

1950's PARISH COUNCIL LISTED IT AS BRIDLEWAY  
PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY IS HIGHWAY

1950's DCC ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS  
OF WAY MAINTENANCE

DEFINITIVE MAP 1958

1990's CTC WAS ASKED FOR THOUGHTS  
NOTHING RETURNED.

SCHEDULE 14 APPLICATION

TO SHOW IN THE 1950'S WAS WRONG  
NEW EVIDENCE TO SHOW IT IS SUCH

PARISH COUNCIL DECIDED IT WAS A BRIDLEWAY  
1950 1970 1990' ADVISOR

EVIDENCE IT WAS USED AS A RIGHT OF  
WAY BY MOTOR VEHICLE

PARISH COUNCIL DECIDED THAT ONE  
IT MUST BE INCLUDED NOT THE OTHER  
(SUITABLE FOR WALKERS & CYCLISTS)

EVIDENCE OF WHICH WALL WAS TAKEN DOWN

PIPPINS BUILT 1986 1998 EV6 & MHC6

1977

CONSERVATION ALON IN ~~1986~~

DID NOT EXIST

ENTRANCE WASNT IN CONSERVATION ALON

PIPPINS PLANNING ALONG THE  
EXISTING ENTRANCE

UNCLASSIFIED RD. NO PERMISSION REQ

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## Definitive Map Statement

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DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

Original Designation: Parish Cullompton	Status Bridleway	Number 28	Rural District Tiverton
Current Designation: Parish Cullompton	Status Bridleway	Number 28	District Mid Devon

**From** Tiverton Lane

**To** New Street (Shortlands Lane)

**Description**

The path is a Bridleway. It starts at the 3rd Class County road, Tiverton Lane, from a point opposite to Victoria Hall and continues south along a private accommodation road (not repairable by the inhabitants at large) known as Shortlands Lane to meet the northern end of the Unclassified County road approximately 70 yards short of the western end of New Street.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Judy Morris [mailto:judy.morris@btconnect.com]

**Sent:** 30 March 2009 16:12

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Shortlands Lane

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Malcolm James - EEC-PE&T

**To:** Judy Morris

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2009 2:31 PM

**Subject:** RE: Shortlands Lane

Judy


From our records Shortlands Lane is adopted from New Street northwards until it meets New Cut - the section beyond that is private but does have a Public Right of Way over it (Bridleway No 28).

I have no idea when it became Public Highway but it is shown on our Land Charges Map and that is the evidence we use to determine the status of highways in the absence of Adoption Agreements.

I attach an extract of the Land Charges Map showing adopted Public Highways coloured.


*Malcolm James*

*Development Management Officer - Highways and Transport*

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Judy Morris [mailto:judy.morris@btconnect.com]

**Sent:** 30 March 2009 11:46

**To:** Malcolm James - EEC-PE&T

**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Shortlands Lane

Hi Malcom

## Appendix C.

Judy Morris

**From:** "Meg Booth" <meg.booth@devon.gov.uk>  
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**Sent:** 27 April 2011 12:50  
**Subject:** RE: T&E Meeting 14th April  
 Judy,

At the start of the T&E meeting we heard a representation from Town Councillor Mike Thompson regarding Shortlands Lane Cullompton Bridleway BR28. The basis of the representation was that the County Council has altered the Definitive Map illegally, by not following a correct stopping up order procedure.

The basis of this as I understood it is that in 2008 he accessed the interactive mapping on the internet which showed the digitised route of BR28 extending as far south as the junction of New Street, and not at its terminal point (70 yards short). I did point out that this map is not the Definitive Map but a digitised copy and that an alteration to this would be to correct the information to reflect accurately the DM. However Mr Thompson did not accept this.

The Group therefore asked me to clarify whether

The actual Definitive Map for BR 28 has been altered.  
 The interactive map on the internet has been altered.  
 The DM statement for BR28 has been altered.

The Public Rights of Way Manager for Devon has confirmed that

The definitive map has not been altered in respect of BR28.  
 The interactive map was amended when it came to light that there was a small mistake with our digitising however a disclaimer makes it clear that the interactive map is not a legal record.  
 The definitive statement for BR 28 has not been altered.  
 We then went on to discuss the fact that the section of non-bridleway is recorded as public highway and my understanding of the comments made by Mr Thompson is that he did not accept the land charges records of the County Council as being correct records as they fail to record the date on which highways were adopted and do not additionally carry the County Council seal. The County's Solicitor has confirmed that land charges records do not have to include this information to comply with our duty to keep a list of maintainable highways.

I trust this fully answers the points raised by your Town Councillor. If you feel that I have failed to address any of the points raised, then please let me know.

Meg

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04/05/2011

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Please ask for Mr Heath

10 April 2012

Dear Mrs Morris

**SHORTLANDS LANE, CULLOMPTON**

Thank you for your letter of 2 April, the contents of which I note.

You will of course appreciate that the situation with Shortlands Lane is not unique within the County, in fact the County Council has a large number of claims relating to rights of way awaiting determination and has developed policies to ensure that limited resources deal with them in an efficient and fair way. This was explained to Mr and Mrs Speirs representative in an email sent to her on 22 August 2011.

In the same email the Rights of Way Manager, Mike Jenkins, explained that the issues at Shortlands Lane are not unusual and no one is being prevented from using the route on either foot, horse or in a vehicle. Consequently, as far as this Council is concerned, the matter does not warrant being dealt with out of turn and ahead of the current ongoing parish by parish review.

A copy of the Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan can be accessed on line at <http://www.devon.gov.uk/complete-rowip.pdf>

Those representing Mr and Mrs Speir have invited the County Council to simply accept the contents of their Report, and act upon it to bring about the changes they seek on behalf of their Clients. Clearly that would not be right.

In the Council's experience it would be unusual if the evidence contained within the Report was not open to interpretation, challenge or objection. It is therefore essential that this evidence is properly examined by not only the Council but also that all interested parties are given an opportunity to make representations.

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Chief Executive Phil Norrey

Assuming the Council is persuaded by the evidence, this is best achieved through the mechanism provided for in the making of a modification order under the provisions of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification of the County Council's position.

Yours sincerely

  
County Solicitor





*Judy - latest response from Highway Law  
for TC to consider with DCC letter.*

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**From:** Jenny Trevor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 April 2012  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Reply from County to Town Council (Cullompton)

Dear Dave, Dee and Mike  
Thanks for this.

In my opinion this is a delaying tactic. My comments to the letter are as follows:

1. The circumstances around the status of Shortlands Lane may not be unique but, at the same time, it is most unusual. In my 30 years experience I have never come across a situation where the result of the parish survey in the early 1950s have been ignored and the details on the definitive map recorded incorrectly as a result.
2. This is not a straight forward public rights of way determination which are usually to do with claims being made where, for example, a way NOT shown on the Definitive map should be shown or where a footpath shown is claimed to be a bridleway, etc.
3. The fact that the council confirm that vehicular use is not being prevented, when the council's own records show Shortlands Lane to be a public bridleway, means that they are in breach of their statutory duty. This is a staggering admission by them !!
4. This has nothing to do with their Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
5. The danger to the public that could arise from this statutory breach is not a matter that should be brushed aside, which they are appearing to do.
6. I am quite happy for my report to be scrutinized, challenged and possibly objected to but by whom and under what circumstance? If it is the council doing so, I would expect nothing less but as I have mentioned in recent communications there is no statutory authority for them to take this to public consultation - ie spending public funds in doing so.
7. With regards their penultimate paragraph, I agree that a modification order would need to be made under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 but the only way forward would be, what is known as, a legal event order which does not include public consultation - this is their error and has nothing to do with whether the public want it or not.

It is my opinion that what the Town Council needs to stress in response to this letter (apart from what I have said above) is that to leave it, is to be seen to be complacent by allowing an acknowledged (by DCC) unlawful and dangerous situation to continue to exist.

Believe it or not, but were they to accept the findings of my report, this would be a reasonably easy matter to regularise and then, once the status is confirmed, proper consideration can be given to how to make it good on the ground - again not necessarily difficult or expensive.

I really do feel that we are getting ever closer to needing to take this to the Ombudsman - but that is for you to consider.

I hope this helps.

Kind regards  
Jenny



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**Our ref: H4031396**

22 December 2015

Dear Mr Parish,

**Cullompton Bridleway 28 - Shortlands Lane**

Thank you for your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> December regarding this Public Bridleway.

As you may recall the status of this route has been raised with you before by other local residents. As was explained at that time, the route was recorded as a public bridleway on the Definitive Map and Statement for Cullompton during the 1950's. It runs over a private road. The county council agreed to make its status clear by signage, which we subsequently put in place. The route is maintained to a suitable inspection standard for its public bridleway designation.

It appears that residents with private vehicular rights wish to have the route re designated as a public road, adopted and maintained by the Highway Authority. To apply for this they can make a formal application through a Schedule 14 process to amend the Definitive Map and Statement based on evidence to show that the route was incorrectly recorded in the 1950's.

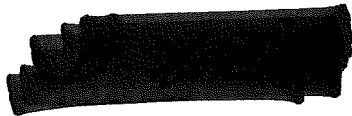
Natural England's guidance booklet, "A guide to definitive maps and changes to public rights of way" details the statutory modification order procedure - (flowchart on page 43). The booklet details the schedule 14 procedure whereby anyone can make a formal application for modification of the definitive map: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/414670/definitive-map-guide.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/414670/definitive-map-guide.pdf).

Alternatively, an application can be made to the Highway Authority to upgrade the Bridleway to a higher status through the relevant Highways Act legislation. This is unlikely to be successful as our Capital Allocation of Highway Maintenance Funding does not enable us to meet the current level of local needs on the existing road network. Indeed the Devon Highways' strategy which encompasses driving efficiency; mobilising community support and managing demand, includes within it

the prospect of stopping up or downgrading roads to minimise the demands on the highway service. Therefore the success of potentially adding to this network would be unlikely.

Following consideration of this matter I do not feel that a meeting with the interested parties would be productive and do not therefore consider it appropriate for my officers to attend a meeting as requested.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of David Whitton.

**David Whitton**

Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste



## Minutes of Cullompton Town Council meeting held at Cullompton Town Hall on Thursday 27 June 2019 commencing at 7pm

**Present:** Cllrs. Lloyd Knight (in the Chair), Will Jones (Deputy Mayor), James Buczkowski, Mel Davey, Robert Dietrich, Ian Findlay, Kathryn Haslett, Janet Johns, Ian Morton, Michael Oxford\*, Liza Oxford-Booth\* and Martin Smith  
*\*In attendance for part only of the meeting*

**Also in attendance:** 3 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

**Clerk:** Maria Weston – Deputy Town Clerk

It was noted that the meeting is being recorded.

- 37. APOLOGIES:** Received and accepted from: Cllrs. Eileen Andrews (personal- unwell), Kerry Baldwin (personal) and Gordon Guest (personal - unwell).

**NOTE:** Clerk informed members that both Cllr. Oxford and Cllr. Oxford-Booth had sent their apologies that they will be arriving late.

- 38. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: To receive declarations of pecuniary and personal interests from members present:**

Cllr. Mel Davey declared a personal interest as he is a friend of the owner of the ex-Post Office site and has information to discuss at the meeting (Agenda item. 10.ii)

- 39. PRESENTATION:** To receive a presentation on Affordable Housing provision by the Chief Executive of Mid-Devon District Council, Mr. Stephen Walford.

A slide show depicting the basis of Mr. Walford's talk 'Addressing Devon's Housing Need; the Local Authority Perspective...' was displayed on the Council's projector screen and Mr. Walford spoke about housing provision, developers, facts and figures.

**NOTE:** Mr. Walford will supply a PDF copy of his presentation to the Clerk who will circulate this to Councillors.

The Chair and members thanked Mr. Walford for attending and for his presentation.  
 Mr. Walford left the meeting.

- 40. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: To receive question from member of the public present at the meeting:**

(i) Mr. & Mrs. Speirs:

What is the Council doing about the rubbish that has been piling up in the side alleys off Fore Street?

They suggest that the Council walk along Fore Street and down the New Cut and Shortlands Lane to view the extent of the problem. There are only 3 no. private accommodation houses with the remainder being short term rentals. It is apparent that part of the issue is that the 'wheelie' bins cannot get past the scaffolding that is being used on 22a Fore Street where work is being carried out on its chimney. Photos of the rubbish was supplied to the Clerk. The rubbish has not been collected for 2 no. weeks and the odours emanating from this are very unpleasant.

The Town Mayor thanked Mr. & Mrs. Spiers for their question and confirmed that the Clerk will get back to them with a response as soon as possible.

(ii) Mr. Ashley Hellier:

- a) Would it be possible for the Council to post the answers to public questions on its Website so that the public were aware of what had been asked and what the Council's response had been? -

*Cllr. Buczkowski advised that a Resolution had been passed (approx. 12 no. months ago) which stated that all answers to public questions should be attached to the Minutes of the meeting (where the associated questions had been raised). The Clerk advised that posting answers to the Council's Website would be beneficial and this will be considered.*

- b) Can I share my answer to the parking question that I asked the Council last week? (whereby an ambulance had to wait for 15 minutes as it could not get past an inconveniently parked car on Church Street?)

*It was explained that the Council's response, in that this was a Devon County Council issue (as they are responsible for parking enforcement) should be shared, as this would be helpful for any future incidences with parking problems. It was further agreed that a link to Devon County Council should be publicised (e.g. on the Council's website) so that the public could report any such issues directly. Chair will arrange for the Town Clerk to speak to Devon County Council when she returns from Annual Leave.*

*Cllr. Morton will send through the link to the Clerk so that this can be distributed amongst Councillors.*

*Cllr. Johns mentioned that the police would deal with any obstruction issue but that if there was just a parking and not an obstruction the Police would not get involved and that ambulance staff would be aware this is the case and contact the police themselves straight away.*

The Chair thanked the public participants.

**MINUTES: To consider and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 June 2019.**

**41. RESOLVED: To** accept and approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 June 2019.

Proposed: Cllr. Jones Seconded: Cllr. Haslett Vote: All in favour.

**RESOLUTIONS: To note.** Noted.

**42.**

**REPORTS:**

**43.**

- (i) **Town Mayors Report** – Written report was circulated as follows:

#### **Town Mayor's Report      27<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Since the last meeting I attended the Police awards at the Guildhall, Exeter.

This was attended by the Mayors of Crediton and Honiton also the Deputy Lord Mayor of Exeter and a previous Mayor of Tiverton. The bravery of some of the recipients of the awards was amazing and some of the awards were for excellent community work that was done by either police staff or members of the public.

I could not attend the event for the Police Cadets at Tiverton last Saturday so I sent Deputy Mayor Cllr. Jones to represent me and the Council. So I would like to thank Cllr. Jones for doing this.

On 24<sup>th</sup> June myself, Cllr. Oxford-Booth and Cllr. Baldwin attended the flag flying ceremony for Armed Forces day which was held at MDDC. Also in attendance was the Mayor of Tiverton Cllr. Colin Slade. I took the opportunity to inform Cllr. Slade that I would be open to the idea of having communication between our two Councils if the option were to arise. He agreed. The Chair of MDDC gave a speech and raised the flag.

I attended the tender presentation at MDDC for the Cullompton Master planning. I can't say anything at the moment as the tender process is still undergoing.

Next week I will be attending a few events as the Mayor during the Cullompton Festival and I will report on this at the next meeting. I'm looking forward to the festival. I'm sure it will be excellent.

- (ii) **Police Report** – Clerk advised that the Police would not supply reports for every Council meeting but are happy to attend if the Council had specific questions that they would like answered or to address a specific issue.

NOTE: Cllr. Buczkowski suggested that the Police submit an overall report of crime statistics for future meetings and the Clerk will request this.

- (iii) **County/District Councillor Reports –**

The Chair informed members that District Cllr. Nikki Woollatt would not be supplying a report for this meeting but will do so for the next meeting in July.

The Chair advised that as Cllr. Eileen Andrews was not present, there would be no (verbal) report from her (in her capacity as a District Councillor).

Devon County & Mid-Devon District Cllr. John Berry gave a verbal report:

#### COUNTY:

- Devon County have brought forward their meeting – scrutiny corporate infrastructure, with 20 mph surveys through Devon and a Working Group has visited various villages. There will be further discussions on this and changes may well be in the offering, particularly in residential locations where there are more than 50 no. homes.
- Health & Audit Care Scrutiny Group which now has digital reception to bring all areas and the wards closer together – so better communication where everyone should know what each other is doing.
- Doctors' surgeries and the ambulance service have had scrutiny groups working within them, asking questions and have come back with some very good reports.
- The DCC & ICT strategic roadmap for digital transformation for 2018-21 has been set-up, with investment in digital platform providing services to aid communication.
- Microsoft Office 365 Technology Support Co-operative for staff at County Hall (care for adults & children etc.).
- A 'state-of-the-art' Mother and Baby unit has been opened at Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital and people with mental health issues will be taken care of within Devon.
- Loneliness is becoming quite a serious problem – not only for the elderly but also younger members of the community.
- Winter pressure have been scrutinised & updated for improvements. The discharging patients from hospital highlighted as needing improvements - as patients are sometimes sent out quite quickly with no information/support on the outside.
- Treatment and waiting times for cancer patients has also been scrutinised.
- Rapid Response Scheme for GPs - yellow cards scheme where they can feedback through the system is not working properly.

#### DISTRICT

- Siskin Chase planning application has been deferred. Unsure when this will be put forward again – probably August now. It is important that a representative of Cullompton Town Council goes along to the next planning meeting (at Mid-Devon) to put the case as they have objected to the application.
- Some Developers (not Mid-Devon) are placing netting over trees & hedges when building new homes. Mid-Devon District Council objected to this and are against this practice. This will be 'taken up' with Central Government.
- Re-cycling rates are high – at 53%.
- 97.8% of Council Tax was collected last year.
- Non-domestic rate of 99.3% in Mid-Devon.



- Burial Rates - Where a deceased person has no arrangements in place or no close relatives/family Mid-Devon can assist with the arrangements, practically & financially.
- Climate change & energy – Devon County Council has a Devon Climate Emergency Response Group. Mid-Devon District Council aim to be net zero by 2030 - this is accepted as a challenge not a set figure.

**NOTE:** Cllrs. Booth & Oxford-Booth joined the meeting.

Cllr. Smith suggested a vote of thanks to Cllr. Berry for turning up so faithfully and Cllr. Jones asked that Cllr. Andrews was included in this too.

**NOTE:** Cllr. Berry added that he has contacted Mid-Devon District Council about the rubbish concerns in the alleyways, as per the question by the member of the public previously and that they will be contacting the home owners/residents.

A discussion ensued about District and County Councillors attendance at Cullompton Town Council meetings and it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contacts all District Councillors (to include new Councillors) to request their attendance at all Council meetings where possible.

Proposed: Cllr. Haslett    Seconded: Cllr. Jones    Vote: 11 no. in favour, 1 no. against

The Chair extended thanks on behalf of the Council, to both Cllr. Berry and Cllr. Andrews for their continual attendance at Council meetings.

- (iv) **Cullompton High Streets Heritage Bid:** Report of meeting held on 13 June. Noted.

NOTE: Cllr. Johns informed members that there was a short deadline for submission of the 'expression of interest' (final draft required by end of June) and that the Heritage Action Zone Group was working as fast as they can!

- (v) **Any other reports.** None

#### **44. BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**Payments:** To approve payments for May 2019.

Cllr. Buczkowski mentioned that he had a query with the MST payment 10/5/19 £232.58 as this was showing as 'Correct input error'. The Clerk advised that this will be investigated with the Finance Officer but that it suggests an adjustment was made to the accounts as an error with inputting had been made.

- (i) **Current Bank Account Payments**

**RESOLVED:** With the proviso that the Clerk establishes why the adjustment was made in the accounts (MST payment 10/5/19 £232.58) and that the Council is informed of the reason, the Current Bank Account payments for May 2019, totalling £26,721.48 are approved.

Proposed: Cllr. Smith    Seconded: Cllr. Findlay    Vote: 10 no. in favour    2 no. abstentions

- (ii) **Credit Card Payments**

**RESOLVED:** That the Credit Card Payments for May 2019, totalling £72.85 are approved.

Proposed: Cllr. Haslett    Seconded: Cllr. Oxford-Booth    Vote: All in favour

**Financial Reports:** To receive Financial Reports for May 2019 -

- (iii) Bank Reconciliation - Noted.
- (iv) Detailed Balance Sheet - Noted.
- (v) Detailed Income & Expenditure Report – Noted.

#### **45. COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS:** To receive the draft Minutes of the following Committees

and Working Groups and approve the recommendations contained therein:

- (i) **Planning Committee** meeting on 13 June 2019 – To receive Minutes. Noted.
- (ii) **Christmas Lights Event Working Group** meeting held on 10 June 2019 – To receive Minutes. Noted.
- (iii) **Cemetery & Town Hall Committee** meeting held on 6 June 2019 – To receive Minutes and to approve the Committee Terms of Reference. Noted.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Cemetery & Town Hall Committee Terms of Reference as:

- The care, maintenance and regulation of the Cemetery, Town Hall and CCTV system.
- Review annually the Council's fees and charges for the cemetery and Town Hall.
- To control the finances of the Cemetery, Town Hall and CCTV system subject to the limits of the budget agreed by the Council.
- To undertake quarterly reviews of expenditure against the approved budget and to report to the council highlighting any concerns.
- To develop, fund and bring to fruition, projects for the improvement of the Cemetery, Town Hall and CCTV system.
- Health and safety matters impacting on the Cemetery and Town Hall.

Proposed: Cllr. Jones    Seconded: Cllr. Johns    Vote: All in favour

#### 46. MOTIONS PUT FORWARD BY COUNCILLORS:

- (i) **Cullompton Primary Schools Initiative:** Please could the Council consider their involvement in this project and whether it wishes to sponsor these books and/or promote this initiative. (Cllr. Liza Oxford-Booth)

NOTE: Cllr. Findlay expressed a personal interest at this point as he knows the author & publisher.

Cllr. Booth spoke about children being a good 'vehicle', as they will learn about the plastic environmental issue from these books (at school) and will then take this knowledge home to their parents etc. Discussion ensued about the books contents and message and where they would be of benefit in the various educational establishments within Cullompton. It was:

**RESOLVED:** 3 no. sets (comprising of 3 no. books in each set) are purchased and placed into:

- Willowbank Primary School
- St. Andrews Primary School
- Cullompton Library (Hayridge Centre)

At a cost of £20.00 per school – totalling £60.00.

Proposed: Cllr. Liza Oxford-Booth    Seconded: Cllr. Buczkowski    Vote: All in favour

- (ii) **Post Office Provision:** Please could the Council consider writing to appropriate individuals with regard to arrangements for a Post Office facility within Cullompton. (Cllr. James Buczkowski)

A copy of Cllr. Buczkowski's full Motion was supplied to the Council as follows:

'The Post Office provides essential services that many of our residents rely on, the lack of a post office is putting all of the town's residents at a disadvantage (affecting many that are the most vulnerable), it is also quite likely that the extremely fragile economy of the town centre is being affected by the defacto REMOVAL of a Post Office, without consultation. I propose that the Town Council writes to: Paula Vennells (CEO of Post Office Limited), Neil Parish MP (our local MP), Rt Hon. Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (the minister of the department which ultimately own the Post Office), and The Rt. Hon. James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (the minister who should

look after and protect communities) and demand, without further delay, that either a fixed post office is provided (by way of a salaried postmaster, if necessary) or that the town is visited by a mobile post office at least twice per week. Pointing out the previous communication and broken promises from the post office and if they fail to do so immediately, the Town Council expects them to provide an impact assessment of their decision to remove a Post Office from Cullompton.

An in-depth discussion ensued about the position with the Post Office currently and the building in which it is due to be located (re-instated). Cllr. Davey pointed out that the premises are privately owned and up for sale. The lady due to take over as the Post Mistress (also purchasing the property - both shop and above flat) has passed her post office checks but there had been an issue which had caused a delay. This has now been resolved and a (Conveyancing) Solicitor has been engaged. Cllr. Davey further stated that he had spoken to the owner of the site and it would appear that the Post Office facility will re-open fairly soon. It was pointed out that there was no definitive date for the re-opening at the present time.

**NOTE:** As the time is approaching 9:00pm it was:

**RESOLVED:** To extend the meeting for a period of 15 no. minutes (until 9:15pm).

Proposed: Cllr. Jones Seconded: Cllr. Johns Vote: All in favour

Discussion continued and it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk writes to Paula Vennells (CEO of Post Office Limited), Neil Parish MP (our local MP), Rt. Hon. Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (the minister of the department which ultimately own the Post Office), and The Rt. Hon. James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government (the minister who should look after and protect communities) and demand, without further delay, that either a fixed Post Office is provided by way of a salaried Post Master (if necessary) or the town is visited by a mobile Post Office at least twice per week, with the full range of service facilities that are found in other Post Offices. It should be pointed out that previous communications that we have had and the broken promises have all come to nothing and that if they do not provide a Post Office facility immediately, then the Council expect an impact assessment on their decision to be carried out so that they can see for themselves, the effect that this is having on our community.

Proposed: Cllr. Buczkowski Seconded: Cllr. Jones Vote: All in favour.

#### **47. COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT:**

**Cullompton Youth Project:** To receive the report on the Youth Services Project (Report of services April 2019).

**NOTE:** Clerk informed the Council that the Town Clerk had requested a more detailed report e.g. to include finances and also that at the end of the report it states 'Please see attached delivery plan' but that this was not attached and that neither the revised report nor plan had been forthcoming (as at the date the Town Clerk went on Annual Leave). Noted.

**NOTE:** It was mentioned that the junior session attendance has been quite low and that if there is anything that the Council can do to promote this then this should be advised. Cllr. Oxford-Booth informed the Council that the Youth Services Working Group are due to meet next week and the Youth Project report will be on the Agenda.

#### **48. CORRESPONDENCE**

Any correspondence received after the date of this agenda.

Clerk advised that there has been just 1 no. item which was the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service letter which spoke about the proposed changes to service delivery. Noted.

**NOTE:** Clerk to add this item to the Agenda of the next Town Council meeting.

Cllr. Jones informed the Council that he had spoken to the CEO of Mid-Devon District Council who had agreed that Cullompton Town Council would be provided with 'professional' name badges. Cllr. Jones will investigate options and will compile a report for full council.

**NOTE:** Clerk to add this item to the Agenda.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 25 July 2019 at 7pm. Noted.

With no further business the Chair thanked attendees and closed the meeting at 9:09pm.

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It is certified that these Minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed ..... Name ..... Date .....

# CULLOMPTON TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP

A meeting of the Traffic and Environment Working Group

Held on Thursday 26 September 2019

## MEMBERSHIP:

**Cullompton Town Council:** Cllr Lloyd Knight and Steve Reardon

**Devon County Council:** Councillor John Berry and Helen Selby

**Mid Devon District Council:** Councillor Nikki Woollatt and Steve Densham

## THOSE PRESENT:

Councillor John Berry (JB), Councillor Nikki Woollatt (NW), Helen Selby (HS), Steve Reardon (SR).

## SUMMARY

1. To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Steve Densham.
2. Welcome and Introductions. No introductions were necessary.
3. Chairman: To elect a Chairman. For this meeting, JB will chair in the absence of Councillor Lloyd Knight.
4. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 March 2019. The Summary was unanimously agreed.
5. Matters arising from above Minutes.
  - **Exeter Road Culvert.** There are still some works and Jacobs will conduct them due course. Matter ongoing.
  - **Brook Road/Jubilee Gardens.** Nothing more to report. No significant changes will be made to the levels and concentration will be made on individual property measures. Matter ongoing.
  - **Willand Road Traffic Order/Traffic Restrictions.** Works completed, matter resolved. There will be some additional works to the road markings when the NW Extension starts. There has been an issue with displaced cars parking in St George's View.
  - **Shortland's Lane Bridleway.** Matter ongoing. DCC investigating a long term resolution to the classifications of this Bridleway.
  - **Mill Stream.** A civil engineer has stated that Head Weir is not a problem but that blockages in the down stream channel is affecting water flow. A local, mystery, individual has desilted a 50m length of the mill stream and this has significantly improved the flow of water. The Town Council has formed a working group with a view to encouraging the riparian owners to clear the leat along the whole length. NW reported that the engineer's view is that, as an amenity rather than a functioning mill stream, the community should continue with ongoing maintenance via the precept and grant funding.

There are works required to the mill stream bank between Station Road and Middle Mill.



On a positive note, DCC conducted maintenance and repair works to the bridge at the foot of Middle Mill including revealing where the old mill wheel used to be. It was reported that the contractor had done an excellent job of the repair and maintenance works.

Matter ongoing.

- **Colebrook Lane/Swallow Way.** Nothing further to report as there is still yet to be a decision on which access to the Siskin Chase development will be used in the long term. Matter ongoing.
- **Footpath resurfacing in High Street and Fore Street.** Matter ongoing. Some finishing off to be done. Approximately 25 pavements in Cullompton have been identified for repair and slurry finishing. Prep work will take place in this FY with slurry sealing works in the next FY.
- **Costa Street Café.** DCC will approve the application subject to planning permission being granted.
- **Drainage at Forge Way and Middle Mill Lane.** After a very heavy down pour yesterday, NW considers that the drainage is not as effective as it could be. HS explained that, during very heavy rain fall, all drains will, on occasion, exceed their designed capacity and overflow. HS reported that DCC are not comfortable installing additional drainage in a privately owned lane although she will look at installing a couple of extra gullies at the Forge Way end of Middle Mill Lane.
- **Bus Shelters at Swallow Way and Willand Road.** Matter ongoing.
- **Relocation of the 30mph sign further toward Exeter in light of the proposed development at Springborne.** This will be down to the developer. Matter resolved.
- **Broken Fence at Millennium Way.** No action has yet been taken by the landowner despite being written to by DCC. Matter ongoing.

6. Any other matters that members would like to bring to the attention of the working group including:

- a. **St George's View parking.** Noted, but as this is a public highway, there is little that will be done to mitigate the vehicles displaced from Willand Road. In addition, although HS will inspect the site, the double yellow lines turning into St George's View will have been painted in accordance with the traffic order and accompanying drawings.
- b. **Shortlands Lane Bridleway maintenance.** Discussed previously; as it is a Bridleway rather than a public highway, DCC are required to maintain a navigable width of 1.2 metres.
- c. **Town Centre CCTV Signage.** HS was handed an image of the proposed GDPR compliant signs together with the locations of the existing signage. She will consult with DCC Highways and respond to SR in due course.
- d. **What happened to the finger post at the Forge Way end of Middle Mill Lane?** HS to check if it is in DCC storage.

7. Date and time of next meeting. SR will arrange a Doodle poll for the December meeting.

# CULLOMPTON TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP

Held at The Town Hall, Cullompton

at 10.00 am on Wednesday 5 September 2018

Membership:

Cullompton Town Council: Cllr Mike Thompson and Steve Reardon

Devon County Council: Councillor John Berry and Helen Selby

Mid Devon District Council: Councillor Nikki Woollatt and Steve Densham

Present:

Councillor John Berry, Councillor Mike Thompson, Councillor Eileen Andrews, Steve Reardon, Steve Densham, Helen Selby.

## SUMMARY

1. To receive apologies for absence. Councillor Nikki Woollatt (Councillor Eileen Andrews is in attendance as Substitute).
2. Welcome and Introductions.
3. Chairman: To elect a Chairman. Councillor John Berry elected for this meeting.
4. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 March 2018. The summary of meeting held on 9 March 2018 were agreed.
5. Matters arising from above Minutes.
  - **St George's Well Drainage.** Persimmon have undertaken works to ensure the ponds comply with approved drawings although the Planning Department have not yet inspected the work. The matter is considered closed.
  - **Millenium Way Bus Stop.** Remains ongoing.
  - **M5 Bridge/Relief Road and access to Kingsmill Industrial Estate.** Remains ongoing. HS will forward MT's email suggesting a box junction at Kingsmill to the appropriate decision maker. Anecdotal feedback from Kingsmill indicates no difference has been made with highway changes made to this junction.
  - **Exeter Road Culvert.** HS is chasing the contractor and is unsure if the required works has been completed. She will update as soon as she knows. SD will also liaise with the Environment Agency. Remains ongoing.
  - **Willand Road Traffic Order/Traffic Restrictions.** The new restrictions have been posted and feedback is being received. Objectors should be advised to object in accordance with the notice and not on Facebook.
  - **Trumps Barn/Swallow Way Drainage.** Matter ongoing – the matter is currently being looked by DCC legal.
  - **Shortlands Lane Bridleway.** Signposts requested to be moved. DCC have stated that, as this is a bridleway and is maintained as such, the hedge that is encroaching into Shortland's Lane at the Tiverton Road end is not a safety issue unless there is less than 1.2m of carriageway.

- **Manhole Covers at the former Barclay's and Clark's Court.** Matter ongoing.
- **Bus Bay at Tiverton Road.** HS has looked at this bus bay and the proposal is to move the eastbound bus stop to a position just east of The Young Ones day nursery. Matter ongoing.
- **Millenium Way speeding.** Matter ongoing. MT stated that he has received no further information on potential training for Councillors in the use of speed monitoring equipment.
- **Falcon bus.** John Berry considers that the current location, outside the Weary Traveller, is safer for pedestrians and those waiting for and disembarking the Falcon.
- **Mill Stream.** SD reported that, under the lease, MDC are not responsible for the bank between the path and the watercourse although the untidiness has been resolved for this season. Discussions continue between DCC and MDDC concerning ongoing maintenance and repair. Councillor Woollatt's update was noted. Ongoing matter with SD talking to the riparian owners.

6. Any other matters that members would like to bring to the attention of the working group including:

- a. **Request for signage to be erected directing drivers and pedestrians to Cullompton Rangers Football Club.** The correspondent will be advised to amend his directions for visitors to follow directional signage to the CCA Recreation Fields.
- b. **Request from a member of the public for more time limited Disabled Parking places in High Street.** Councillor Mike Thompson stated that parking in High Street is a hot topic. He stated that the disabled spaces in High Street are often used by vehicles who do not display Disabled Parking Permits and who get away with it due to a lack of enforcement. It was considered that there are sufficient spaces both in terms of numbers of disabled spaces and in terms of the percentage of disabled spaces available in High Street. HS will investigate the Vets parking space in High Street.
- c. **Confirmation is requested regarding the adopted status of Goblin Lane and, should the land prove not to be an adopted road, what options are available for the resurfacing of this road.** Goblin Lane has never been adopted and neither has the adjacent footpath but, as a bridleway, it will be maintained, by DCC, to the minimum standard required for bridleways. DCC stated that, should the residents wish to have the bridleway resurfaced beyond the minimum standard required for a bridleway, they would be welcome to do so at their own expense.
- d. **Concern expressed at the potential for a relief road to be constructed through the CCA Recreation Fields and the use of HIF Funding to facilitate this potential relief road.** This issue should be forwarded, by the correspondent, to form part of the public consultation concerning the proposed routes of the road.
- e. **Confirmation of the status of the Disabled Parking place marked on the road outside 77 Knightswood.** This Disabled Parking place remains in use by another disabled user. It was, however, confirmed that there are no restrictions on using Disabled Parking places and no user of these spaces (whether displaying a Disabled Parking Badge or not) can be moved on or penalised for using these spaces.

- f. **Confirmation that drainage in Brook Road has been jetted.** It was confirmed that this work had been conducted on 15 August 2018.
  - g. **Maintenance and long term future of the shrubbery either side of the entrance to Linnet Dene.** This floral feature will not be removed following a call from some local residents. DCC will cut it back if and when it becomes a safety issue.
  - h. **Installation of a footpath along Brook Road adjacent to the wall surrounding the Aldi/Home Bargains car park.** It was considered that there is insufficient room for the installation of a footpath at this location.
  - i. **Colebrook Lane/Swallow Way and the stream that runs from Kia Ora and Padbrook.** The ongoing flooding has been raised by a member of the public. SD reported that, at the top end of Colebrook Lane, there is a highway culvert where the water breaks out during heavy rain. There was some discussion and an annual investigation schedule will be investigated – HS will also investigate the possibility of an immediate clean if it is required. SD will also walk the route of the water course to identify potential risks.
  - j. **Councillor Mike Thompson reported that two more people have fallen outside the carpet shop in recent times.** HS does not yet have a date for the resurfacing of Fore Street pavements but it will be in the current Financial Year and she will inform all relevant parties when a date has been set.
7. Date and time of next meeting. The next meeting will take place in early December.

# CULLOMPTON TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP

**A meeting of the Traffic and Environment Working Group  
will be held at the Town Hall, Cullompton at 10.00 am on Thursday 21 June 2018**

## MEMBERSHIP

Cullompton Town Council: Cllr Mike Thompson and Judy Morris

Devon County Council: Councillor John Berry and Helen Selby

Mid Devon District Council: Councillor Nikki Woollatt and Steve Densham

Present: Councillor Mike Thompson, Councillor Nikki Woollatt, Helen Selby, Steve Densham

The Assistant Town Clerk (Clerk)

## SUMMARY

*Councillor Mike Thompson informed those present that he would be making an audio recording of the meeting.*

- 1. To receive apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Councillor John Berry.
- 2. Welcome and Introductions.** Introductions were made.
- 3. Chairman:** To elect a Chairman. Councillor Nikki Woollatt was elected Chairman only for this meeting.
- 4. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 March 2018.** The summary of the meeting was noted.
- 5. Matters arising from above Minutes.**
  - **St George's Well Drainage.** Nothing further to report. SD reiterated that the Planning Department were going to chase the Developer in view of the fact that the construction of the attenuation basin was not in accordance with the approved plans. Planning Enforcement and the developer are liaising and SD will forward a post meeting note following investigating. With management of open green space now being undertaken by the private sector, matters such as this are likely to become more of an issue.



- **Millennium Way Bus Stop hard standing.** This matter remains ongoing. NW raised a wider issue that Millennium Way is used as a pedestrian route even without pathways installed and it is becoming dangerous as there are inspection pits that, in the light of reduced grass cutting, are dangerous. HS suggested that there may be insufficient people using Millennium Way to justify the expense of installing a footpath.
 

- **ACTION:** NW and SG will email Jenny Clifford. It may be that s106 funding could be used – to be included in the s106 Working Group Agenda although it was stated that DCC have no Capital Funding available.
- **M5 Bridge/Relief Road.** HS reported that work will start next week to widen the Kingsmill/Honiton Road junction to allow a left and right turning lane. Mike Thompson suggested a box junction to protect egress from the estate turning right. Eastern Relief Road – NW reported that WSP have been appointed to produce route options of a scheme to install a road to the east of the Town. Pre application and consultation on route options should be taking place in September.
- **Exeter Road Culvert.** Plans have gone to a contractor in order to have the culvert cleared. SD asked about drainage at Brook Road – HS reported that this part of the water course doesn't belong to DCC. With regard to the pre-school/Duke Street water courses, SD reported that there had been some talk of some works to increase water flow – HS will check and get back to the meeting.
- **Willand Road Traffic Order/Parking Restrictions.** HS reported that this is in the plan and should be marked imminently. No timescale to date – Mike Thompson questioned whether the Traffic Order had been done or not. HS will check.
- **Trumps Barn/Swallow Way Drainage.** This is still ongoing. SD reported that the drainage was severed, SWW are refusing to reconnect it and the matter may be subject to legal action between DCC and SWW.
- **Shortlands Lane Bridleway.** Mike Thompson stated that the signs are too high to be seen effectively from a car. HS reported that, despite what is noted in the summary of the last meeting, it is not on the list to rectify. HS will talk to DCC PROW and report to the next meeting.
- **Manhole Covers at Barclay's and Clark's Court.** Ongoing.
- **Fore Street/High Street Footpaths.** Letter from DCC stating that works to replace slabs with blacktop in this area will be brought forward to this financial year. NW brought to the attention of the working group the wider issue of a major street scene improvement and plans that were done some time ago. Since then, the funding was withdrawn and spent elsewhere

although MDDC intend to produce a Masterplan for the Town Centre. She hopes that DCC will work with MDDC with this Masterplan with a view to improving the whole street scene including paving options – Ian Sorenson will be the point of contact when the Masterplan process begins. Funding may have to be via Developer Contributions.

- **Pedestrian Crossing Safety.** HS reported that funding is an issue and there is little enough funding for actual accident black spots let alone potential ones. HS suggested that, if the Town Council were to fund it, a flashing speed warning sign may be permissible. Pelican Crossings will probably not be approved for funding and congestion reasons. There was some discussion surrounding pedestrian use of the crossings at the junction of Station Road and High/Higher Street – again, nothing will be done at this non-accident black spot.
- **Speeding Honiton Road/Millennium Way.** The Town Clerk is requested to report on progress with training Town Councillors to conduct speed checks.
- **Bus bay at Tiverton Road.** Mike Thompson suggested that the bus stops in the vicinity of Langlands Road are on a bend and should be moved. He suggested that having them in the vicinity of the Pre-School would be a better location although HS stated that a TRO would be required.

○ <b>ACTION:</b> HS will investigate.
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- **Ways Lane.** NW has been in contact with residents of Way Lane and there are concerns that it being used as a rat-run. She suggested installing a speed bump to mitigate speed of vehicles using the lane. HS stated that funding is an issue and it is considered to be a very minor concern. It was also noted that a speed bump would mitigate speed down the lane but increase noise pollution at the same time.
- **Bilbie Close Parking restrictions.** There appears to be no viable solution to this issue. NW suggested a leaflet drop warning of the dangers of restricting the width of roads for Emergency Vehicles by inconsiderate parking. Has the complainant been responded to? Discussion surrounding on street parking generally, particularly at Kingfisher Reach and Saxon Fields. HS will investigate when Kingfisher Reach is likely to be adopted.
- **Stagecoach Falcon Service.** It has been suggested that the bus stops elsewhere. NW suggested that, in the long term, there may be a transport hub but, in the short term, there may not be any solutions. Mike Thompson stated that there is little waiting – the bus does embark and disembark passengers and their luggage but there is very little waiting. Assistant Town Clerk to find the response from Stagecoach.

**6. Any other matters that members would like to bring to the attention of the working group.**

- HS reported that she has pushed to have funding made available to resurface Kingsmill Road at the same time that the widening works are done.
- **Grass cutting.**
  - NW raised the issue of the grass along the leat bank and the footpath along the leat. SD confirmed that the Western side of the leat is leased by MDDC from the CCA. NW is concerned that this area hasn't been cut in some time and is concerned that, as this hasn't been cut despite the cutters being in town, that this area has been forgotten. SD will investigate. On a wider issue, NW stated that, historically, the area between Station road and Higher Mill has been cut by Cullompton Town Council, between Higher Mill and Middle Mill was done by DCC and between Middle Mill and Lower Mill by MDDC. She has suggested that DCC and MDDC work together to cut the whole area. SD will investigate.
  - NW raised the issue that the grass at the crossing of the motorway junction is impeding the visibility of pedestrians crossing the junction. HS stated that Highways England should be contacted to improve this visibility splay.

▪ <b>ACTION:</b> Town Clerk to contact Highways England.
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- NW stated that there is no water flowing over her weir at Higher Mill at present. She has investigated that the water course along Millennium Way is choked with vegetation, silt and rubbish. One of the riparian owners is open to conducting the required works but is unprepared to do so without practical and financial support from the other riparian owners. HS will consult with Land Registry to establish who these riparian owners are and SD suggested that the Act needs to be interrogated further to establish what exactly who is responsible for in terms of water flow along the entire leat.
- The Assistant Town Clerk reported concerns from a resident concerning the existing parking spaces at the western end of Tiverton Lane between the Cemetery and the junction with High/Fore Streets. It was considered that these parking spaces are essential for traffic calming and that they are also essential for disabled users in the event that there is no parking available in the High Street. HS stated that DCC will respond to the correspondent and include Cullompton Town Council in their response.

**7. Date and time of next meeting. Assistant Town Clerk to investigate potential dates in September. Not 19-26/9 (HS not available).**

# **CULLOMPTON TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP**

## **Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 9 March 2018 at 10am in Cullompton Town Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllr John Berry (DCC) (in the chair), David Ashford (DCC), Cllr Eileen Andrews (MDDC), Cllr Mike Thompson (CTC) and Judy Morris (CTC) (Minute taker).

1. **APOLOGIES:** Steve Densham (MDDC)

2. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 September 2017 were approved as a correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

(a) **St Georges Well drainage:** As SD was unable to attend the meeting to make a report this item was deferred until the next meeting.

(b) **Bus stops, Millennium Way:** Passengers alight from a bus onto wet uncut grass.

**ACTION: DA** will investigate whether a hardstanding can be provided on the grass verge, this will require ramp/disabled access. He will report back at the next meeting.

(c) **Traffic Management M5 Bridge:** Devon County Council has come up with three options to improve the access onto Station Road from Kings Mill Road.

**ACTION: JM** to contact DCC and request details of design proposals to improve access to Higher Kings Mill.

Discussion about options to improve the M5 junction, contact DCC to find out if there are any updated plans, it was thought that the proposal to re-open the railway station will impact on the junction and should be taken into account. Traffic survey and traffic count required.

(d) **Eastern Relief Road:** Draft plans for the route of the road have been submitted to the Local Plan Inspector. MDDC has stressed that the proposals are merely indicative to show that a road can be achieved and there is still a lot of work and consultation to do before the final route is approved.

**NOTE:** Cllr Eileen Andrews declared a personal interest in respect of the above item as she is a member of the Cullompton Community Association.

- (e) **Drainage:** NA reported that DCC will be carrying out a survey of the culvert which runs under Exeter Road to Brook Road in October with a view to replacing the culvert.

**ACTION:** DA will find out what is happening with regard to the culvert which runs under Exeter Road and report back to the next meeting.

**NOTE:** Cllr Mike Thompson declared a personal interest in respect of the above item as he lives in Exeter Road.

- (f) **Willand Road:** Traffic Order for parking restrictions currently going through the consultation process. Concern that the double yellow lines do not go far enough along Willand Road. DCC hopes to carry out the lining work as soon as possible after the consultation has been completed.

Another Traffic Order is required for the opposite side of the road. DCC considering traffic calming and construction of a pavement to the Integrated Centre for Health.

- (g) **Trumps Barn/Swallow Way:** Continuing problems due to developers having broken a drainage pipe. Developer waiting for permission to install a new pipe.

- (h) **Shortlands Lane:** Bridleway signs need relocating as they are difficult for people to see. On the DCC list for the work to be carried out when they have the time.

**ACTION:** DA and MT to make a site visit to look at the signage issue and also consider pothole repairs.

- (i) **Station Road, highway drains and sewers:** Manhole cover lifts outside Barclays Bank and Clarks Court every time there is heavy rain and Clarks Court has suffered flooding on occasions. DCC to install a new pipe from manhole cover to culvert to solve the problem.

JB reported that the pavement in Station Road, immediately before the raised footpath is to be upgraded.

- (j) **Fore Street/High Street, uneven paving slabs:** DCC will replace paving slabs with tarmac to combat this problem. Work to be carried out in three phases, Fore Street (west side), Fore Street (east side), High Street, when the funding is available, possibly one phase each year.

**ACTION:** DA will investigate the timescales for the replacement of paving slabs with tarmac in Fore Street/High Street and report back to the next meeting.

(k) **Safety on pedestrian crossing:** Concerns raised by members of the public about vehicles failing to stop at the pedestrian crossings in Fore Street and Exeter Road. DCC has rejected a proposal to install flashing speed reminder signs as they consider that they will distract drivers.

(l) **Speeding Honiton Road and Millennium Way:** Speed check training for Town Councillors being progressed.

**ACTION: JM** to contact Police to find out if they are still willing to organise speed check training for Town Councillors.

(m) **Bus pull-in Tiverton Road:** The Town Council has received a request from a member of the public to move the bus stop from its current location further up Tiverton Road to this lay-by as it will make it safer to alight from the bus.

**ACTION: DA** will find out the current classification of the lay-by and whether a TRO is required to enable it to become a “bus bay”.

**6. WAYS LANE: To consider letter from concerned residents and agree way forward:** Residents of Way Lane are concerned about traffic using the lane as a “rat run”. The lane has no pavements and is used as a pedestrian route to school.

**DA** explained that DCC will not introduce a 20mph speed restrictions because they are not considered effective as the Police won’t enforce. It was not considered feasible to block off access to the lane from Exeter Road as this will restrict access for other vehicles.

**ACTION:** Respond to the Ways Lane residents sympathising with their concerns but explain that unfortunately the Group cannot think of any action that can be taken to help resolve the problem.

**7. BILBIE CLOSE: To consider email from concerned resident and agree way forward:** Concern about double parking in layby which restricts access for large service vehicles and the emergency services.

**ACTION: DA** will visit Bilbie close to assess whether parking restrictions can be introduced to help the situation.

**8. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT FORE STREET: TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL THAT A TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM IS INSTALLED IN FORE STREET TO MANAGE TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS:** It was considered that both pedestrian crossings would need to be removed and replaced with a Pelican crossing to make this idea feasible.

**AGREED:** That the installation of a traffic light system in Fore Street to manage traffic flows will simply aggravate the situation in another location and is not feasible.

**9. TO CONSIDER ANY MATTERS FOR INCLUSION IN THE LOCAL ANNUAL WAITING RESTRICTIONS PROGRAMME 2018/19:**

**AGREED:** To put forward the following parking restrictions for consideration:

- Willand Road (eastern side)
- Bilbie Close
- Exeter Road, outside 98 Exeter Road, between lane access and zig-zag lines for zebra crossing, parked cars obscure visibility from lane.

**10. ANY OTHER MATTERS THAT MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE WORKING GROUP.**

**(a) Bus Stop, Station Road:** The pavement besides the bus stop close to the Weary Traveller is low and there is always a puddle of water. Discussion about the bus as, at peak times, it impedes the flow of traffic.

**ACTION:** That a representative from Stagecoach (Falcon Bus) is invited to a meeting of the Group to discuss whether the bus could stop at an alternative location in order to lessen the impact it has on traffic flows at peak times.

**(b) Potholes:** DA offered to take a look at potholes reported between Orchard Way and Haymans Close and also at the bottom of St Andrews Hill.

**11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Friday 25 May at 10am.

# **CULLOMPTON TRAFFIC AND ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP**

## **Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 26 September 2017 at 10am**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Karl Busch (MDDC) (in the chair), Cllr John Berry (DCC), Nick Allen (DCC), Steve Densham (MDDC), Cllr Mike Thompson (CTC) and Judy Morris (CTC) (Minute taker).

- 1. APOLOGIES:** None
  - 2. MINUTES:** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 June 2017 were approved as a correct record.
  - 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**
    - (a) St Georges Well drainage:** SD explained that MDDC had intended to commission an independent report but the developers insisted on carrying out the survey work themselves. There is an issue with sludge/safety and the aim is to find out whether the retention ponds were built in accordance with the approved drawings, **SD** will continue to make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.
    - (b) Bus stops, Millennium Way:** Passengers alight from a bus onto wet uncut grass. **NA** is investigating provision of hardstanding on the grass verge, this will require ramp/disable access. He will report back at the next meeting.
    - (c) Traffic Management M5 Bridge:** Devon County Council has come up with three options to improve the access onto Station Road from Kings Mill Road. Discussions arranged with Gregory Transport, **JB** will report back at the next meeting.
    - (d) Eastern Relief Road:** Draft plans for the route of the road have been submitted to the Local Plan Inspector. MDDC has stressed that the proposals are merely indicative to show that a road can be achieved and there is still a lot of work and consultation to do before the final route is approved. It was noted that the Local Plan Public Inquiry has now been deferred.
    - (e) Drainage:** **NA** reported that DCC will be carrying out a survey of the culvert which runs under Exeter Road to Brook Road in October with a view to replacing the culvert.
- NOTE:** Cllr Mike Thompson declared a personal interest in respect of the above item as he lives in Exeter Road.
- (f) Willand Road:** Traffic Order for parking restrictions currently going through the consultation process. Concern that the double yellow lines do not go far enough



along Willand Road. DCC hopes to carry out the lining work as soon as possible after the consultation has been completed.

- (g) **Trumps Barn/Swallow Way:** Continuing problems due to developers having broken a drainage pipe. DCC will not adopt until the drainage issues have been resolved. Developers talking to SWW about connecting into the main sewer.

JB explained that Barratts are expected to rod the drain opposite Trumps Barn regularly to keep it clear but this has not been happening. DCC to chase Barratts.

- (h) **Shortlands Lane:** Bridleway signs need relocating as they are difficult for people to see. On the DCC list for the work to be carried out when they have the time.

- (i) **Brook Road:** Revised parking restrictions to be put in place in the near future. TRO being processed.
- (j) **Station Road, highway drains and sewers:** Manhole cover lifts outside Barclays Bank and Clarks Court every time there is heavy rain and Clarks Court has suffered flooding on occasions. DCC to install a new pipe from manhole cover to culvert to solve the problem.
- (k) **Fore Street/High Street, uneven paving slabs:** DCC will replace paving slabs with tarmac to combat this problem. Work to be carried out in three phases, Fore Street (west side), Fore Street (east side), High Street, when the funding is available, possibly one phase each year.
- (l) **Culm Lea:** Developer has now installed a safety barrier along a new path onto Honiton Road to allay resident's safety concerns. DCC do not intend to alter the change in priority which residents are concerned about.

Play area consultation to be carried out in near future by MDDC.

- (m) **Tiverton Road:** Complaints about large vehicles using the back road from Cullompton to Tiverton. NA agreed to investigate a possible weight restriction.
- (n) **Safety on pedestrian crossing:** Concerns raised by members of the public about vehicles failing to stop at the pedestrian crossings in Fore Street and Exeter Road. Flashing signs can be installed to make them more visible to drivers, but the Town Council will be required to pay for these. DCC will provide a quote if CTC can provide details of suitable locations.
- (o) **Speeding Honiton Road and Millennium Way:** Speed check training for Town Councillors being progressed.

#### 4. ANY OTHER TRAFFIC RELATED MATTERS

- (i) **Bus pull-in Tiverton Road:** Complaint from Young Ones Day Nursery about coaches pulling in to the lay-by in front of the Nursery to collect/deliver children for out of

school activities such as swimming. The Town Council has received a request from a member of the public to move the bus stop from its current location further up Tiverton Road to this lay-by as it will make it safer to alight from the bus. **NA** will find out the current classification of the lay-by and whether a TRO is required to enable it to become a “bus bay”.

**(ii) Entrance to property from rear across pavement in Tiverton Road:** Gateway in the fence with access across the pavement (no dropped kerb). **SD** offered to find out whether permission had been obtained.

**(iii) Cones Exeter Road:** Erected by BT but not removed although the work would appear to have been completed. **NA** offered to find out what is happening.

**5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** To be advised.

