

TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY

Thursday 29th March 2012

Present

Councillors Hill, Brooksbank, Faulkner A, Doggett, Cowell, Addis, Excell

Also in attendance:- Councillor James, Councillor Pritchard, Cllr Davies, Councillor Stringer, Councillor Darling

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Amil, Councillor Faulkner (late)

2. Minutes of meeting held on 17 November 2011

The minutes were agreed to be correct. Councillor Addis proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded.

3. Mincent Hill, Torquay – Presentation by Mincent Hill Residents Association

- Mrs Lane from the Mincent Hill Residents Association made a presentation –require change in parking
- Proposed in these narrow roads – new parking areas are created in some of grass areas with echelon parking. This was considered 4/5 years ago but budget was not available. An attempt to reinstate budget over the years was unsuccessful.
- Cllr Darling requested officers do a scoping document on options to improve parking.
- Concerns on large vehicles/ambulance/fire engines getting access with current parked cars in the area. Suggestion it goes as a priority.
- The successful Woodend Project is also increasing parking congestion.

Recommendation

Officers to provide a scoping document to show costed options. Scheme to be considered a priority. Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Addis seconded. All were in favour.

4. Objection to St Michaels Road, Paignton Traffic Action Zone Scheme – Presentation by Mr Preece

Mr Preece was not in attendance.

5. St Michaels Traffic action Zone – Consideration of Objections to Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

- Councillor Brooksbank suggested a site visit and presented opinions proposed by the Group and a meeting on site for alternative opinions
- Councillor Excell recommended a deferment and visit by Transport Working Party to see and consider the issues.

Recommendation

The item was deferred and it was agreed to conduct a site visit by the Transport Working Party, Highway Officer, Councillor Excell and Ward Members. Patrick Carney to arrange site visit. Councillor Brooksbank proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded. All in favour

6. Windy Corner – Proposed Junction Improvement

- Patrick Carney presented a report recommending a change to the junction to improve capacity and provide pedestrian facilities. The report considered a number of options.
- Option 1 required Secretary of State approval. Significant objections were received due to common land being required to enable the scheme to go ahead. As a public enquiry was likely, it was put on hold. Officers now propose Option 2 with an exchange of common land so there is no loss overall.
- Community Partnership supported Option 2 (amended). Brixham Town Council supported Option 1. Mr Batton – Galmpton Residents Association provided a further option – papers were distributed. Concerns were raised on the impact on local roads in the area. Mr Batton disputed consultation results suggested in Community Partnership letter. This letter did not fully reflect the consultation. Bus stop position was considered and there was strong opposition to any move of the bus stop.
- PC considered the plan Mr Batton proposed. The drawing was not accurate and could not see how the traffic flow/queuing had been calculated.
- Councillor James explained that the BTC concerns on affect of option 3 on Bascombe Road, this is why they considered option 1.
- Councillor Pritchard considered the new consultation was robust and took in local people's concerns.
- Scheme being considered is now eight years old. It was suggested the Council pause to await the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Growth in traffic flows had not changed very much due to greater use of public transport.
- Officers require a decision on whether to go ahead or put this scheme into a "no further action" status.
- Consideration that the scheme underpins economic growth needed to be factored in.

Recommendation

It was agreed to recommend adoption of Option 2 (amended) proposed by Councillor Addis, seconded by Councillor Brooksbank. Councillor Cowell voted against. Councillors Doggett and Faulkner abstained, All other Councillors were in favour. Recommendation was carried.

7. Fleet Street, Torquay – Verbal Update

- Fleet Street has come to the end of its life and needs to be upgraded. The scheme will be a 4/5 year project. Due to start in part this year.
- Flooding is also a problem in side streets.
- Concern raised if fits with Portas Review on town centres

- Kerbing was considered most important to provide protection to local shops and the risk of flooding.
- There will be short periods of closure to allow for works but disruption will be minimal.

8. Ebdon Way, Torquay – Consider Objections to the proposed One Way Order

- Patrick Carney outlined the proposal
- One objection had been received

Recommendation

To implement as advertised – Councillor Addis proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded. All in favour.

9. Coach Parking Review – Shedden Hill Car Park Update

- Officers considered the number of available parking spaces in Shedden Hill Car Park
- There is space for coach parking. Removal of height barrier may result in travellers getting in the parking area and this needs to be considered.

Recommendation

It was agreed to advertise the Traffic Order to provide coach parking in Shedden Hill Car Park. Councillor Addis proposed and Councillor Doggett seconded. All in favour.

10. Torbay Parking Review (Pay and Display) – Consideration of Objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Order

The objections were considered by the meeting.

Lymington Road/Magdalene Road

- Implement scheme as advertised with addition of free parking on Sunday.
- Mr King presented a request for concessions for the Bowling club in this area.

Recommendation

To implement as advertised with addition of free parking on Sunday. Councillor Doggett proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded. Councillor Faulkner voted against. All other Members were in favour.

Babbacombe

Recommendation

To implement as advertised. Councillor Faulkner proposed and Councillor Cowell seconded. All in favour

Old Newton Road

Recommendation

To delay until after Shiphay Review is complete in autumn. Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Addis seconded. All in favour.

Sands Road

Recommendation

To implement as advertised. Councillor Faulkner proposed and Councillor Addis seconded. All in favour.

Adelphi Road/Stearfield Road

Recommendation

To implement as advertised. Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Faulkner seconded. All in favour.

Parking Review Update

Torre Abbey has been implemented. It was agreed to review seasonal charging for winter season for Paignton and Torquay seafronts. Officers to bring a further report to the Transport Working Party in September.

- 10. Date of Next Meeting – 10th May 2012, 4pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall**