16 metre section of limited waiting west of Brooklands Bank and replace it with 'No Waiting at Any Time' and at the bend east of Brooklands Bank 'No Waiting at Any time would be introduced on both sides of the road. There were no plans to introduce further parking restrictions, however parking would be monitored once the restrictions were implemented.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the proposal to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Coombs Road, Bakewell, as shown on drawing number ST/MS/152/11, be approved;

(2) the damage to the grass verge be made good as part of the continued maintenance programme;

(3) Civil Parking Enforcement will be carried out subject to available resources; and

(4) the Local Member and objectors be informed accordingly.

**6/13      PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING – STATION ROAD, BAKEWELL**

Following the advertisement of the proposal to introduce prohibition of waiting on Station Road, Ballcross Lane and Burre Close, Bakewell, two letters have been received. The first supported the restrictions but felt that they should be on both sides of Ballcross Lane and up to the Golf Club and the second supported the restrictions but was concerned at the possible extent of displaced parking.

It has been important to balance the needs of the industrial units, residents and visitors to the Monsal Trail. There were no plans at present to extend the restrictions into Burre Close and Castle Drive but the parking would be monitored once these restrictions were implemented. Monitoring would also continue at Ballcross Lane to see if additional parking occurred and whether access was impeded.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions on Station road, Burre Close and Ballcross Lane, Bakewell, as shown on drawing number ST/BG/272/12Rev2, be approved; and

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

**7/13      IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE – PROPOSED GRANT FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME IN THE CLOWNE AND BOLSOVER AREA**

The ‘aCTive travel’ project was a countywide initiative, jointly funded by the County Council and the health sector to improve access to healthcare and related facilities.

The project was currently delivered by the Community Transport organisations across Derbyshire through either Dial-a-Ride or Volunteer Car schemes. Clowne and District Community currently delivered the project in Bolsover District through Dial-a Ride Service, however it was estimated that 70% of journeys could be provided through a Volunteer Car scheme which currently did not operate in the northern half of Bolsover District.

In order to establish a car scheme, Clowne and District Community Transport would need to undertake some initial preparatory work, develop promotional materials and support for any volunteers who came forward. It was therefore recommended that a grant of £7,570 be approved for Clowne and District Community Transport to introduce a Volunteer Car Scheme in the northern part of Bolsover District. Progress would be monitored and further reports submitted for consideration.

**RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £7,570 to Clowne and District Community Transport to introduce a Volunteer Car Scheme in the northern part of Bolsover District, as outlined in the report.

**8/13            RENEWAL OF LICENCE, REDHILL QUARRY, MIDDLETON TOP**

Redhill Quarry, adjacent to the High Peak Trail at Middleton Top has been managed by the County Council on a licence from Tarmac Ltd. The site provided an attractive picnic area and was interesting to visitors for its industrial history and flora. The current five year licence was due to expire on 24 June 2013 and Tarmac Ltd has offered to extend the licence.

**RESOLVED** that the Director of Property be requested to negotiate an extension to the licence for Redhill Quarry, Middleton Top for an additional five years, up to June 2018, on the terms outlined in the report.

**9/13            PEAK DISTRICT CYCLING FESTIVAL – PROPOSED DISCOUNT ON CYCLE HIRE**

Visit Peak District was promoting a Peak District Cycling Festival between Monday 9 – Friday 13 September 2013 and discussions have been held regarding the possibility of half price cycle hire for participating operators. Given the level of publicity involved in the campaign, it was considered worthwhile to open the cycle hire centre at Middleton Top for the week and offer the discount.

**RESOLVED** that approval be given to offer a 50% discount on cycle hire at Middleton Top Cycle Hire Centre (subject to availability) for the period Monday 9 – Friday 13 September 2013 as part of the Peak District Cycling Festival.

**The Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places, Councillor K D Lauro, had agreed to waive the call-in period in respect of the following item to allow a response to be made by 21 June 2013.**

**10/13            LAW COMMISSION CONSULTATION PAPER ON CONSERVATION COVENANTS**

The Law Commission has forwarded a consultation paper on Conservation Covenants. The paper examined the case for introducing “conservation covenants” to the law of England and Wales.

The use of types of conservation covenants in the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand were examined in the paper. The document proposed an introduction of conservation covenants in England and Wales and bodies responsible for their enforcement included registered charities whose objectives included conservation purposes and local authorities, with the Secretary of State having power to nominate or exclude responsible bodies.

The outcome of such a national legal reform could affect countryside facilities and have wider consequences for conservation of environment and heritage in Derbyshire.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note that the Chair of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Places had agreed that call-in be waived; and

(2) that the draft response, annexed to the report, be sent to the Law Commission.

**11/13      PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE A38(T) ABBEY HILL ROUNDABOUT**

The joint report detailed the proposal by the Highways Agency, an executive agency of the Department of Transport (DfT), to address the serious congestion at the Little Eaton roundabout of the A38 identified in their Pinch Point Programme.

The scheme would involve partial widening to both the A61 and B6179 approaches to the junction, both of which were the responsibility of the County Council as Highway Authority. It was proposed that as part of the scheme these works would be managed by the Highways Agency and undertaken by a contractor appointed by the Agency. This would require a legal agreement between the County Council and Highways Agency.

Members in attendance discussed in detail the proposal and preferred improvements to this roundabout and others on the A38 in Derbyshire.

**RESOLVED** to authorise the County Council to enter into an agreement under Section 4 of the Highways Act 1980 with the Highways Agency to enable improvements to the A38 Abbey Hill junction to be carried out.

**12/13      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC      **RESOLVED**** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items 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 Reports of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services on:-
  - (a) Extension of Supply Contracts for Concrete Kerbs and Rapid Set Mortar (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the Authority holding that information)
  - (b) Award of Contracts for Leachate Collection and Disposal from Closed Landfill Sites (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the Authority holding that information)
  - (c) Land Off Park road, Holmewood (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person including the Authority holding that information)