



NORTH TAWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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MEETING NOTES

9th November 2022 2.30pm Town Council Office

Present Josh Scillitoe – Local Community Highways Officers (JS)
Cllr Colin Lee (CL)
Cllr Steve Whiteley (SW)
Cllr Alec Ranford (AR)
Cllr Carol Burrow (CB)
Cllr Christian Martin (CM)
Town Clerk Melanie Bickell (MB)

Double yellow lines in the Town

The DYL for outside 1 Market Street, which was previously agreed under HATOC 24409 are still outstanding

Agreed Outcome
JS to chase

Weight limit High St. except for access

JS advised that North Tawton High Street does not meet the current Devon criteria for a weight restriction.

The direction sign for lorries leaving Gregorlys yard needs to be reinstated

NTTC to consider DCC policy and if appropriate make representations to DCC Cllr James McInnes and MP Mel Stride

Agreed outcomes

JS to provide NTTC with copy of DCC weight restriction policy

MB to speak to Gregorlys and request they reinstate the direction sign for lorries leaving the yard

Footnote – Gregorlys have responded and will reinstate the sign asap

Pedestrian crossing Exeter St / Broad Hall.

The feasibility of a Zebra cross and the criteria for one was discussed. The foot fall, visibility and cost would all be a major factor. NTTC Transport Committee members are carrying out a brief foot fall study during November and this will be included in a report to JS to ascertain if DCC are willing to comment on feasibility and alternatives such as visual deterrents to slow traffic. JS advised that due to funding shortfalls this would be difficult to finance in the foreseeable future.

Agreed outcome

CL to take to Transport Committee to consider if they wish NTTC to fund a school crossing control officer (lollipop person)

Footnote – this can be voluntary or paid part-time position – DBS checks will need to be carried out, equipment and training provided

EV charging points

JS confirmed that DCC are still trialling on street charging points in a limited number of areas. The trial has been extended due to some equipment issues and to ensure that DCC policy is future proof. DCC are awaiting completion of the trial before finalising their policy and moving forward

James Bench is overseeing EV Charging points for DCC and JS has referred our enquiry regarding the provision of EV on-street charging in North Tawton (20.10.22).

JS predecessor, Darryl Jagger, previously agreed with NTTC to remove the DYL outside of the Barber Shop, The Square. It was provisionally agreed that due to the width of the pavement at this location, it would be a good place for an on-Street EV charging point.

CM enquired if the trial is further extended, could North Tawton be included in the trial?

Agreed Outcomes

JS to speak with James Bench and open an email-chain with NTTC, to look at the mechanism for trying to get an agreement for an on-street EV charging point outside of the Barbers and North Tawton being included in the trial.

Limited time parking in the square, ie 2 hours for a few spaces.

The current parking in the Square, in the marked bays, are not subject to a TRO and are therefore not enforceable.

The current sign outside of the post office restricting parking to 1 hour maximum should be moved/enlarged to make more obvious.

As NTTC own the carpark we can place our own time limit parking restrictions of NTTC chose to do so

Agreed outcomes

CL to raise with Transport committee – consideration of time limited parking in the carpark, applying to Amy Garwood (DCC) for a TRO on the marked bays in the Square, putting police notices are users of the marked bays in the square reminding them parking is restricted to 1-hour maximum duration and to review the signage for the town centre carpark to include a large blue 'P' which is universally recognised.

Pedestrianising clock tower / town hall.

JS advised that the roads around the clock tower are Highways maintainable at public expense and would therefore need considerate consultation with DCC Highways regarding redesigning the square. DCC own the highway therefore, it would be their responsibility to pay for a feasibility study to pedestrianise part of the roadway and/or redirect traffic flow. In the current financial constraints, DCC are concentrating on safety defect criteria only, which this would not constitute.

Agreed outcomes

CM to provide the Town Clerk with a plan of the proposed pedestrianisation (which will need to be approved by the Council)

MB to provide plan and proposals to JS

JS to open dialogue with DCC and NTTC regarding prospect of conducting a feasibility once he is in receipt of the plan and proposals from NTTC

VAS Batheway

NTTC can purchase their own VAS and place on any private property without permission from DCC Highways. JS will carry out a site visit on any proposed locations for safety/visibility purposes.

Agreed Outcome

CL to take to Transport Committee to ascertain if this is a project to take forward

40 mph east & west of De Bathe Cross.

Temporary limit previously in place for construction of the wind turbines was beneficial and SW enquired if it could be reinstated and made permanent?

JS advised that usually speed limit reductions are led on accident data

Agreed Outcome

JS to investigate accident data and eligibility of speed reduction

Doing what matters update

JS reported the scheme has been shelved, however, the priorities list identified by the scheme have all been completed.

Other matters

DYL Strawberry Fields – SW enquired regarding possibility of DYL along Strawberry Fields to reduce on-street parking – following concerns that access is restricted for emergency service vehicles. This is a matter for the emergency services to assess themselves and take up with DCC Highways if appropriate

Letherens Lane Drains – CB asked JS if he could arrange early cleaning of the drain and investigation at this location which constantly blocks and floods onto Fore Street?

Exeter Street Drain by the School – SW advised that this drain has a filter which requires cleaning – MB has previously reported this to JS

Meeting closed 4pm