

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Transport, Lighting & Road Safety Committee of the Town Council held at the Old Courthouse, George Street Pocklington on Wednesday 5 August 2009 commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Sykes (Chairman), Cllrs Cooper, Marron, Held, Bryon, Shepherd, Petrie and Perry

In attendance: Mrs Knill took the minutes of the meeting

The committee took a walk around the town to survey the outstanding road safety issues. The following observations and recommendations were made:

- The tree in the tub standing by the bus stop in Railway Street needs to be repositioned but a bollard will need to be erected to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement to gain access to the car park when it is closed.
- There was concern about parking on the approach roads to the roundabout near Sainsburys especially on Station Road between the roundabout and Travis Perkins as parking is particularly bad on market days and Saturday mornings. East Riding has agreed to there being yellow lines here and need to be chased up.
- It was agreed that the zebra crossing suggested for Limb Road would be better situated on Station Road between Sainsburys roundabout and Travis Perkins.
- It was agreed that the plants in the area by the zebra crossing on The Balk need to be removed as pedestrians waiting to cross cannot be seen by the motorist. This impaired visibility is potentially very dangerous.
- The ramp on The Balk needs to be removed or cobbled to prevent skateboarders using it and causing a serious hazard for drivers.
- Speeding on all approach roads to the town was discussed and it was agreed that as East Riding say that they cannot afford flashing speeding signs the police should be asked to take more action to prevent speeding. This is particularly bad on West Green.
- It was noted that the pavement on the corner of New Street and Burnby Lane had still not been levelled by East Riding. The camber on the pavement is particularly difficult to negotiate with wheelchairs and mobility scooters. East Riding to be chased up regarding this as they agreed to do it in return for the Council accepting the 20mph speed limits. Cllr Held asked if a further letter could be sent to the manager of Wold Haven Day Centre assuring them that the matter was still in hand.
- It was agreed that a dropped kerb is needed outside TSB in Market Square as there is no way of getting off the path with a wheelchair or mobility scooter without reversing to the dropped kerb outside Clubleys.

- Although it was agreed that making Victoria Road one way was a good thing Cllr Marron had observed that motorists entered the street too quickly without giving regard to pedestrians or other hidden dangers. It was agreed that the sign for the playpark was too close to the entrance and that there should be a raised table-top crossing outside the entrance. *(Arthur to take the stopper off the gate for Cllr Shepherd to stick more rubber onto it to prevent 'clanging')*
- The pavement on the corner of Yapham Road and Barmby Road, towards the Surgery has a very steep camber on it which gets very icy in winter and, as it gets no sun, remains dangerous all day. It was agreed that this pavement needs to be levelled.
- The Councillors were very concerned about the state of the roads around the town generally. There are a great number of large and potentially dangerous potholes, the worst roads being the approach road to Burnby Hall, Union Street, Victoria Road and School Lane.

The committee returned to The Courthouse to continue the meeting.

1. The notice of the meeting was accepted
2. Cllr Petrie declared an interest on item 3(b)
3. The Road Traffic Orders are all on-going and it was agreed that East Yorkshire Council should be approached for updates on these items.
4. Covered above
5. Covered above
6. As the parking strategy revolves around it being free it was agreed that this matter should be left until a decision had been reached. Cllr Marron asked for a copy of the parking strategy for Pocklington. Cllr Marron gave a brief overview of the meeting with Greg Knight on 30 July but said he would give a more comprehensive report at the full Council meeting next week. It was agreed that a reply should be sent to Nicola Heptonstall explaining the position regarding the parking generally but assuring her that the matter would be dealt with when the ongoing parking problems were resolved.
7. Cllr Petrie reported that Canal Lane was as bad as all the other roads around Pocklington as far as potholes were concerned but his main concern was the footpath which needs sorting out. Mothers with children are using it to walk too and from school and having to walk on the road. He felt that the footpaths should have greater priority than the cycle tracks. Cllr Bryon pointed out that money had been put aside for the cycle tracks following a campaign by some of the residents and suggested that the people using Canal Lane should write to East Riding themselves giving the matter more urgency. Cllr Cooper suggested asking Pocklington Post to ask residents to contact the Council so that the Council can approach East Riding with evidence of the need for improvements. Cllr Petrie agreed to speak with Nick Frame at Pocklington Post.

- 8. Covered above
- 9. Covered above but in addition Cllr Bryon requested that East Riding be asked to regularly maintain the hedges next to the cycle tracks as they were becoming hazardous to the cyclists.
- 10. Cllr Cooper proposed the following payments, 2nd Cllr Shepherd and agreed.

PTC

DD	Glenfield Garden Services	All Saints Church grass	127.40
	J R Turnbull	Cemetery maintenance	587.35
BP	David Smith	Plants	175.72
	B J Lighting Supplies	Electricity Monitor	19.99
	Wolds Engineering Services	High visability waistcoats	114.54
	Norman Computers	Computer Maintenance	144.75
	K J Falkingham	Toolbox plus tools	34.44
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting.....Town Mayor

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