

Minutes of a Highways' Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, 29th June, 2010 at 2.00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Holsworthy.

Present: Cllrs. M. Barfett, R. Brown, and D. Smith
PC Mandy Brown and PCSO Emma Tokies
DCC – B. Pedrick
TDC – S. Toon and A. Rice
County Cllr. B. Parsons
Acting Town Clerk (ATC) in attendance

10. To Elect the Chairman of the Committee for the Year 2010/2011

Cllr. Barfett proposed Cllr. Brown as Chairman of the Highway's Committee for the year 2010/2011.

11. Apologies

Cllr. P. Johns, Mr. Curtis and Mr. Banting had sent apologies

12. Declaration of Interests

The Chairman asked Members to declare their interests for items on the Agenda, as and when they arose.

13. Minutes of Last Meeting

Cllr. Brown proposed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February, 2010 be signed as a true record. Cllr. Smith seconded the proposal which was carried unanimously. (Vote 3 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions). Cllr. duly signed the Minutes

14. Matters Arising

Item 5 – Mr. Pedrick explained that because of financial constraints on DCC's budget there would be no money available for new lining or signage, unless they were deemed essential. Cllr. Parsons asked the Meeting to realise the very difficult position Mr. Pedrick, as the representative for DCC Highways, is in. He said that already in the financial year 2010/2011 three quarters of the budget had been spent, as a consequence of the very bad Winter.

Item 6 – The signs have not been taken down. Mr. Pedrick has spoken to Mr. Bradford at DCC and the signs should be removed "as we speak".

Item 7(c) – Mr. Toon reported that from 5th May 2008 to 2010 the figure for penalty notices issued was 366; this covered all contraventions in the Square, not just erroneous parking in the bays. After discussion Mr. Toon agreed to provide Holsworthy Town Council with comprehensive figures of all penalty notices issued from 2008.

15. To Discuss the Proposed DCC's Part-Night Lighting Policy in Relation to Holsworthy.

Cllr. Brown explained, for the benefit of PC Brown and PCSO Tokie who were not aware of the Policy, this subject. Cllr. Brown informed the Meeting that, from plans supplied by DCC, only the main streets of Holsworthy would have continual lighting through the night. All other lights would be switched off at 12.30 until 5.30 a.m. This is the second year of a three to five year 'phasing in' programme to help reduce carbon emissions and energy costs. Cllr. Smith was concerned that the Police representatives were not aware of this Policy.

16. To Discuss All Signage Issues within Holsworthy, and in Particular Mr. C. Kidby's E-mail re. The Square. (Appendix 1)

Cllr. Brown read out Mr. Kidby's e-mail. Mr. Kidby had been invited to the Meeting but had passed the invitation on to the Traffic Section. It had been sent an Agenda but no representative of the Section was in attendance at the Meeting. A discussion took place and both Cllr. Parsons and Mr. Pedrick reiterated the problems regarding finance and the cost of changing traffic regulations.

As signage was being discussed Cllr. Brown read out Cllr. Kennedy's list of queries (**Appendix 2**). Once again it was pointed out that financial constraints would affect the placing of double yellow lines. Cllr. Brown proposed that the subject of the junction of Bodmin Street and Croft Road (washing machine corner) be discussed at a Meeting of the full Council, with a view to a letter of concern being sent to Environmental Health at TDC. Cllr. Smith

seconded the proposal which was unanimously agreed. (Vote 3 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. Barfett raised a concern about the speed of traffic using Croft Road, particularly in relation to the fact that Croft Road is used by a lot of senior citizens. Mr. Pedrick was asked if a sign indicating this could be sited in Croft Road. Mr. Pedrick will look into this.

17. To Receive an Update on the Following:

a) The junction at Parsons Close/Bodmin Street

b) The Pedestrian access at the Youth Centre, Sanders Lane

Mr. Pedrick explained that the work entailed e.g. safety audit, etc., to change the junction at Parsons Close and Bodmin had been undertaken. The alteration to the junction would, hopefully, take place by the end of September.

Mr. Pedrick and Cllr. Parsons will be chasing subject (b).

18. To Discuss any Other Highways' Issues with Holsworthy Town

Cllr. Smith raised the subject of the A3072, up to Tamar Stone Bridge, in relation to the resurfacing work which had taken place several years ago. He pointed out that the Cornwall side of the Bridge was still in pristine condition, whereas the Devon side was not. He suggested that the specification had been wrong in the first place or the work had not been carried out correctly (to the specification). Mr. Pedrick said that the specification had complied with DCC's Policy. He pointed out that the cost to Cornwall County Council (CCC), for the work it had carried out, had been astronomical and that DCC has never had the sort of finances that are available to CCC. Cllr. Parsons reiterated Mr. Pedrick's comments and said what a wonderful job DCC Highways did with the resources available.

Cllr. Smith asked whether it was worth writing to Geoffrey Cox M.P. regarding the discrepancy in funding between CCC and CCC. Cllr. Parsons said he felt it would be worthwhile and Cllr. Smith proposed that this be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the full Council.

Cllr. Brown seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously. (Vote 3 For. 0 Against. 0 Abstentions).

Cllr. Brown raised the condition of the cycleway over the viaduct and beyond. Cllr. Parsons undertook to investigate this with Graham Cornish.

Cllr. Barfett raised the condition of a seat situated on the viaduct. It was pointed out that this is situated within Pyworthy Parish and therefore should come under its jurisdiction.

Cllr. Brown asked Mr. Pedrick whether the bollards outside Kivells Estate Agents were the responsibility of DCC. Mr. Pedrick believed DCC were not responsible, but he would investigate and report back to the Acting Town Clerk.

Mr. Pedrick undertook to organise the strimming of the pathway running behind the College from Sanctuary Road, and the Acting Town Clerk undertook to contact Mike Crocker regarding the emptying of the dog bins in the same location.

Cllr. Barfett reported that the salt bin, at the junction with the pathway from Westcroft Road and the traffic lights at the bottom of the viaduct, was constantly being moved by youngsters (confirmed by the Police). Mr. Pedrick will look into ways of having the bin permanently fixed to the road/fencing.

Cllr. Barfett raised the problem of the way in which cars are parking in the Station Road. PC Brown confirmed that part of this road is owned by Waitrose and the Police cannot enforce any parking restrictions. They are in contact with Waitrose about this situation.

19. Close

The Chairman closed the meeting at 3.15 p.m.

Signature **Date**