

POCKLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

LIGHTING, TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY MINUTES Wednesday 20th July 2016

On Wednesday 20th July 2016 a meeting of the Lighting, Transport and Road Safety Committee was held in the town meeting room at The Old Courthouse, George Street, Pocklington which commenced at 7.00pm.

In attendance: Cllr Ratcliffe (chair), Cllr Cooper, Cllr Hutchinson, Cllr Perry, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Spademan.

Remit of the committee – "To examine road safety issues in the town and vicinity around Pocklington paying particular attention to disabled access. To liaise with the principal authority to identify areas of potential improvement and to maintain footway lighting."

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Marron & Cllr Winterton
2. No declarations of Interest were received.
3. Consider suspending the meeting to allow an opportunity for person(s) or groups to address the council for a period of up to 15 minutes. Cllr Spademan proposed suspending the meeting to allow a resident to address the council 2nd Cllr Ratcliffe and agreed

Mr Munday a resident in the New Street, Percy Road area addressed the council about the following traffic concerns:

- Parking close to the roundabout on The Balk. Cars park on both sides of the road in this area. Can double yellow lines be put on one side by Stewart Court? The Council has already requested a Traffic Road Order for this area.
- Traffic congestion on New Street and Percy Road is getting worse. The worst time is in a morning. Mr Munday suggestion is could New Street and Percy Road be made one way.

The Councillors informed Mr Munday an approach to East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding making this street one way had been done. East Riding of Yorkshire Council had said it is not possible as it isn't an A or B road. Cllr Shepherd informed the meeting that unclassified roads in the town had been made one way these include School Lane, Union Street, Victoria Road. The School Lane and Victoria Road one way streets had been done relatively recently. Cllr Cooper asked which way Mr Munday would like to the traffic to flow. The response was up New Street and Percy Road. Cllr Shepherd thought this idea would cause more traffic congestion on Chapmangate and George Street. One way streets can increase traffic speed.

Cllr Perry suggested that the Council re-approach East Riding due to the increased level of concern about traffic from local residents. The best time for the highway engineers to view the traffic congestion on these roads is at the worse times which are in a morning and an afternoon when the school pupils are leaving. Cllr Shepherd said that East Riding of Yorkshire Council encourage on street parking of cars as this helps slow traffic down as it narrows the road. A review of making the road 20 mph and speed humps should also be included. Suggested that the Council write to East Riding

asking them to consider a range of options as residents have raised concerns about road safety.

Suggested this should be put on to a main Council agenda.

Mr Munday asked why the English flag had not been hoisted on April 23rd on the Church. This was not an issue for this committee but the request has been logged.

4. Cllr Spademan proposed continuing the meeting 2nd Cllr Ratcliffe and agreed
5. Consider the interim results from the Parking Survey undertaken by the Neighbourhood Development Plan Group

The Town Clerk gave a brief report on the interim results from the parking survey.

Cllr Shepherd informed the meeting that East Riding of Yorkshire Council has employed 6 new parking enforcement officers who are based in Market Weighton and cover the town. Since the enforcement officers started there is now more turnover of spaces within the town centre in the time restricted spaces. There was a discussion about people parking all day in the unrestricted car parks. There was a discussion on if one or two of the car parks should be made 4 hours stays. This could only be done if it is possible to enforce it.

Town Clerk to be asked to write to East Riding of Yorkshire Council thanking them for the efforts being made to enforce the parking restrictions.

There was a discussion about having a time restriction on West Green QEII. Cllr Perry asked how would we enforcement it, to enforce it we would have to pay a person or employ the services of a parking company.

Suggested that a 2 hour parking restriction be put front Station Road – for car park. Cllr Perry asked about the potential of having a park and ride into Pocklington from a car park near the new filling station. Reported there is currently only a one hourly bus service and it would need to be more frequent for a park and ride to work.

Cllr Shepherd suggested investigating if it would be feasible to move the Tuesday market up Market Place and start in the small square by Barclay's Bank and go up Market Street. This would increase the number of car park spaces on Market Day. There would need to be a study done on access to the post office for deliveries and the power requirements for the market. The present set up allows vehicles to turn up Union Street rather than having to turn round.

Cllr Perry raised the issue of parking enforcement on those who park on the zig zags outside the schools and on footpaths blocking them for use by pedestrians. The Police have said that this is now an East Riding enforcement issue rather than one for them. The reason for this is that these offences have been decriminalised.

Agreed that we ask the question about enforcement outside schools and on yellow lines in the letter about parking enforcement. The Clerk will write to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

6. Consider the CCTV system in the town.

Cllr Perry gave an update on the CCTV system. Cllr Perry would like to ask Inspector York what will be needed to keep the CCTV system up to date and fit for purposes. This request will ask them for the cost of updating the system. In addition it would be useful to know how the CCTV is used. There is a log book which is filled in every time the CCTV is looked at. Cllr Perry suggested the Police Sergeant provides us with a 6 monthly report on how the CCTV has been used. Pocklington is a low crime area so every 6 months should be achievable.

Cllr Spademan commented that the CCTV system is more of a deterrent. Insp. York to be asked.

7. Consider the cycle path on Yapham Road.

The Clerk reported that Rupert Douglas of Sustrans has written to ask the Town Council about asking East Riding of Yorkshire Council to include the creation of the cycle path from Pocklington to Yapham Mill as a planning obligation on the developer of POC A.

There was a discussion about the existing footpath which if the vegetation was cleared would be wider. Cllr Ratcliffe reported that this had been successfully achieved on Canal Lane. The Clerk to contact Rupert Douglas and suggest he contacts Yapham Parish Council who could request this work as the path is not in our parish.

8. Consider the one way system for Percy Road and Chapmangate

Discussed in 3 above.

9. Consider the clerks report - The Clerk reported the remaining items on the report for information.

10. Consider further Road Safety suggestions for forwarding to East Riding for consideration.

- The lighting on the cycle path from Barmby Road to West Green is poor and doesn't provide much light in the winter. The Clerk is asked to report this issue to street lighting.
- Cllr Cooper raised the issue of parking and clutter at the Garage on the junction of George Street and Barmby Road was raised. Cllr Perry reported that visibility had improved. Cllr Cooper to send the Town Clerk a list of items that had already been actioned before any further action should be taken.
- Cllr Shepherd raised the issue of the camber on the footpath on Burnby Lane and New Street which means pushchairs and wheelchairs run towards the road. The town clerk will report this to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.
- Cllr Hutchinson raised the issue of illegible road signs and ask for replacements. Town Clerk will raise this with East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Cllr Cooper raised the pavement widening scheme for the footpaths on The Pavement and George Street. Cllr Strangeway had wanted this stopped so funding could be put in to other schemes.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.