

AXMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at The Guildhall on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 2.15 p.m.

1. PRESENT : Cllr. Mrs.S.L.N. Leat, Cllr. M. Mynard, Cllr. M.D.G. Spurway, Cllr. A.L. Young, Mrs. Z. Adamson-Drage (Deputy Town Clerk) and Miss H. Kirkcaldie, (Town Clerk).

1 member of the public.

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr. A.E. Bourner, Cllr. Doherty, Cllr. J. Farrow, Cllr. D.R.H. Hull, Cllr. Moore, Cllr. J.W. Walden, Cllr. I.L. Hall (County and District), Cllr. S.L. Jackson and Cllr. A.T. Moulding (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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING : the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 having been considered and approved by the Town Council, were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018 : None that would not be raised during the course of the meeting.

5. PUBLIC FORUM: a resident from Lyme Road stated that he had been raising the matter of speeding in Lyme Road and Lyme Street for nearly two years and no action had been taken. He said that the recent incident in which a member of the public had had to have a leg amputated as a result of speeded emphasised the need for action. He said that from observing the flashing sign at the junction with Lyme Close it was clear that 2/3 of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit. He asked that the relevant authorities be requested to attend a meeting with the Town Council and to inspect the problems. He said that the costs arising from the injury probably far exceeded the costs of putting deterrent action in place.

The action proposed, following discussion between members of Committee, officers and the member of the public, was that a meeting be arranged with County Councillor Hall, the local Neighbourhood Beat Manager and local Neighbourhood Highway Officer and a traffic engineer to discuss what measures could be put in place.

The member of the public suggested that it would be beneficial to have more C.C.T.V. in the town as this would assist with many of the problems arising from various forms of anti-social behaviour being experienced in the town. The Deputy Clerk suggested that a facility for Advanced Number Plate Recognition would be helpful. Cllr. Young said that if such cameras were on the road there would be a significant cost as they would have to be monitored by the police and administered by them. Cllr. Mynard said that there were mobile C.C.T.V. vans.

6. MATTERS SUGGESTED FOR DISCUSSION:

a) Parking-related matters:

i) Residents' Parking – this was placed on the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee for East Devon in March. No action is likely this year and before any action is taken there will need to be public consultations as there will be costs involved for residents. Cllr. Mynard said that as far as he was aware train users at Feniton and Cranbrook were issued with free parking permits. The Town Clerk will try to find out why this does not appear to apply to all stations.

b) Speed Related Matters – the Deputy Town Clerk said that speeding remained a problem on Crewkerne road and was aggravated by the narrowness of the pavements. The lack of width is partly caused by the need for the pavement to be ploughed free of encroaching grass from verges and partly because hedges may over hang the pavement.

c) Works Carried out Under the Community Road Warden Scheme – the Town Clerk said that she was not aware of any works which had been undertaken.

7. NEIGHBOURHOOD HIGHWAY OFFICER'S REPORT – works are proposed during the course of the year on drainage works and pothole repairs and patching on Hunthay Lane and Uphay Lane Concerns about speeding need to be directed to the police. Requests for changes in speed limits should be referred to the County Council Traffic Management Team Any action regarding

resident parking permits would take two years to deliver as a result of the complex nature and the requirements for consultation. No questions were raised.

8. ANY FURTHER AREAS OR MATTERS OF URGENCY RELATING TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

9. PUBLIC FORUM FOR PLANNING: None.

10. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

19/0856/FUL

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11. CORRESPONDENCE

Dorset Minerals Plan – comments for this will be considered at the next meeting which is prior to the submission date of 20<sup>th</sup> June.

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