

Minutes of the Transport and Parking Working Party

25 August 2021

-: Present :-

Councillor Ray Hill, Councillor Chris Lewis, Councillor Swithin Long, Councillor Judith Mills, Councillor Mike Morey, Kevin Mowat, Ian Jones, Susie Hayman and Adam Luscombe

(Also in attendance: Councillor Jane Barnby, Councillor Anne Brooks, Councillor Cecilia Brown, Councillor Nick Bye, Ian Hartley, Lisa Hunt, Councillor Robert Loxton, Councillor James O'Dwyer, Councillor David Thomas and Councillor Jacqueline Thomas)

Apologies received from Nicole Amil

28. Minutes of the last meeting - 20th May 2021

All agreed that the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate record.

29. Action Tracker/Matters arising from last meeting

SH advised that she has started the work of looking at campervan legislation with other authorities.

KM advised that Mencap lobbied the administration to reduce the disabled parking bay charges and Cllr Darling was keen to issue a press release.

DT asked if members of the public could attend this meeting. Members of the public can attend, but we would be looking for a representative of a group to speak on any one subject.

CL asked whose decision it was not to discuss matters arising. MM responded that this is not normally covered at meetings. KM advised that we have an action tracker which is covered as a separate item on the agenda.

JM asked why there was no completion date on the action tracker for Mark Smith's action. IH advised that the website was out of date, so this information was removed. It is a huge task for supervisors to maintain the website daily.

30. Road Safety Initiatives Report - Ian Jones

IJ presented his report at the meeting. There are two sites that are of concern:

- (i) There have been a few collisions on the A385 near Devon Hills Park. We need to look at road signage.
- (ii) We need to see if there is a speeding issue on Preston Down Road near Preston Down Avenue and look at the bends to see if they need to be made more prominent.

IJ advised that the team are looking at the remaining schools that don't have 20mph zones. The recommendation is to continue the road safety scheme and take forward the schemes mentioned in appendix 3.

SL asked if Clennon Lane can be looked at.

ACTION: SL to send his concerns about Clennon Lane to John Clewer.

JO'D asking when cycle improvement works are likely to happen on Dartmouth Road and what if an accident happened before the works were carried out. IJ advised that if there was an immediate hazard that needed to be dealt with, they would do it immediately. IJ advised he doesn't have a timescale in this financial year, and it is being worked on over the next few years.

31. Issues with Parking and Waste/Recycling collection issues

Nicole would like to record the following concerns in her absence:

"I have issues with Item 4 on the Agenda, Parking and Waste/Recycling collection, in accordance with many of my Councillor colleagues, when parking will be banned on initially 30 residential roads and in selected areas! This is a very sensitive issue which could potentially cause chaos and disruption."

IJ advised that the team put forward areas they felt needed to be addressed. KM advised that at the last meeting we agreed to look at the rounds.

IH advised that Pines Road was visited 4 times this week and they still couldn't access it. The team have identified 30 roads where they struggle to gain access. Danvers Road is one of them.

DT raised this at the last meeting in May and there are no reported issues on our website so the public wouldn't know there is an issue. Pines Road doesn't feature in the top ten. IH replied that it is a moveable feast. The original list was 75 roads that are difficult to access.

ACTION IH to ask supervisors to record which days are a problem on which streets.

RH said it is down to the operative to identify problem streets. There is a constant problem in Maidencombe and we should be using caged vehicles more. IH advised that they deploy caged vehicles when they can but are short drivers in this area too. Also, these vehicles don't collect much waste. IH advised that we are waiting on IVECO for 6 months now for another vehicle.

JO'D asked what the costings are for a traffic regulation order, the cost of missed collections and if we can call the Police if there are obstructions. IJ advised that the costs depend on whether you are putting an advert out for one or many roads. The cost can be between £1500 - £2000 for one traffic regulation order. Most of the cost is advertising and includes marking and signs.

SL advised that he had not been made aware of access issues to Danvers Road and this was not shared with members when considering proposals for that road. IJ advised that some of the issue is parking and the proximity of trees. One option was to restrict one side of the road, but this was not popular with residents. We have a solution around the school time issue but not an agreement on the refuse collection issue.

ACTION SL to flag Danvers Road issues with Steve Darling and John Dudley.

CL advised that if we put parking restrictions on one street it will put pressure on other streets. There didn't seem to be a problem when TOR2 was in control, why is it a problem now. CL also asked why divide it up for 10 problem streets for each town, it should be which 10 roads are hard to access across the bay.

CL suggested waste collections are done at a different time of day when it is less busy and not upsetting businesses and holiday makers. IH advised we would need four times more vehicles if waste could only be collected in the morning.

KM advised that we need to get this information recorded and presented to this meeting. We need to take a risk-based approach to the data we have got. We have taken the opportunity to raise this issue with you today. Residents are home longer than they used to be since the start of the pandemic. Hopefully new vehicles will be with us soon which will help some areas. We will continue to work on solutions. KM asked Councillors to advise residents of the challenges we face when issues are reported to them.

IH advised there are no suitable vehicles available for hire while we wait delivery of the new vehicle.

DT advised that the website shows missed recycling collections. We need to share the streets we struggle to gain access with to residents so they can assist with the access. KM advised that we need to bring people on the journey with us.