



Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Policy & Forward Planning Committee, held on Tuesday, 7th July 2015, at 6.00 pm, at the Council Offices, Market Street, Crediton

Present: Cllrs Mrs L Brookes-Hocking (Committee Chairman), Mrs A Hughes, Mr D Webb and Mr F Letch (part meeting), Mr A Wyer, Mrs H Sansom and Mr B Dixon (part meeting)

In Attendance: Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk
Mr Jonathan Tricker

1 member of the press

15 To receive and accept apologies

There were no apologies.

16 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Letch declared that as a member of more than one authority, that any views or opinions expressed at this meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority.

17 Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

18 Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements

There were no announcements.

19 Policy & Forward Planning Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Committee Meeting held on 19th May 2015.

Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Committee Meeting held on 19th May 2015, as a correct record and they were duly signed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer)

20 Matters Arising

Minute number 10 – Cllr Wyer advised that the yellow lines had been completed on Marsh Road.

The Clerk advised that the Exeter Road crossing point is still being investigated.

21 To receive a presentation from Mr Jonathan Tricker regarding traffic issues within Crediton.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking welcomed Mr Jonathan Tricker to the meeting.

Mr Tricker introduced himself explaining that he lives locally and is a traffic engineer and urban designer with twenty years experience in the industry.

Mr Tricker provided a presentation to members, focusing on the traffic and urban realm issues within Crediton and possible solutions to these.

Following the presentation Mr Tricker answered questions from members and offered to put together a free standing traffic report together with design ideas, at no cost, for the Town Council to consider. He also offered to attend meetings with Devon County Council Highways Officers.

Cllr Dixon arrived at 6.50pm.

Initials...

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It was resolved to thank Mr Tricker for his time and presentation and to accept his kind and generous offer to continue to assist the Council, at no cost, by developing a report and attending meetings with the County Council. (Proposed by Cllr Letch, seconded by Cllr Hughes)

Cllr Letch left the meeting at 7.10 pm.

22 To discuss the site visits carried out by members since the last meeting and agree a course of action.

- **Searle Street - 'No waiting at any time'**
It was resolved to recommend to Devon County Council for the double yellow lines to be extended on Searle Street to just past the entrance doors to the museum, the single yellow line to be removed and the existing parking bay be extended, starting where the double yellow lines finish. A picture showing the required alterations is attached to these minutes as Appendix One. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)
- **Marsh Road - 'No waiting at any time'**
It was noted that the double yellow lines had already been installed by Devon County Council Highways.
- **Albert Road - Single/double yellow lines**
It was resolved to recommend to Devon County Council that double yellow lines be installed across the driveway of Sunnycroft only. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)
- **Higher Road and George Hill - Speeding traffic**
Whilst Councillors had attended the site, it was felt their findings were anecdotal due to the limited time they had spent there. It was resolved to defer this item until the findings of the traffic survey were released. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking) The Clerk was asked to contact Anne Hood at Devon County Council to ascertain if the survey had been conducted and when the findings would be available.

23 To consider any other/new areas in the town which require investigation. Information relating to these items had been issued with the agenda.

- **Courtis Gardens**
Cllr Webb reported that a resident had approached him, due to excessive parking in this location, with a request for resident parking. Councillor Webb had carried out a site visit and taken pictures, which were discussed. It was noted that the single yellow lines had worn away and that vehicles were parked obstructing the footway and blocking the highway, making it impossible for an emergency vehicle to gain access. Members agreed that judging by the photographs there are safety issues and, in order to prevent the obstructions to the footway and highway double yellow lines should be installed on the west side, with parking bays installed on the opposite east side. It was agreed for Cllr Webb to meet again with the resident to discuss the Committee's views.
- **Request for a Zebra crossing between the junction of Hawkins Way and the Leisure Centre**
It was acknowledged that there are numerous issues that require examination in this area, due to the high level of pedestrian use, particularly children, and the increased traffic from the Link Road. It was also noted that the positioning of any pedestrian crossing would require careful consideration. It was resolved to await the results of the traffic survey before giving this further deliberation. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

- **Westernlea**

Cllr Letch had been approached by a resident, requesting double yellow lines at Westernlea. As Westernlea is not in the Crediton town boundary, this is not an area the Town Council can look at.

- **Threshers**

Cllr Letch had been approached by a resident, requesting double yellow lines. It was agreed that there is a need to explore road safety issues and access at Threshers. It was **resolved** to invite the Police and Anne Hood to the next meeting to discuss this further. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

24 To agree the road surface colour for the dual use loading/parking bays.

It was **resolved** for the surface of the dual use loading/parking bays to be coloured red. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Anne Hood regarding expediting these works and agreeing a satisfactory timescale. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer)

25 To discuss issues at Belle Parade including:

- **People walking along the cycle path**

Cllr Hughes gave two examples of cyclists and pedestrians conflicting in the cycle path and Cllr Webb gave an example of a Mid Devon District Council works vehicle being parked all day in the cycle way whilst work was carried out to the paddling pool. It was agreed that these issues need to be brought to Devon County Council's attention and the Town Council needs to talk to Devon County about pedestrian intention and putting pedestrians first. It was **resolved** to invite Anne Hood/Highways Officer to the next Policy and Forward Planning Committee Meeting so this can be discussed further.

- **Cars driving the wrong way at speed in the evening**

Cllr Hughes advised that this incident had been reported to her. It was noted by members and agreed that any such matters should be reported to the Police as they happen.

26 To discuss 20mph zoning and 20mph speed limit areas within the town. This item has been requested by Cllr Way. Cllr Way was not present for the meeting and it was **resolved** to defer the item to a meeting that Cllr Way could attend. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

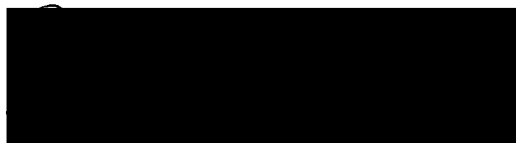
27 To receive an update on Crediton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that the Steering Group is currently pulling together the objectives. Representatives of the group will be meeting with someone from Planning Aid England next week with a view to submitting an application to Locality for help and support with writing the planning policies. Cllr Brookes-Hocking stressed the huge amount of time and effort involved in drafting the plan and its policies and that neither she nor Cllr Wyer are the people to be writing the whole document.

28 Close

It was agreed for the next meeting to be held on Tuesday 22nd September 2015 at 6.00 pm with members of the Police and County Highways invited. The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed...



Date: 08/09/2015 (Chairman)

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