

Main points arising: Minutes of previous meeting/ Operations and Events Manager's report/PVRS remedials/ Elm Beds Road/ Poynton Show/ Bus shelter insurance claim

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 30TH JUNE 2014 AT THE CIVIC HALL, POYNTON.

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr A Smith

Cllrs. B Lewis, Ms R Horsman, Mrs S Horsman, G King, Mrs J Sewart and G Smith

Attending under SO 54: Cllr R West substituting for Cllr G Bartos

Also attending under SO 56: Cllrs. H Murray, P Hoyland and Mrs J Saunders

8. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. G Bartos and I Hollingworth

9. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

Cllr West declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13, regarding Elm Beds Road, since he knows ex-Councillor Chris Beard well. Cllr West said he would therefore abstain on any vote on this issue.

10. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th May 2014

p.275 – Cllr Lewis explained that the main thing he was objecting to, apart from the gap in the double yellow lines along the Park Lane end of Towers Road, was the fact that a comprehensive parking review was never conducted. Under that review it was going to be proposed that the double yellow lines were extended further to the edge of the first house, to try and prevent people parking in this area.

The Operations Manager explained that he has looked at this and has referred the matter back to CE Highways. Regarding the extension of the double yellow lines, this matter would probably need to be referred to the LAP Minor Works group, as the likely source of funding. This Council would have to make representation to the LAP for the necessary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Cllr Lewis asked the CE Councillors if this was correct. Cllr Mrs Saunders explained that the LAP funding is limited to around £23,000 a year, and is subject to bids from all those parishes within the Poynton LAP. Cllr

Lewis understood that the LAP funding was for new works and not repairs, and questioned whether extending the double yellow lines could be classed as new work. Following discussion on the state of the current yellow lines, it was agreed that the Operations Manager and Cllr Lewis pay a site visit to the area concerned.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 19th May 2014 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (4 - 4abs)

11. Operations and Events Manager's Update

The Operations and Events Manager presented his written update for May/June 2014.

Street Lighting

The Operations Manager has received a steady flow of complaints regarding street lighting. Cllr A Smith requested that the matter of street lighting is escalated within CE by the CE Cllrs Murray and Mrs Saunders. The Operations Manager is able to provide details of the situation to date.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Murray and Mrs Saunders escalate the issue within CE. They will liaise with the Operations Manager for details (NC)

Issues in the Civic Centre car park

Cllr Lewis noted that CE does not own all of the Civic Centre Car Park. The Operations Manager has a map which shows the details of ownership. The Clerk explained that there is a written maintenance agreement between CE and Waitrose, and in the agreement is a map which shows the extent of the Civic Centre Car Park and that area for which Waitrose is responsible. The Clerk informed members that Waitrose assets representatives are visiting the site tomorrow when these remedial issues will be taken up with them. In addition the Clerk has discussed this issue with the current Waitrose manager this evening to ensure this happens.

Lady's Inclines

Members approved the Operations Manager's request to conduct further investigation and obtain quotes for the repositioning of the kissing gate at Towers Road, to avoid a trip hazard.

RESOLVED: That the Operations Manager conduct further investigation and obtain quotes (NC)

Community Resilience Plan

Cllr Hoyland noted the extensive work carried out by the Operations Manager to produce the resilience plan, which has also received plaudits from CE.

RESOLVED: That the report from the Operations Manager is received with thanks, and that Members propose a vote of thanks to the

Operations Manager and his team for the excellent work on the resilience plan (NC)

12. PVRS remedial programme

The Operations and Events Manager presented the written update on the PVRS remedial programme.

Cllr Mrs Sewart questioned the yellow markings that have been spray painted are on the paved area outside the Thai Restaurant at Fountain Place. The Operations Manager said that Ringway Jacobs are aware of this, and it was all water-related and involved the Thai Restaurant. The water issue has now been remedied. Cllr Murray suggested that the markings may be as a result of moving a light column as requested by the restaurant owner. Cllr Mrs Sewart asked if the Town Council have the power to request that the markings are removed by whoever is responsible. The Operations Manager will look into this.

RESOLVED: That the Operations and Events Manager's written report is received (NC)

13. Elm Beds Road

Cllr West asked the Clerk for advice on whether to leave the meeting on this item. The Clerk advised that in his opinion it would suffice for Cllr West to abstain on any vote.

Members considered the status of Elm Beds Road, following a request from a resident for Town Council funding for repairs. The Clerk had reproduced relevant sections of Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) 15 for Members' information, and also had a complete copy of PPG 15 available for Members if required.

Cllr Mrs Saunders queried the meaning of conservation. The Clerk noted that the e-mail refers to replacing the setts which would suggest retaining the road as a cobbled road. Cllr Lewis felt that the Town Council should not take any action to repair the road since they would otherwise be associating with the caravan park. Cllr Murray said there are a number of controversial issues in this vicinity, including a commercial site. Perhaps if a cocktail of funding was proposed then the Town Council could consider this issue, but conservation costs could be quite high, and disrupting a commercial site mean that regrettably in this instance the Town Council cannot do anything unless a better proposal involving others comes forward.

Following discussion it was agreed that this matter is referred to the CE Task Force set up to progress a number of issues concerning the caravan site.

RESOLVED: That the issue of Elm Beds Road is referred to the CE Task Force (7 - 1 abs (Cllr R West))

14. Request for the easement of the Town Council's Byelaws

Cllr Mrs Sewart proposed that the request for an easement of Poynton Town Council's Byelaws to enable the Poynton Show to take place at Poynton Park on Saturday 23rd August 2014 is granted. Cllr Lewis said that it should be made clear that the park is not closed, and the show organisers must not obstruct any of the footpaths.

The Clerk said this could be included in the letter but the quandary is that the Poynton Show Committee do charge an entrance fee and they could stand to lose a lot of revenue. Cllr Hoyland said that this is precisely the reason the Poynton Show are requesting an easement to the Byelaws so that they can effectively close the park temporarily and use it to stage the Poynton Show. Cllr West agreed that he was somewhat puzzled since this event has been running for 140 years and there is a mechanism to allow the organisers to use the park for the purpose of the Poynton Show. The Clerk noted that the Poynton Show Committee pay CE a substantial fee for the use of the park. Cllr Lewis added that the Poynton Show Committee have not actually asked for the park to be closed. Cllr Murray explained how the Byelaws can be used to govern the use of the Park.

Following discussion members agreed to grant the request for an easement of Poynton Town Council's Byelaws to enable the Poynton Show to take place at Poynton Park on Saturday 23rd August 2014.

RESOLVED: That the easement of Poynton Town Council's Byelaws to enable the 2014 Poynton Show to take place is granted (7 - 1 against)

15. Letter from DAC Beachcroft Claims Ltd

Members noted the letter dated 12th June 2014 from DAC Beachcroft Claims Ltd regarding an insurance claim for a former bus shelter on London Road South. More recently the Clerk has received an update in an e-mail dated 27th June 2014 from Beachcroft. The Clerk read out this e-mail to Members, for which a response is requested by 11th July 2014.

Cllr Lewis said the bus shelter has a finite value and had been featured in the Town Council asset list every year. The Town Council should be suing for the replacement value regardless of whether the Town Council chooses to build another bus shelter there or not. Cllr Mrs Horsman felt that the bus shelter should be replaced at the same location. Cllr Mrs Sewart reminded members that the Town Council had previously agreed to recover the costs, but not to replace the bus shelter. Following discussion Cllr Mrs Sewart proposed that the correspondence is noted and that the Clerk responds to Beachcroft, providing an update at the next FIED Committee meeting.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence from DAC Beachcroft Claims Ltd regarding an insurance claim for a former bus shelter on London Road South is received and that the Clerk continues to pursue the claim as agreed (NC)

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm