



Minutes of the Highways & Transport Committee meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall,
Bradford on Avon on 11th February 2020 at 7.30p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr A Kay
Cllr D Garwood
Cllr D Newton (Chairman)
Cllr S Gibson (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie
Cllr M Roberts
Trevor Bedeman Streets Ahead
Ian Brown (Director of Operations)
Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: Rod Johnson, Joyce Shaw, and Mrs Eggleton and 3 others.

32. Declarations of interest

33. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Gibson and seconded by the Chairman and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 22nd October 2019 were approved as a correct record.

34. Matters arising - none

35. Lorry watch update

Cllr Roberts reported that more volunteers were needed for the Lorry Watch as one had recently left. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie advised that the next Volunteers Day will be on the 2nd May 2020. The report was noted with five prosecutions amounting to £4,930 in fines etc.

Cllr Kay reported that she had encountered a vehicle parking on the pavement in Silver Street and was advised to report this to the police. Cllr Garwood had received three complaints from members of the public who had seen large vehicles parked by the zebra crossing in Market Street, which made visibility poor for motorists. Cllr Gibson to ask Wiltshire Council if they can stop vehicles parking on the pavements. Cllr Roberts advised that Jo Patterson from Parking Services at Wiltshire Council could help with inappropriate parking.

36. Strategic updates

(i) To note the Full Council decision on the 4th February 2020 requesting Wiltshire Council to look again at the motion sent on 30th July 2019. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie explained this in more detail and advised that as agreed an email had been sent to Wiltshire Council and another meeting will be arranged. Chairman reported that more data would be necessary to prove the case for wider pavements.

(ii) Cllr Gibson reported on the Wiltshire Council strategy for setting new charges from the 19th November 2019 for a parking season ticket to use in car parks. She agreed to talk to Cllr Wayman and Simon Jacobs in Finance that any future rises should be phased in and be more in proportion with other towns.

(iii) Problems with electric chargers in Station Car Park not working and needed replacing. After discussion, Cllr Gibson agreed to talk to Tracey Carter to see if this could be delivered as part of the Climate Emergency.

37. Tactical updates

- (i) WC/CATG had completed a bar white line at Belcombe Lodge. Thank-you letter received. WC/CATG had advised that double yellow lines were not an appropriate solution.
- (ii) Two white lines to be painted at Bailey's Barn by WC/CATG. Double yellow lines not suitable solution.
- (iii) Cllr Gibson reported that she had the 2017 traffic count on Junction Road to Station Approach. She advised that any 'smiley face' monitors for motorists would have to be funded by the Town Council.
- (iv) St. Margaret's Hill bus shelter - This new shelter had now been installed.
- (v) Woolley Street – Cllr Gibson advised the red markings had been put in place to assist the no entry signs.
- (vi) Market Street - vehicle overruns of footway at top of hill. Cllr Gibson advised that she had carried out a site visit with a Wiltshire Council Officer and she suggested that by lowering the pavement and inserting two beige strips, together with a steel mushroom bollard would help improve this area and help to stop cars mounting the pavement. Cllr Garwood thought this would be an excellent solution.
- (vii) Station Approach – Cllr Gibson reported that works will commence in September. Cllr Gibson advised that when the detailed design arrived, she would share it with councillors.
- (viii) Parking on Whitehill – Chairman said that he was expecting a proposal from WC/CATG.
- (ix) Cllr Gibson advised that the new crossing in Trowbridge Road would start in April 2020.
- (x) Cllr Gibson advised that the Bath Road crossing would start on the 20th October 2020.

38. Footpaths

- (i) To report any issues with footpaths. Trevor said that Club should be thanked for all their hard work clearing footpaths in the north of the town.
- (ii) Safer Footpaths Report
 - (a) Clerk reported that Wiltshire Council had advised that they would erect new handrails on McKeever Bridge, as the old ones were not D.D.A. compliant. Clerk was asked to find out when they will be arriving.
 - (b) New handrails - In receipt of one quote, one contractor was unable to quote, and another quote was expected. Clerk reported that she was conferring with Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust about match funding for these new handrails.
- (iii) Trevor handed the Clerk a list of other handrails required in the north as phase two.

39. New enquiries from the public and other parish councils

- (i) Highways Improvement Request Form - Enquiry from Mrs Eggleton regarding a new bus shelter on the Winsley Road opposite junction of Huntingdon Street. This matter had been discussed under the public session on Appendix 1 of these minutes.
- (ii) Highways Improvement Request Form - Replace broken glass at two bus shelters, one in Wine Street and one at Poulton. Cllr Gibson advised that Wiltshire Council had no budget for maintenance of bus shelters, however, if the Town Council wished to pay for the Perspex Wiltshire Council could arrange for a quote to be sent.
- (iii) To note that the WR1 form for Ashley Road/Ashley Close had not been completed by the resident, so no further action.
- (iv) Cllr Gibson advised Councillors that late requests for WR1 forms would be accepted by Wiltshire Council. Trevor thought Wine Street should be included. Chairman advised that the residents should be consulted for their opinion.

40. Date of next meeting

To note that the next meeting will be on the 7th April 2020.

Appendix 1

Members of the public who spoke at Highways & Transport Committee on the 11th February 2020

(i) Joyce Shaw reported that the bus shelter glass was broken in Churches and Frome Road. She said that the gullies needed cleaning by the town bridge. She also wanted to know how the traffic modelling was coming along at Wiltshire Council.

(ii) Rod Johnson thanked Cllr Gibson from his Heritage open Day Lock up Team. He said that they have been making progress with their Town Bridge Pavement Project at Wiltshire Council. He was pleased to see that improvements were being made at Melksham. He asked Councillors to look again at their Town Bridge Pavement Project.

(iii) Mrs A Eggleton asked for a new bus shelter on the Winsley Road the B3108 opposite the junction of Huntingdon Street. Cllr Gibson agreed to take this matter to WC/CATG, to carry out a site visit to see if the area was suitable and viable for a new shelter. She advised Mrs Eggleton that a new shelter costs £3,250 plus electrics. Cllr Gibson said if there was no electric on site, it would be very expensive to do.