

**Northam Town Council - Minutes of the Town Projects and Asset Management Meeting held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017 in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Northam at 10.00 am.**

**Present: Cllrs** Davis (Vice Chairman), Berryman, Brading, Durkin, Eastman Edwards, (from minute 1707/324), Hames, Himan, Leather and Miller.

**In attendance:** Mrs M J Mills, Town Clerk  
Member of the public

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the meeting.

- 1707/318 Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Whittaker, Cllr Himan and Cllr Tisdale
- 1707/319 Chairman's announcements**  
There were none
- 1707/320 Declarations of interest**  
Members were reminded that all interests should be declared prior to the item being discussed.
- 1707/321 To agree the agenda as published**  
It was **resolved** to agree the agenda as published.  
Proposed: Cllr Leather, Seconded: Cllr Brading (all in favour)
- 1707/322 Public Participation**  
*Members of the public are permitted to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Each member of the public is entitled to speak once only in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. The period of time which is designated for public participation in accordance with standing orders shall not exceed 15 minutes.*  
No members of the public wished to speak
- 1707/323 To receive an update on the matters discussed at the meeting in February 2017**  
Majority of issues are on the agenda
- 1707/324 To consider installation of a pedestrian crossing or traffic calming in Northam Square and update on feasibility study for Northam Square**  
At this juncture Cllr Edwards arrived at the meeting  
After some considerable discussion the County Representatives agreed to take covert speed readings in the area and the County Councillor requested this is done before the next HATOC meeting  
**Action Point: To request this is placed on the HATOC agenda**
- 1707/325 To consider traffic calming measures for the entrance to the two schools (Jackets Lane)**  
A number of solutions will be looked at, and a site visit to discuss them will take place. This will be with Highways, Cllr Eastman and Cllr Brading, the matter will then be placed on Town Projects. S106 monies cannot be used if they relate to other areas. Driver behaviour is a major problem.  
**Action Points: Meetings to be arranged and item to be placed on the next Town Projects meeting.**

**1707/326 To consider biodiversity issues**

- Planting bulbs on verges particularly Bloody Corner (A plan with proposals will be prepared and circulated and Members will be asked if they have any specific sites for planter and bulb locations)
- Policy on keeping verges only partially cut to promote wild life habitats
- Positioning of Boat planters in the Town Council area
- Lengthsman responsibilities (*correspondence herewith*)

Mr Roskilly will respond to correspondence. Lengthsman duties are primarily drain cleaning. A request was made for letters to be sent to homeowners by DCC requesting clearance of overgrowth.

**Action Points: Planters and bulbs information to be prepared and sent to Mr Roskilly. Further item on Town Projects. Mr Roskilly to respond to correspondence**

**1707/327 To consider speed in the whole area but particularly Churchill Way, Fore Street, The Square**

This was covered in earlier discussions but further ideas were to rotate the interactive signs around the area and adjust the speed at which they react. There was a request for the above matters to be placed on the next HATOC agenda.

**Action Points: Town Clerk to investigate moving the speed signs. Request that speeding issues especially in above areas to be placed on next HATOC agenda**

**1707/328 To consider parking especially at road junctions.**

It is hoped this could be addressed by employment of a Community Warden

**1707/329 To consider congestion in Buckleigh Road and resulting poor traffic flow**

Members felt this was not a significant problem

**1707/330 To consider congestion in Bay View Road - parked cars and speeding traffic**

Members felt this was not a significant problem

**1707/331 To consider the dangerous junction between Bay View Road, Buckleigh Road and Cornborough Road**

It was suggested this could be on the HATOC agenda, querying whether it could support a roundabout

**Action Point: Request this matter is put on the next HATOC agenda**

**1701/332 To consider if Devon County Council has proposals current and future, when all development is completed, making traffic conditions impossible for residents in the above areas.**

This is primarily a planning issue when considering developments

**1701/333 To consider signage on the approach to Heywood roundabout warning motorists of pedestrians crossing ahead, and warning of pedestrians crossing from the top of Raleigh Hill over the link road following the public footpath.**

This is an issue which needs to be considered by HATOC, request it is placed on the next agenda

**Action Point: Request this matter is put on the next HATOC agenda**

**1701/334 To consider details of urgent improvements needed to the junctions on the A39 Atlantic Highway at Buckleigh Road and the Big Sheep.**

This is waiting for proposals at DCC before further discussion

**1707/335 To consider long overdue re-surfacing on Raleigh Hill where the retaining wall was re-built. Damage caused to the road surface was primarily by the contractor re-building the retaining wall.**

Members were advised that the work is scheduled

**1707/336 To consider Westward Ho! issues**

- Condition of Avon Lane (delayed by construction works, now proceeding)
- Bus stop area outside the Co-op (problems with the surface are being investigated)
- Repairs to pavement outside Holy Trinity Church (this has been cleared)
- Further items brought forward
- Overhanging trees Stanwell Rd area (DCC to write to landowners)
- Problems with the surface and potholes in Beech Rd (This is being investigated)
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**1707/337 To consider Appledore items**

- Roadway leading to Appledore at the west end from Watertown Garage into the public access at the corner of Strand Field, a 30mph sign required, traffic travels too fast (Consider interactive signs)
- Request for a pavement on one side in the above area. (DCC cannot currently maintain all the pavements they have)
- Parking on the Quay causing the Boat Park to be blocked (*images herewith*) (Further enforcement will be looked into)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.45pm

Signed..... Dated .....