

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRAFFIC
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** held at
the Town Hall, Swanage, on **WEDNESDAY 19th JUNE
2024** at 5.00 p.m.

Chair: -

Councillor C. Sutton

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor S Brookes

Swanage Town Council

Councillor J Dorrington

Swanage Town Council

Councillor T Foster

Swanage Town Council

Also Present: -

Dr M Ayres

Town Clerk

Mrs E Evans

Democratic Services Officer

Mrs S. Layton-Kelly

Administration Officer

There was one member of the public present during the public participation time of the meeting.

Public Participation Time

The following matter was raised during Public Participation Time: -

- In respect of Minute No 6 g), of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on the 21st February 2024, an update was requested on the progress of the installation of DYL's at the corner of Ancaster Road and Victoria Avenue. In response it was noted that this is on Dorset Council's works schedule.

1) Appointment of Chairman

It was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Brookes, and
RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

That Councillor Sutton be appointed
Chairman of the Traffic Management
Advisory Committee for 2024/2025.

2) Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Moreton and Coward. Mr S Mepham, Community Highways Team Leader (CHTL), Dorset Council Highways, attended remotely.

3) 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.

There were no declarations to record on this occasion.

4) To approve as a correct record Minutes of the Meeting of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee held on the 21st February 2024.

It was proposed by Councillor Sutton and seconded by Councillor Foster: -

That the Minutes of the Traffic Management
Advisory Committee held on 21st February 2024
be approved as a correct record.

Upon being put to the meeting, THREE Members voted IN FAVOUR of the proposition and there was ONE ABSTENTION whereupon the proposition was declared CARRIED.

5) Highway Matters – Update on previous requests.

Location	Concern Raised	Potential Solution
a) Horsecliffe Lane, Victoria Avenue	Vehicles travelling the wrong way along Horsecliffe Lane	New ‘No immediate left turn’ sign erected on left hand section of Victoria Avenue between Shore Road and Horsecliffe Lane.
<p>Consideration was given to the briefing paper together with a letter from a local resident requesting the erection of an additional ‘No immediate left turn’ sign on the left hand side of Victoria Avenue, between Shore Road and Horsecliffe Lane. This is to deter vehicles travelling the wrong way along Horsecliffe Lane. It was noted that the resident had already received a response from Dorset Council and that it had been stated that no accidents had been recorded at this location.</p> <p>Therefore, it was AGREED: -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">That in light of Dorset Council’s direct response to the resident, the Town Council take no further action.</p>		
b) Railway Bridge	No footway over bridge. Bridge is used by school children and numerous others for the purpose of observing and photographing Heritage trains. This becomes increasingly crowded through the summer months.	A one way system for vehicles allowing for a small footway to be created both sides of the carriage way. Thus, enabling railway enthusiasts to view the heritage railway safely.
<p>Consideration was given to concerns over pedestrian safety on the Railway Bridge in Northbrook Road from the junction of Court Road.</p> <p>A discussion ensued during which suggestions were made for improvements which included a one-way system, a small footway to be created to accommodate pedestrians, or additional signage to alert drivers to the lack of footway. However, it was noted that there</p>		

has been no recorded accidents at this location. The CHTL confirmed that the possibility of additional signage on the bridge would be a more achievable solution. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor Sutton, and AGREED: -

TO RECOMMEND

That evidence be gathered regarding pedestrian safety on Northbrook railway bridge for presentation to Dorset Council’s Community Highways Senior Team Leader (CHSTL) and that a request be made that consideration be given to the installation of additional signage.

c) Prospect Way Flats	Impaired visibility when exiting the car parking facility of the flats due to parked vehicles close to the junction.	Double yellow lines to be installed on the corner junctions to deter parking.
-----------------------	----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Consideration was given to the concern raised by residents regarding impaired visibility due to parked cars close to the junction. The CHTL has confirmed that as this is regarding DYL’s for an entrance to private property, then any solution would fall to the residents and not Dorset Council.

d) High Street Swanage	Request for the removal of parking restrictions in the winter months and an extension from the current 1 hour restriction, to 2 hours in the summer months.	Alteration to parking restrictions in the High Street (section between the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church). Refer to Dorset Council to consider a change to the parking restrictions.
------------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

Further to Minute No 3 b) of the Traffic Management Advisory Committee held on the 21st February 2024, consideration was given to the content of a number of Community Highways Request Forms, that had been received from affected residents. A discussion ensued during which the CHTL confirmed that the alternative solution suggested, of a form of residents’ parking for selected households, was not viable. It was noted that it was not in line with other areas of on-street parking in Swanage and it was suggested that changes be made to the proposal to reflect this. Concerns were raised that an extension from 1 hour to 2 hours during the summer months may encourage an increase in parking due to the extended time restriction. It was proposed by Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Dorrington, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: -

TO RECOMMEND

That a referral be made to Dorset Council to consider a change to the current parking regulations in the High Street, Swanage (between the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church) as follows: To remove the parking restrictions during the winter months and retain the one hour parking restrictions between the 15th May to the 30th September.

e) Shore Road, Swanage	Vehicles parking in front of the gates causing an	Refer to Dorset Council to restrict parking at the
------------------------	---------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------

	obstruction and blocking access to emergency vehicles and refuse vehicles.	southern gates (kerb blips are situated at the northern gates).
<p>It was reported that there have been several concerns raised regarding vehicles causing an obstruction when parking in front of the gates at the Mowlem end of Shore Road, which prevented access for emergency vehicles. If kerb blips were to be introduced at the southern gate, it was noted that the location of nearby loading bays should ensure that there are no impacts to the local businesses.</p> <p>The CHTL agreed to meet Members on site to review available options.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Brookes, seconded by Councillor Sutton, and AGREED: -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TO RECOMMEND</p> <p style="text-align: center;">That Dorset Council be asked to take action to enable emergency/delivery vehicle access to the southern section of Shore Road at all times, including consideration of the installation of kerb blips and hatched road markings.</p>		

Information Only		
Location	Concern Raised	Potential Solution
a) High Street, Herston	Improved traffic management for increased pedestrian safety.	Pedestrian crossing in the vicinity of Costcutter, 208 High Street, Swanage. DC have confirmed that they will be carrying out a survey in due course.
b) Queens Road, Swanage	Entrance to Swanage Hospital car park, no road markings/ double yellow lines. Vehicles park, on either side, right up to and opposite the car park entrance, making it extremely difficult and dangerous to turn into or out of the car park.	Form has been distributed. DC has been contacted by resident. Swanage Town Council have sent a request to DC.
c) High Street, Swanage	Campervans parking in lower High Street, between junction of Seymer Road and the Pier.	Form returned- request to prohibit the parking of campervans in the lower High Street. CHTL will make enquires with the Regulation Team and ascertain the next steps in order to accommodate the change in TRO.
A brief discussion took place during which the 'Information Only' points a, b & c were noted.		

6) Mowlem Turning Circle-Regulation of Parking

Consideration was given to a briefing paper which outlined discussions held at the recent Car Parks Working Party meeting in relation to the need to better regulate the parking at the Mowlem Turning Circle under the revised off-street car parking order. It was noted that a proposal to install a removable, lockable bollard to regulate parking in the Mowlem turning circle together with the use of permits in accordance with agreed criteria, had been developed jointly between Swanage Town Council and the Mowlem Theatre.

It was proposed by Councillor Brookes, seconded by Councillor Sutton, and AGREED: -

TO RECOMMEND: -

That the Town Council install a removable, lockable bollard to regulate access to the Mowlem turning circle, and that parking be regulated via permits to be issued by the Mowlem Theatre in accordance with the criteria set out in the briefing note on the matter, subject to review after one month.

7) To consider the cost of Installation of an Additional SID Post along Valley Road, Swanage near the Junction with High Street, Langton Matravers.

Members considered a briefing paper which set out information received from Dorset Council regarding the installation of a SID Post at Valley Road. It was reported that the cost would be £530.00 (excluding VAT). It was noted that the Clerk to Langton Matravers Parish Council had confirmed that the Parish Council will share the cost of the installation equally with Swanage Town Council, making a total cost to Swanage Town Council of £265.00 (excluding VAT).

It was proposed by Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor Brookes, and AGREED: -

TO RECOMMEND: -

That the Town Council contributes £265.00 ex VAT (jointly funded with Langton Matravers Parish Council). For the installation of an additional SID post on the Valley Road, near the newly installed 30 m.p.h. signs and junction with the High Street, Langton Matravers.

8) Items of Information and Matters for forthcoming Agendas

a) Dorset Council - 20m.p.h. Limits and Zones and Dorset Road Safety Community Speed Watch.

Members noted the importance of this community led initiative. Councillor Brookes and Councillor Dorrington volunteered to take the lead in establishing a community group and suggested setting up a further meeting with the Police Community Speed Watch Co-Ordinator. It was further suggested that the local schools be involved in the initiative.

9) Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 9th October at 5.00pm. The meeting closed at 6.30pm.