

**Minutes of the Property and Amenities Committee Meeting held at
Corsham Town Hall on Wednesday 15 January 2020**

Present Councillor G Sanders (Chair)
Councillors L Bray, R Le-Var, M Wakeman and A White

In Attendance Councillor M Jackson
J Whittleton (Head of Technical Services)

P&A 50/19 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors P Anstey and N Farmer.

P&A 51/19 Public Question Time and Petitions

Representations were received from the resident who had submitted the Waiting Restriction Request at Priory Street (Agenda Item 7 - *Waiting Restriction Requests*). He stated that he had requested two short sections of yellow lines so that parked cars would not block his drive and that of his neighbour. He added that parked vehicles also caused safety issues by blocking visibility for motorists leaving their drives.

P&A 52/19 Declarations of Interest

None.

P&A 53/19 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Property and Amenities Committee meeting held on 4 December 2019

There were none.

P&A 54/19 Public Realm Update (*Minute P&A 38/19 and others*):

i. Cross Keys Improvements.

The Committee received an update on the public realm project at the Cross Keys junction. Members were informed that a planning application to construct a 17.5 metre long 65cm high dry stone wall had been submitted. The Town Council was also awaiting Wiltshire Highways' consent to install a piece of public art at the junction.

ii. Public Realm Strategy.

The Committee received an update on efforts to develop the wider Public Realm Strategy. Members were informed that a meeting would take place later in the month with Wiltshire Council's Head of Sustainable Transport about the possibility of Corsham Town Council using Atkins through Wiltshire Council's contract with the company. The Town Council was hoping to use Atkins' urban designers to pull together a public realm plan for the Newlands Road area and to deliver public realm projects.

Resolved:

To note the update.

P&A 55/19 Consultation on the Corsham Cycling Strategy (*Minute P&A 41/19 and others*)

Consideration was given to consultation on the Corsham Cycling Strategy. A discussion took place about when to commence the consultation, how long it should run for and what methods to use.

Resolved:

- 1) To begin the consultation with an article in the April Town Council newsletter.
- 2) To use social media, articles in local magazines (including Corsham and Box Matters) and engagement with specific groups (including the Cycling Club and the Sports Forum) to publicise the consultation.
- 3) To look into the possibility of producing business cards to hand out to cyclists in the town, encouraging them to take part in the consultation.

P&A 56/19 Waiting Restriction Requests (*Minute P&A 51/18 and others*).

i. Priory Street, Corsham.

Issues discussed included:

- That Priory Street is often rather busy and does experience issues with parking and road safety;
- Whether installing short sections of yellow lines will set a precedent; and
- That installing short sections of yellow lines would provide another vehicle passing place.

Resolved:

To support the request and to complete a WR2 Form adding the proviso that Wiltshire Council's Highway Officer considers the impact of yellow lines on the

whole street (whether it would set a precedent or push the problem further down etc).

ii. Moor Green, Neston.

Issues discussed included:

- That there was no evidence that this was a regular problem or a safety issue.

Resolved:

- 1) Not to support the request.
- 2) To write to the applicant stating that if he wished to submit a similar request in the future it would be helpful to have photographic evidence that there was a problem in this area.

iii. South Street, Corsham.

Resolved:

To support the request and to complete a WR2 Form.

P&A 57/19 Requests for Highway Improvements and Traffic Surveys (Minute P&A 39/19)

i. Folly Farm, A4.

The Committee noted that a letter had been sent to the resident who submitted the form asking if they would be willing to pay the town/parish contribution towards the scheme. So far, no response had been received.

ii. Park Lane, between Peel Circus and Hudswell Lane.

This request had been deferred in order to determine whether the Department of Transport's guidance 'Setting Local Speed Limits' would permit the area of Park Lane between Peel Circus and Hudswell Lane to become a 30mph road.

The Committee noted that there was nothing specific in the guidance that prevented the change, but that the following passage in the guidance appeared to be applicable to the stretch of road in question:

'Roads suitable for 40mph are generally higher-quality suburban roads or those on the outskirts of urban areas where there is little development. They should have good width and layout, parking and waiting restrictions in operation, and buildings set back from the road'.

It was also pointed out that increased housing along Park Lane might change the nature of the area and make it suitable for a speed appraisal exercise.

Resolved:

To consider the possibility of this stretch of road becoming a 30mph limit after the Park Lane development comes on stream.

P&A 58/19 Review of Cemetery Regulations (*Minute P&A 48/18*)

Consideration was given to draft Cemetery Regulations for the Ladbrook Lane Cemetery. Members observed that the most substantial change was at paragraph 14c which permitted the use of weathering (Corten) steel in memorials.

Resolved:

To approve the Cemetery Regulations for the Ladbrook Lane Cemetery.

P&A 59/19 Traffic Speed Survey Result

Consideration was given to the results of a Traffic Speed Survey which took place at Prospect, Corsham in October 2019.

Issues discussed included:

- That the 85th percentile was 35.9mph, which was above the threshold for the area to be covered by a community speed watch group;
- That presently there was no community speed watch group in the town; and
- The possibility of communicating with residents to ask if anyone was interested in getting a community speed watch group organised.

Resolved:

That an article inviting members of the public to consider forming a community speed watch group be produced for the April Town Council newsletter.

P&A 60/19 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Consideration was given to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order relating to Footpath 64 near the Springfield Campus, which sought to change a section of the footpath into a shared use path (allowing bicycles).

Resolved:

That no objection be made.

P&A 61/19 Transport Monitoring (*Minute P&A 44/19 and others*)

Resolved:

That the Transport Monitoring Sheet be noted.

The meeting began at 7.30pm and ended at 8.14pm. There was one member of the public present at the beginning of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

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