

**MINUTES OF HIGHWAYS' MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday 12th May, 2009 at 2pm in Council Chambers, Market Hall, Holsworthy**

Present: Cllrs. R. Brown, M. Barfett, P. Johns and R. Buckingham
For Police: PCSO A. Elston
For D.C.C.: B. Pedrick, S. Dawe and B. Banting
For TDC: Mr. C. Beer
For Chamber of Trade: Mrs. B. Johns

Town Clerk in attendance

1. To Elect a Committee Chairman for 2009/2010

Cllr. Buckingham proposed Cllr. Brown as Chairman, this was seconded, by Cllr. Barfett and agreed unanimously.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr. E. Squire
For TDC: Mr. S. Toon and Mrs. A. Rice
For Police: Sgt. P. Channing and PC Amanda Brown

3. Declarations of Interests: The Chairman asked Members to declare their interests for items on the Agenda as and when they arose.

4. Highways' Committee Meeting Minutes

PCSO Elston asked for the minutes to show that Sgt. Channing was in attendance at the previous meeting.

Cllr. Buckingham proposed that the minutes of the previous Meeting held on 25th November, 2008 be approved with the addition of Sgt Channing, as an accurate record, this was seconded by Cllr. Brown and agreed. Cllr. Brown duly signed the Minutes

Cllr. Johns arrived 2.02pm

5. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

6. To discuss the resurfacing of Holsworthy Town Square and Bodmin Street.

Mr Pedrick provided the Committee with a coloured plan detailing the three phases that will be undertaken in the resurfacing of the Square on the 8th and 9th June 2009, which are the confirmed dates. Mr Pedrick confirmed that the work will be undertaken by the Wednesday ready for Market Day. He also confirmed that a third of the cost will be spent on traffic management and safety of pedestrians.

Bodmin Street will be closed on the 4th and 5th June 2009, it is a straight forward road closure with only pedestrian access allowed.

Cllr. Johns asked whether the white lines will remain in the same place, in particular the loading bays, as requests had been made by businesses to move them. Mr Banting confirmed that to move a loading bay will require changes to the Road Traffic Order, which is a timely process. A discussion then ensued as to the most appropriate locations for loading bays and the restrictions that can be placed on them.

It was agreed that the loading bay situated outside HPT Leisure was no longer needed. Cllr Barfett suggested that a parking bay could be located outside Natures Way. Cllr. Brown suggested that a coherent plan needed to be put together and submitted to Devon Highways. He asked Mrs B. Johns to take the matter to the Chamber of Trade for its recommendations. It was confirmed that all lines would remain the same at the present time.

Mrs Johns asked what had happened regarding the feasibility study on Bodmin Street. Mr Banting advised that nothing had happened regarding this. Mr Beer suggested to have the narrow area of Bodmin Street restricted to not allow blue badge holders to park on a Wednesday. Mr Banting advised that this should be incorporated within a complete plan for the Town. Cllr. Brown recommended that this be discussed at the next Town Council Meeting.

Mr Pedrick suggested that if the double decker bus was removed part of the problem would be resolved.

7. To discuss signage within Holsworthy.

PCSO Elston asked if a flashing sign with a height restriction on it could be placed approaching the bridge on Chapel Street as the problems with lorries getting stuck is increasing. Mr Pedrick explained this was a problem relating to satellite navigation schemes as the drivers are no longer looking at signs.

Cllr. Johns queried the Welcome to Holsworthy signs and signage regarding bypassing Town Centres. There are incidents of people bypassing the Town completely en route to other destinations. Mr Pedrick confirmed he would look into the matter.

Mr Beer read part of an e-mail sent by Mrs. A. Rice, Parking Enforcement Officer, detailing numerous traffic enforcement signs which are missing in Holsworthy. Mr Banting confirmed he would investigate.

8. To discuss redesignating High Street from public highway to a pedestrianised area.

Cllr. Brown asked if this required a Traffic Order. Mr Banting confirmed that vehicles could not access the area but it is still designated as a Highway. Cllr. Johns explained that on special events it was not possible to use the area as it required a road closure, even though it is not used by traffic. Mr Pedrick confirmed he would investigate the matter.

9. To discuss an agree a list of works for the Parish Lengthsman.

Mr Dawe confirmed we have one man for a week in the summer and one man for a week in the winter. The Clerk confirmed she was happy to be the central point of contact regarding required works to be carried out, which could be e-mailed through to Mr Dawe.

Cllr. Buckingham queried the poor state of a piece of land outside the Primary School by the grit box, Mr Dawe confirmed this would be work undertaken by the Lengthsman.

10. To discuss any other issues relating to the Highways within Holsworthy.

Cllr. Buckingham reported a pothole outside Penbode Vets. Mr Dawe advised that potholes have to be 300mm wide and 40mm deep to be reported as a defect. Mr Pedrick confirmed that there are regular inspection regimes, but potholes in Devon are generally a problem and the cost cutting has impacted on the service provided.

Cllr. Barfett asked if certain pavements in Holsworthy could be lowered to allow access for buggies and disabled persons. She detailed the particular areas and Mr Pedrick confirmed he would look into the matter.

Cllr. Barfett had received reports of lorries speeding in North Road. PSCO Elston confirmed he had spoken to Sgt Channing and the police will try to get a speed camera and flashing warning signs, reminding drivers of the speed limit.

Cllr Barfett queried the slabs in Bodmin Street, a lot of them are broken and it is dangerous for pedestrians. Mr Dawe said he would like the footpath tarmaced as this is a reoccurring problem. The Committee agreed that this would be the best course of action. Mr Pedrick and Mr Dawe said they would get this done before the winter.

Mrs B. Johns queried the Bodmin Street junction, as visibility is poor approaching and crossing the junction, due to the amount of parked cars. Cllr. Brown suggested this could form part of the plan for Holsworthy.

The Clerk raised the issue of the right of way at the Youth Centre and Mr Pedrick confirmed that there was a public right of way across the Youth Centre grounds.

Cllr. Buckingham queried whether Highways had been removing warning/advisory signs from the highway, at a property on the outskirts of Holsworthy, which was having work carried out. Mr Dawe confirmed Highways had not and the removal of the signs should be treated as theft.

11. Close

Cllr. Brown thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 3.15pm

Signature

Date