

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall, Swanage, on
TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2022 at **1.00 p.m.**

Chair:

Councillor M Whitwam

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor C Moreton

Swanage Town Council (from 1.00 p.m.)

Also Present: -

Councillor A Harris

Swanage Town Council

Councillor W Trite

Swanage Town Council

Dr M Ayres

Town Clerk

Mr A Bradley

Dorset Council, Project Highway Officer

Mrs E Evans

Democratic Services Officer

Mrs G Percival

Swanage Town Council

Site Visit

Prior to the Meeting of the Advisory Committee a site visit was held in Station Approach. This was attended by Councillors Whitwam, Bishop, Harris, Monkhouse and Trite, alongside officers from the Town Council and Dorset Council.

Public Participation Time

There was one member of the local press present at the meeting.

1) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Bishop and Foster, and Mr S Mepham, Dorset Council Highways. Councillor Monkhouse attended remotely.

2) Declarations of Interest

Members were invited to declare their interests and consider any requests for Grants of Dispensations in accordance with Section 9 and Appendix B of the Council's Code of Conduct.

Councillor Whitwam declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 3 a) by reason of being a member of Swanage Railway.

3) Town Council owned roads

a) Potential improvements to Station Approach

Further to the Swanage Station pedestrian safety feasibility report, as prepared by WSP dated September 2022, a discussion ensued around the options set out therein. It was noted that Option 3, which entailed creating a new exit for vehicles leaving the Co-op supermarket car park via the access road to the rear of the store, had been identified as the option that would have the greatest positive impact on safety. However, concerns were also raised around the deliverability of this option. Previous discussions held with the Co-op, as leaseholders of the car park, had discounted this option and it was agreed that in order for a conclusive decision regarding Option 3, they would be contacted to discuss the latest report and an update would be provided to a future meeting.

Further observations were made around the current position of the two spaces allocated for Swanage Railway staff which, at times, impeded the safe route for pedestrians. It was further noted that a balance needed to be considered between the monetary investment in improvements and natural pedestrian behaviour, which could limit the effectiveness of any improvements made.

The Project Highway Officer referred to section 8.1 of the report, which stated that bare minimum interventions should include bringing the existing location up to current highway and safety standards, and 12.1, the conclusion of the report, which recommended Option 2, as this provided a balance between encouraging and sustaining safer active travel usage without unduly disadvantaging traffic behaviour. It was agreed that it would be imperative to raise the safety standard of the area to the current highway levels as soon as practicable.

Further to a lengthy discussion, it was AGREED:-

TO RECOMMEND:

That the Planning and Consultation Committee consider bringing the existing location up to current highway standards (crossings, tactile paving, road markings), relocate the parking bays allocated for the railway to either the Co-op car park or to the two taxi bays adjacent to the disabled bays, adjust road marking/surfacing in the area where the railway parking was previously, install a cycle rack (location to be determined) and review the installation of additional crossings as per recommendations within the report, subject to stakeholder views and final costings.

Thanks were provided to Mr A Bradley for his input into the meeting.

4) Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting would be confirmed in due course.

The meeting closed at 2.20 p.m.
