



3) **Matters arising from Minutes of the Meeting of the Transport Committee held on 10th June 2015**

4) c) **Review of On-street Parking Restrictions**

i) **Kings Road West, junctions with Linden Road and Princess Road** – it was reported that a letter had been sent to Dorset County Council (DCC) in support of the introduction of double yellow lines on the corners of Linden and Princess Roads at the junctions with Kings Road West.

d) **Dropped Kerbs**

i) **Station Road, junctions with Commercial Road and Mermond Place – consideration of request received for support for improved dropped kerbs** - it was reported that Councillor Bonfield had undertaken a site visit with a local resident to review the issues that had been encountered with the dropped kerbs at this location, and photographs of the uneven kerbs were provided to Committee Members at the meeting. A brief discussion ensued during which it was agreed that they were considered to be dangerous to wheelchair/mobility scooter users. Delegated authority had previously been given to the Town Clerk and it was therefore confirmed that a letter in support of improvements being made to the kerbs would be sent to DCC accordingly.

7) **Public Transport Matters**

b) **First Wessex- consideration of whether to support proposal for additional bus service between Swanage and Weymouth** - a copy of an email received from the Public and Community Transport Development Officer, Dorset County Council Highways, had been circulated with the agenda paperwork. The email confirmed that there was no funding available from DCC for a shoulder bus service at the present time, and it was therefore agreed that no further action would be taken with this request.

Further to Standing Order No. 12) a) viii it was proposed by the Chairman and AGREED:

That Item 5) on the agenda be brought forward to Item 4).

4) **Panorama Road – consideration of request for a disabled bay**

Further to comments made during Public Participation Time, consideration was given to a request received for a disabled bay in Panorama Road. It was explained to the Committee that a young disabled resident was a wheelchair user and could only walk very short distances with assistance. Concerns were raised about the fact that Panorama Road could, at times, be blocked for up to 20 minutes when the resident was being picked up and dropped off by his school bus, due to parking difficulties.

Panorama Road was in the ownership of the Town Council (STC) and as STC did not have the statutory powers to introduce such a bay, it was agreed that the best way forward would be for STC to mark out an advisory bay. In line with DCC's standard process a site notice would need be placed in Panorama Road, and advice letters issued to neighbours. Although this would only be an advisory step, if it was abused then an application could be made to DCC to put in place an enforceable bay with a legal order.

It was reported that the young resident now had a motorised wheelchair and had to use a wooden ramp to alight the pavement to get to his school bus. A further request was therefore put forward by Committee Members for a dropped kerb to also be installed in the interest of safety. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Bonfield, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That authority be given to proceed with the request for an advisory disabled bay, commencing with the erection of a site notice, and issuing of advice letters to neighbours confirming the proposed works.

It was further AGREED:

To authorise the installation of a dropped kerb outside of the relevant property.

## **5) Dorset County Council - Highway Matters**

### **a) Updates from previous meetings**

#### **i) Strategic issues – traffic flow and Swanage Local Plan**

Further to Minute No's. 4) a) i), ii) and iii) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015, the Chairman reported that these matters would be discussed at a meeting of the Town Council's Traffic Flow Working Party at which representatives from Dorset County Council Highways would be in attendance.

#### **ii) Traffic management in vicinity of Swanage Station – parking and traffic flow**

Further to Minute No. 5) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015, it was reported that the Town Council's Operations Manager had been in discussion with the bus company regarding a possible new queuing system at the station. A question was raised regarding traffic flow in the vicinity of the station. The Chairman confirmed that these matters would be discussed at the Traffic Flow Working Party Meeting. The comment was made that it was considered important for Swanage Railway to be included in these discussions.

#### **iii) St Mark's School – '20 mph when lights are flashing' advisory speed limit**

Further to Minute No. 4) b) i) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015, it was reported that copies of all previous correspondence, Town Council meeting minutes, and letters of support from the Town Council and Dorset Police relating to this request, which also included the entrance to the Swanage School, had been sent to the Community Highway Team Leader, DCC Highways on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The Team Leader had confirmed that this matter would be discussed with DCC's Collision Reduction and Traffic Regulation teams. However, to date, no update had been received.

A discussion ensued regarding the varying speed limits on the approach to the schools from Coombe Corner, and Committee Members were in agreement that the 30 mph speed limit should be extended from the start of the 30 mph zone, near the entrance to St Mark's School, back to at least Coombe Corner if not the start of the 40 mph restriction. A question was raised regarding a possible crossing which had been discussed, at Coombe Corner, across the A351, and this would be followed up. It was also agreed that Councillor Trite, as County Councillor, should be requested to make contact with DCC and follow-up these matters on behalf of the Committee.

#### **iv) Gilbert Road Service Road – junction with Rempstone Road improvement**

Further to Minute No. 4) b) ii) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015, it was reported that copies of all previous

correspondence and Town Council meeting minutes relating to this request, which included the Town Council's support for improvements to be made, had been sent to the Senior Technical Officer, Regulation Team, DCC Highways, on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The Officer had confirmed that a meeting would be held regarding the budget for new Traffic Regulation Orders and would reply once this had taken place.

6) **Car Parks**

a) **Exploration of the introduction of electric vehicle charging points into Town Council car parks**

Further to Minute No. 6) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015, it was reported that a meeting had been held with DCC and PDC to discuss parking services. Discussions were now ongoing between the Town Council and PDC regarding electric vehicle charging points and a possible Partnership. Further enquiries were being made and an update would be given at a future meeting.

A copy of the latest ChargerNet Newsletter, which gave an update on the growing network of electric chargers in Dorset, had been circulated with the agenda paperwork for information. ChargerNet was a partnership project between Bournemouth Borough Council, Dorset County Council and Borough of Poole, and the Project Manager had agreed to talk to the Town Council and PDC and give advice on undertaking such a partnership project.

Comments were again made that there were no charging points in the Purbeck area, the nearest were situated in Poole, and it was felt that the use of electric vehicles would increase in the future.

7) **Public Transport Matters**

a) **Morebus – changes to 40, 50 and 52 bus services**

A copy of a letter from the bus company detailing changes to the 40, 50 and 52 local bus services, which commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2015, had been circulated with the agenda paperwork for information purposes.

A discussion was held regarding bus passenger numbers seen during the summer season. The Chairman confirmed that buses arriving from Bournemouth had regularly been full with standing passengers, further potential visitors having been left at bus stops along the route to Swanage. It was agreed that this could result in potential lost income to local businesses. Queues had also been witnessed at Swanage Station, and en route, when buses to Bournemouth had been full before leaving. It was felt that a letter should be sent to Morebus to make them aware of these issues, and a request made for assistance at busy times. It was therefore proposed by Councillor Whitwam, seconded by Councillor Morris and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That a letter be sent to Morebus advising the company of passenger difficulties experienced during the season, and potential loss of income, requesting consideration to additional bus services at these peak times.

b) **Durlston bus service – consideration of request for all year round service**

A request had been made during Public Participation Time at the Monthly Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 for consideration of an all year round 'town bus' service. A brief discussion was held and it was noted that a similar request had previously been considered but had been rejected as it had been felt that there was not enough footfall to warrant a year-round service.

However, the general consensus was that an improved service would benefit the local community, e.g. inclusion of early morning and after 5.00 p.m. services (Durlston Nature Nursery was open from 8.00 a.m.), and to run the service via Queens Road, which had proved successful in previous years. The general consensus was that DCC funding may not be possible, and it was agreed that Durlston Country Park and The Friends of Swanage Hospital should be invited to the next Committee Meeting to discuss the possibility of a subsidised service. It was therefore AGREED:

That this request be considered further at the next Transport Committee Meeting due to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, to which an invitation would be extended to the Head Ranger, Durlston Country Park, and the Chairman of The Friends of Swanage Hospital.

8) **Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**

- a) **Taxi rank, Swanage Station – meeting to be arranged with representatives from Swanage Associated Taxis and independent taxi operators** - further to Minute No's. 6) a) and 8) a) of the Transport Committee Meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015 respectively, it was reported that the Chairman and Town Clerk had not yet met with taxi operators, a meeting would be arranged as soon as possible.
- b) **Countywide Review of the Civil Enforcement Parking Service** – further to Minute No. 4) of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015, the Town Clerk reported that the County, District and Borough Councils had decided not to progress with the proposed merger of on street/off street parking services across the County. However, in view of the financial savings such a partnership could bring, e.g. parking meter maintenance costs and cash collection services, discussions would continue in respect of joint working across Purbeck District. The outcome of these discussions would be reported back to a future meeting.

9) **Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been scheduled for: Scale of Charges Meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 2.15 p.m., and next full Committee Meeting Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at 2.15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

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