



MINUTES of the Bodmin Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 2 p.m.. at the Shire House Suite, Bodmin

PRESENT: Councillor E M Ahearn presiding; together with Councillors, P L G Skea, J P Cooper, J A Bassett, G Frost and G Mountcastle

ALSO PRESENT:

Cllr P Cooper who did not vote as not members of the planning committee.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. P Martin (Town Clerk) and Ms. L Pinnegar (Senior Administration Assistant / Mayor's Secretary).

Meeting commenced at 2 pm

<p>P/2021/137 Chairman's Announcements and Apologies;</p> <p>There were no announcements.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr A Coppin</p>	
<p>P/2021/138 Declarations of Interest – Members to declare interests in respect of Any items on the agenda;</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest</p>	
<p>P/2021/139 Correspondence sent and received:</p> <p>Letter regarding Scarlett's Well Treatment plant has been drafted by Chair and Vice Chair and passed to Town Clerk to finalise.</p>	
<p>P/2021/140 PUBLIC REPRESENTATION SESSION – An opportunity for local residents to make representations or ask questions relating to items on this agenda. (Note: a maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated for this session as there will be a time constraint of 5 minutes per speaker);</p>	

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<p>There were no members of the public present.</p> <p>The Chair requested that it was recorded that although there was an error with the date on the agenda, it was published on the website with the correct date, and members received covering email with correct date.</p>	
<p>P/2021/141 To consider and agree the proposed design and location of Welcome to Bodmin sign(s) in the vicinity of Westheath Road / Westheath Avenue.</p> <p>Cllr Mountcastle was concerned with the speed of traffic leaving Bodmin and felt that people leaving this new development would be impacted by the excess speeding, and warnings and signs were a priority in the opposite direction.</p> <p>Cllr Bassett feels the “welcome” sign too small and the speed signs not adequate, signs should be separated.</p> <p>Cllr Skea feels there should be flashing signs both up and down the hill.</p> <p>Cllr J Cooper informed the Committee that previous concerns about this road had been raised at the Strategic Planning Meeting when Walsingham Homes applied to have the area behind Westheath Road allocated as windfall into the development plan.</p> <p>He said several concerns were raised at the time about speed of traffic approaching Bodmin and he shared with the Committee the plan which was submitted to Strategic Planning Committee at the time. He pointed out the contraflow cycle route going into a 60 mile an hour area, then stopping outside the Nursery. Access to a public right of way through the nursery was mentioned after crossing the road. Cllr Cooper felt at the time, referring to the road and bridges construction guidelines, that there was not an adequate distance between the iron bridge and proposed entrance of the development to give an adequate splay in line with those guidelines. This proposed entrance was not shown on the plans.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper also pointed out that the example photograph that had been provided prompting today's meeting depicts the solid double white lines in the middle of this area, of what is considered a notorious accident spot, hence the double lines.</p> <p>He feels that if Bodmin Town Council approve these design proposals or any other gateway sign it would deflect Cornwall Council and the developers away from the concerns it has with the safety of the road, and it would be remiss of this committee not to point out to Cornwall Council that an overall audit of that section of the road needs to be undertaken, between Bodmin and Lanivet. Speed limits reduced, speed control measures put in place, as they have in Lanivet.</p>	

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Whilst he does not reject the idea of Gateway signs on Treingle Hill, he cannot consider it until Cornwall Council Highways, Cornwall Planning and the Developers explain how they intend to upgrade the whole section of the road to make it safe in an urban setting. He felt this committee had not been provided with enough information to comment on the indicative photograph submitted to them.

Cllr Frost agreed with the speed calming measures and that 30 mile an hour signs were not in right place.

Cllr P Cooper is concerned that the dangers highlighted in previous Strategic Planning Meetings have clearly not been addressed. He favoured rumble strips and flashing signs. He urged the Committee to consider the acceptance of any proposed signage very carefully. He questioned if there was a central refuge planned at the end of the cycle route at the Nursery.

Cllr J Cooper felt the revisions to be included should be “no right turn out of the Nursery, no right turn in, move the speed restrictions to 40 mile an hour, passing lanes taken out, refuge points at the junction for the Nursery, revision of the cycle route”.

Cllr Bassett concurred that this was frustrating as this had all been discussed at previous Strategic Planning Meetings.

It was RESOLVED to send a strong Letter to the Cornwall Council Planning Department and to Cornwall Council Highways pointing out BTCs grave concerns as to the safety of this road (Treingle Hill) and requesting a full Highways Audit and consideration as to its safety by ROSPRA.

It was RESOLVED not to engage with Walsingham Planning regarding the Gateway feature at this stage.

Town Clerk

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To consider and agree timings of future planning meetings.

The Chair felt this should go on the agenda as she has received comments from some residents unable to attend due to being morning meetings. The Chair suggested varying the times of the meetings.

This was discussed at length and the impact on professional bodies, members, officers and the public. The Town Clerk confirmed he was happy to attend evening meetings and felt the current time was not ideal. It was discussed that if there was a need for a day time meeting an Extra-Ordinary meeting could be called.

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<p>It was RESOLVED to trial Planning Meetings to commence at 6.30 pm every third Wednesday, for three months, to be reviewed at the end of that period.</p>	
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