



Minutes of the Transport Working Party

13 September 2012

-: Present :-

Councillor Ray Hill (Chairman), Councillor Nicole Amil, Councillor Darren Cowell, Councillor Ian Doggett, Councillor Pete Addis, Councillor Stephen Brooksbank and Councillor Bobbie Davies

(Also in attendance: Sue Cheriton, Councillor Robert Excell, Ian Jones, Adam Luscombe, Councillor Mike Morey and David Whiteway)

24. Apologies for absence

Councillor Pountney (Councillor B Davies substituting), Patrick Carney.

25. Minutes of meeting held on 2nd August 2012

Minutes agreed as a correct record of meeting. Councillor Addis proposed the minutes from 2 August 2012 and Councillor Cowell seconded. All were in favour.

26. Newton Road Bus Stop - verbal update

- Passengers were surveyed using the Newton Road Bus stop. 6 passengers per hour are using the bus stop on average
- Stagecoach has been asked to move driver charge over (to B&Q) rather than at this bus stop to reduce waiting time.

Recommendation:

Bus stop is kept as it is well used. All were in favour of this approach.

Councillor Cowell proposed.

Councillor Addis seconded.

27. Churchway, Torquay - Application for Off-street Parking

- Officers recommend refusal of drop crossing at this location. The net loss of parking capacity is greater than one space. This would set a precedent in this location and in other road locations across Torbay. Applicant conducted a consultation on the proposal and got a favourable response.
- Other objections: with the additional objections received directly through the Council, the total was 67% in favour 33% against.
- Mr Brown presented to the TWP his application and consideration of approval. Planning have given permission for the removal of the wall, with the condition on being able to reduce the kerb level subject to approval from the Highways department. TOR2 gave a quote and advised this was possible to achieve. Mr

Brown considered there was an inconsistent approach between Planning and highways recommendations.

- Mr Brown raised concerns on how highways had re-presented the data to identify who Highways felt would be most affected by the application.
- Mr Brown explained local children and his disabled father would be better served by parking within his property.
- Laura Hill presented to TWP on how this would affect their business and has spoken to local traders and residents. Churchway is now considered dangerous and there are fears for safety with the parking area as currently provided. The parking area is used frequently and causes problems with safety, especially for pedestrians.
- Councillor Addis expressed concern on the proposal and the loss of parking as this will be detrimental to the area. Councillor Addis put forward a motion that it should go to the Community Partnership for wider discussion and consultation before being considered for approval.
- Councillor Cowell has reviewed the area of the parking considered and would support Mr Brown's proposal.
- Councillor Amil supported Mr Brown as this supports localism and as traders have been surveyed and have no objection. Cllr Amil regretted she could not support officers' recommendations in this case.
- Councillor Faulkner observed local workers in the area using the free spaces rather than car parks. It was considered this should be parking for residents only.
- Councillor Doggett also visited the location and found a driver trying to turn his vehicle in this area which was proving difficult.
- Access to front gates are really difficult to get to with the current on-street parking arrangements. Councillor Doggett observed some walls of the gardens had been damaged possibly due to vehicles. Concerns were raised concerning disabled residents and considered they should have access to their properties.
- Councillor Davis supported the consultation work conducted by Mr Brown.

Recommendation:

Proposed – To grant permission for a drop kerb to Mr Brown's property against officer advice.

Councillor Amil proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded the motion – 4 votes for, 2 votes against were recorded – motion was carried.

28. Road Safety Strategy 2011-2020

- Officers presented the early draft of the Road Safety Strategy. The document details how the Council will prioritise the road safety initiatives.
- Members were asked to consider and feedback on the draft before it goes to stakeholders. Councillor Cowell suggested the feedback is considered at the next TWP.
- Members raised concerns that Police are not logging accidents and therefore identifying some areas of safety concern. This is critical to get into the statistics to feed into future policies
- All agreed to bring back comments at next TWP, 25 October 2012 at 4pm.

29. Paignton Harbour to Goodrington Cycle Route

- Officers presented the proposal which now has funding identified.
- Route and optional alternatives were presented. These alternatives may be helpful for seasonal changes in the use of the promenade.
- Councillor Amil would like assurance this is presented to Parks Friends Groups and that a full and proper consultation takes place.
- Councillor Morey raised issues about clear designation to the section of shared use with cyclists/pedestrians outside the busy shops. Consideration should be given on marking the cycle and pedestrian route in this area. Also signage needs to be clear. Councillor Cowell supported cycle route but considered this was a leisure route and would expect confident commuters to still use the road.
- Sands Road is a problem to have official cycling designation. Confident cyclists could use this route.

Recommendation:

Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Brooksbank seconded to commence consultation as recommended. All were in favour.

30. Cary Road, St Lukes Road, St Lukes Road North and St Lukes Road South, Torquay - Consideration of the objections regarding the provision of parking restrictions

- Recommended that the TRO is implemented as advertised as detailed in the report with the exception of St Lukes "No Waiting 8am-6pm" restriction fronting property no 7, as this does not cause any problems for the buses getting through this area.
- Councillor Excell explained many elderly people live there and use the bus. The bus route is very important and needs a safe passage down St Lukes Road.

Recommendation:

To implement as advertised including the recommended change.

Councillor Cowell proposed.

Councillor Amil seconded.

All were in favour.

31. Great Parks Cothele Junction - verbal update

- Application for Great Parks (2) which includes 100 houses and consideration of any comments of Cothele junction at this early stage would be welcomed from Transport Working Party.
- Highways considers the junction is at capacity. The developer will not want a change as this is costly.

Councillor Addis/Cowell suggested this goes to Community Partnerships at an appropriate time for consideration prior to any approval.

32. Date of Next Meeting

25th October 2012, 4pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall