

Shaftesbury Town Council

Planning and Highways Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Tuesday the 25th March 2014 at 6.15pm in the Council Chamber.

Committee Members Present :- Councillor J Lewer (Chairman)
Councillor S Clinch
Councillor T Cook
Councillor R Tippins

Also in Attendance :- Mrs Claire Commons (Committee Clerk)
Cllrs Dibben and K Tippins
7 members of the public

01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.
It was noted that Cllr Proctor was absent.

02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS TO PARTICIPATE

There were no declarations of interest and the clerk had not received any dispensations to participate in the meeting.

03 OPEN FORUM

Mrs Roberts - spoke regarding the Town Enhancement Scheme and provided members with documents relating to the history of the scheme including newspaper clippings from 2006, She also spoke of the campaign carried out by a local school girl for reinstatement of the Zebra Crossings.

Mrs Ann Brooks - spoke in support of the comments made by Mrs Roberts and commented that the pinch points were badly sited as they reduced visibility which was then compounded by illegal parking. The chairman responded that there was much which was beyond the ability of the Town Council to address however a press release would be provided to report how the scheme will be completed.

Cllr Dibben - spoke in support of Mrs Roberts and Mrs Brooks. He also welcomed improvements at Long Cross and also asked that the council looked into what money was remaining for the enhancement and considered the most appropriate ways to spend.

04 TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT

The committee considered items for completion of the Town Centre Enhancement Scheme. Cllr Lewer PROPOSED, Cllr Tippins SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to make requests for the following:

1. To introduce a 20mph speed limit along the whole of the High Street, between a point in the vicinity of The Commons, and a point near the Launderette in Salisbury Street. Exact locations to be agreed.
2. To move the on street parking in Sliabury Street (between Angel Square and Chutneys restaurant) from the north to the south side of the street, to improve visibility for motorists, and reduce the perceived risk to pedestrians using Angel Square. Details to be agreed. This is subject to a positive response from public consultation.
3. To erect signs at each end of the zone defined in 1 & 2 above, to the effect of 'pedestrians in the road' (details to be agreed).
4. To identify those obsolete signs in the Town Centre which can be removed.

05 LONG CROSS

The committee considered items for improved safety measures at Long Cross. Cllr Lewer PROPOSED, Cllr Tippins SECONDED and it was RESOLVED to make requests for the following:

1. To change the downhill carriageway of the A30 between Ivy Cross and Long Cross to single file (no overtaking), by appropriate use of double white lines.
2. To reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph within the 'village'
3. When resources & funding are available to proceed with plans to build a pedestrian refuge at the Well Lane crossing, and the plans to reduce the speed limit between Ivy Cross and Long Cross to 40mph.

06 PLANNING AND INSPECTORATE DECISIONS

- a) The planning and inspectorate decisions were received and noted.
- b) There were no matters relating to enforcement of planning conditions and determinations.

07 UPDATES

The Chairman reported on a meeting with Dorset County Council and SSEC regarding street lighting advising that SSEC had agreed to heritage style brackets through the central part of St James and up Gold Hill. He added that the light column opposite Abbey School would be replaced by a black heritage post; elsewhere in the town, replacement would be like-for like. The committee were unanimously AGREED to accept the

proposed changes.

The chairman invited members of the public to speak on the subject. It was mentioned that the cost of the heritage brackets would be offset in part against the previously proposed posts.

The Meeting closed at : 7pm

Signed :

Chairman

Date:

On behalf of :-

Shaftesbury Town Council