



Credition Town Council



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Minutes of Credition Town Council's Policy & Forward Planning Committee, held on Tuesday, 19th May, at 6.00 pm, at the Council Offices, Market Street, Credition

Present: Cllrs Mrs L Brookes-Hocking (Committee Chairman), Mrs A Hughes, Mr D Webb and Mr A Wyer

In Attendance: Mrs Clare Dalley, Town Clerk
1 member of the public

- 1 **To elect the Committee Chairman for 2015-2016**
It was **resolved** for Cllr Brookes-Hocking to be Committee Chairman for 2015-2016. (Proposed by Wyer)
- 2 **To elect the Committee Deputy Chairman for 2015-2016**
It was **resolved** for Cllr Wyer to be Committee Deputy Chairman for 2015-2016. (Proposed by Cllr Webb)
- 3 **To receive and accept apologies**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Letch (Proposed by Cllr Webb)
- 4 **Declarations of Interest**
None declared.
- 5 **Order of Business**
There were no changes to the order of business.
- 6 **Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements**
There were no announcements.
- 7 **Policy & Forward Planning Committee Minutes – To approve and sign the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Committee Meeting held on 24th February 2015.**
Copies had been circulated with the agenda. It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Policy & Forward Planning Working Group Meeting held on 24th February 2015, as a correct record and they were duly signed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking. (Proposed by Cllr Webb)
- 8 **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising.
- 9 **To nominate Committee members to serve on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**
It was **resolved** for Councillors Brookes-Hocking, Hughes and Wyer to serve on the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. (Proposed by Cllr Webb)
- 10 **Traffic Regulations Orders:**
 - To discuss the report produced following the site visits held on 16th April 2015 and to discuss the plan for the TROs received from Anne Hood, Devon County Council Officer, were taken together. (A copy of both reports are attached to the minutes as Appendix One and Appendix Two respectively.) The reports were discussed in detail and the following observations and resolutions made:

Site Visit Report

High Street

This regularises the situation as the bay is no longer needed and is no longer marked on the road.

Searle Street

Concern was expressed that the length of the proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' is longer than necessary and would prevent people from loading and unloading at the Old Town Hall.

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It was **resolved** for members of the Committee to conduct a site visit, take photographs and measure the area and to make a revised suggestion based on these findings. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Churchill Drive

Cllr Brookes-Hocking advised that DCC Highways Officers did not recommend the parking bays being formally marked as this would result in the loss of three parking bays, due to the space available. If the bays were formally marked DCC would not erect a sign, which would mean the bays would not be enforceable either.

Commonmarsh Road

This restriction is no longer relevant.

Marsh Road

Concern was expressed whether the proposed restriction of 'No Waiting At Any Time' was a large enough section. It was **resolved** for Cllr Wyer to carry out a site visit and meet the owner of the businesses to check the proposal and report back to the next meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Sunnycroft, Albert Road

It was **resolved** for Cllr Brookes-Hocking and the Clerk to carry out a site visit and to speak to neighbouring properties to establish the opinions of other residents on Albert Road.

Weekly Volume Report

Cllr Brookes-Hocking explained that this report had come about following ex Cllr Adams suggestion that there should be double yellow lines on parts of Union Road due to the traffic congestion caused on Sundays due to parked cars. However, it was noted that no residents has requested this and double yellow lines would not prevent disabled drivers from parking. It was **resolved** to note the report and not to proceed any further. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Apart from the issues raised above, the Committee confirmed it was happy with the site visit report produced by Mrs Anne Hood.

Traffic Regulation Order Report

Exeter Road

The Clerk was asked to chase Cllr Downes and Way for an update as this is dependent on the Wellparks development.

Jockey Hill

This is currently not feasible and would only be looked at by Devon County Council when a development site in the area comes forward. It was **resolved** for this item to form part of the Council's medium term Traffic Management Plan, with plans drawn up for the area on how safe pedestrian access can be provided in readiness for when the site comes forward for development. (Proposed by Cllr Wyer)

Dean Street

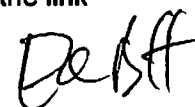
The issues being experienced cannot be sorted through a Traffic Regulation Order due to the multiplicity of services it provides. There is a need to change driver's perception in this area.

- **Consider any other/new areas in the town that require investigation**

A resident has requested a traffic calming system to be considered at Higher Road and George Road due to speeding traffic. It was **resolved** for the Committee to investigate the issue further by carrying out a site visit and to wait for the results of the traffic count, which will give an indication of whether traffic has increased in this area, due to the opening of the link road. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

Union Terrace

Cllr Harris had reported lorries trying to manoeuvre down union Terrace and causing problems. Members requested further information, such as the size of the lorries and what companies they belonged to, in order they could consider the matter further.



Belle Parade

Cllr Hughes raised the issue of speeding traffic down Belle Parade. She was advised that this issue could not be addressed through Traffic Regulation Order and would form part of the council's medium term traffic Management Plan. It was a matter of changing driver's perception.

- **Agree a course of action.**
No further actions were noted.

11 To discuss the dual use loading/parking bays in Crediton Town and consider recommendations received from Mike Jones, Devon County Council Officer. Information relating to this item had been issued prior to the meeting and a copy is attached as Appendix Three. The following was resolved:

- Remove the loading bay situated outside the Council Offices, Market Street as it is no longer used.
- Alter the times on the loading bay situated outside Tesco, 36 High Street to 8.00am to 5.00pm, as this loading bay is able to take 7.5 tonne lorries and ensures that there is a space for loading and unloading in the afternoon.
- Pay Devon County Council to colour the remaining three dual use loading bays on the High Street outside numbers 14, 22 and 128 at a total cost of £3,800, with the money being taken from the Town Council's Earmarked Economic Development Fund.
- Request Devon County Council provide more exact samples of the red and buff colour surfacing so the Committee can chose the most appropriate and colour surfacing.
- Ask Devon County Council to confirm locations where the red and buff surfacing has been used, in order that members can examine it.

(Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

12 To discuss 20mph zoning and 20mph speed limit areas within the town. This item had been requested by Cllr Way. As Cllr Way was not present, it was resolved to defer this item to the next meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

13 To receive an update on Crediton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Brookes-Hocking provided the following update.

- The Crediton Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has provided a response to Mid Devon District Council regarding the Local Plan Review. It is unlikely that the Mid Devon Local Plan will be published before Spring 2016. The Steering Group anticipate following the Local Plan unless something significant changes.
- Jo Widdecombe from Planning Aid England will be attending the Steering Group's next meeting to give guidance on Objectives, Plans and Policies, following the results of the Household Survey.
- On Saturday 11th July 2015 the Town Council will be participating in the Volunteer Day on the Town Square and will be encouraging residents to volunteer to join in with the Neighbourhood Plan, Wildlife Area and Christmas in Crediton.
- A schedule has been drawn up detailing the next steps the Steering Group will be taking, together with a timeframe, a copy of which is attached as Appendix Four.
- An application for further funding/support will be submitted to Locality in July 2015.
- A meeting had been arranged for Thursday 18th June 2015, to show Ben Hamilton Baillie's presentation on Traffic and Transport in Crediton to the High Street Traders Group.

Cllr Hughes confirmed that she had been liaising with Mr Jonathan Tricker, following the death of Samuel Crocker and the traffic issues at Threshers. Mr Tricker has prepared a report on traffic and transport in Crediton, completely free of charge, and would like to present it to members. It was resolved to invite Mr Tricker to the next Policy & Forward Planning Committee meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, 7th July 2015, at 6.00pm. (Proposed by Cllr Hughes)

14 Close

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.

Signed...

Date: 07/07/2015 (Chairman)