

AXMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at The Guildhall on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 2.15 p.m.

1. PRESENT : Cllr. B. R. Watson (Chairman), Cllr. A.L. Young, Cllr. A.T. Moulding, (District Council), Mrs. Z. Adamson-Drage (Deputy Town Clerk) and Miss H. Kirkcaldie, (Town Clerk).

0 members of the public.

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr. A.E. Bourner, Cllr. J.W. Walden, D.R.H. Hull (Town and District Councillor), Cllr. I.L. Hall (County and District), Ms. J. Collins (Parking Services Manager, East Devon District Council), Mr. D. Ashford, (Neighbourhood Highway Officer, Devon County Council), Mr. S. Morgan (Axminster Chamber of Commerce). No representative of the police.

3. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING : the notes of the inquorate meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 having been considered and approved by the Town Council, were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 : the Town Clerk will enquire whether Cllr. Hall has been able to ascertain the whereabouts of the mobile speeding sign.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that speed checks had been conducted on Crewkerne Road.

Notification had been received that the A358 outside the George Hotel would be re-surfaced on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

The Town Council would be advertising the post of Lengthsman shortly. The Deputy Town Clerk is looking into the purchase of a mechanical ground compactor and said that there were grants available for this. An alternative might be to hire one in when needed or to share purchase with other parishes. Cllr. Young said that the office kept a running list of potholes and added that members of the public should be asked to let the Town Council know the location of any potholes of which they were aware as well as reporting them to the County Council.

Cllr. Watson said that mention had been made of the lack of pavement on Lyme Road from Hurst Lodge south-eastward and wondered whether a permissive joint use path could be considered in conjunction with the Strategic Masterplan.

5. MATTERS SUGGESTED FOR DISCUSSION:

a) Parking-related matters:

i) Parking on the Narrow Bend on Sector Lane by St. Mary's Close and Salway Gardens – Cllr. Moulding said that this matter had been raised with him by a member of the public. The matter will be kept under review to see if any action is required on safety grounds.

ii) Residents' Parking – this remains a matter of concern to residents in the streets adjacent to the station as vehicles are often left for weeks at a time. The Town Clerk will ask Cllr. Hall what the policy is in Devon regarding resident's parking and when the situation in Axminster can be reviewed.

b) Forthcoming Traffic Orders and their impact on traffic flow with particular reference to scaffolding works – no notification had been received of the recent incidence of traffic control on West Street to enable works to be undertaken from a scaffolding. The operation of the traffic lights had caused long queues at times due to apparent malfunction.

c) Speed Related Matters – nothing to add to comments made under matters arising.

d) Condition of Roads – surface and drainage concerns – Cllr. Watson reported on a meeting he had attended arranged by Cllr. Hall. There was discussion regarding the damage done to narrow lanes by ever-larger agricultural vehicles. Cllr. Watson said that Devon County Council was urged to take a stronger line with landowners regarding maintenance of ditches and the need to clear up hedge cuttings.

e) Cycle Way Matters – nothing to report.

f) Programme of Amenity Grass Cutting and Weeding – this would be drawn up once the new lengthsman post was filled. The Deputy Town Clerk said that there were digital mapping programmes which were now being made available at a more competitive price to parish councils which would be

very helpful in preparing base maps showing locations for various items of street furniture or plots of land.

g) Works Carried out Under the Community Road Warden Scheme – the Town Clerk reiterated that all such work needed to be co-ordinated through the office. No works had been undertaken recently as the supply of tarmac had not been available.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD HIGHWAY OFFICER'S REPORT – not available. Cllr. Watson advised the times when the officer was most likely to be in the area.

7. MATTERS OF URGENCY: none.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Signed ..... Dated .....