

**Main points arising: Record of the previous meeting/ Informal briefing with the Leader of Cheshire East Council/ Operations and Events Manager's update/ Clifford Road narrowing scheme**

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT 8.00PM ON MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2014 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HALL, POYNTON

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr A Smith

Cllrs. G Bartos, I Hollingworth, Ms R Horsman, Mrs S Horsman, G King, Mrs J Sewart, G Smith and Mrs I Thornton-Maddocks

Also attending under SO 56: Cllrs. M Beanland, L A Clarke, C Gorst, P Hoyland and R West

59. Apologies for absence

None.

60. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests

None declared.

61. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Cllr Mrs Sewart asked for an update on the situation concerning the former London Road South bus shelter. The Clerk explained that he had today received an e-mail from Cheshire Police who had checked their records and have now found the correct details of the incident that led to the shelter being badly damaged and subsequently demolished. The Clerk has forwarded these details to the Town Council's insurers Zurich who are now revisiting this issue.

Cllr Mrs Sewart referred to the original resolution to replace the bus shelter and said the situation needed clarification. The Clerk explained that since the bus shelter was demolished there have been some changes including the construction of a mini-roundabout at that location. It is also impractical to place the bus shelter on the opposite side of the road outside Johnson's the dry cleaners due to the narrowness of the footpath and visibility of the junction. There is a new style bus shelter located not far away from the original shelter and, as the Clerk mentioned at the previous meeting, there has been no representation from any resident to have the bus shelter

replaced. The Chairman suggested that this is included as an agenda item at the next FIED meeting once further details from Zurich have become available.

Cllr Bartos requested the list of unresolved issues from the Operations Manager. The Operations Manager will provide this information and added that this list is available to all members on demand.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Facilities, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 are approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman (NC)**

#### 62. Informal Briefing with the CE Council Leader

Members considered developments from the informal briefing held immediately before this meeting with CE Council Leader, Cllr M Jones, Deputy Leader Cllr D Brown and senior CE Highways Officer Kevin Melling, regarding the remedial work required on the Village Revitalisation Scheme and the resolution of Clifford Road experimental road narrowing scheme.

The Chairman suggested forming a small panel to meet with CE officer Kevin Melling. Following discussion it was agreed that this would include the Chairman, Cllr A Smith, the Clerk, the Operations Manager, and Cllr G Smith. Cllr A Smith undertook to keep the Town Council's four CE Councillors informed of progress.

Cllrs Hoyland and West volunteered to assist if CE input was required, and Cllr Mrs Sewart also volunteered her services as necessary.

**RESOLVED: That the verbal update following the earlier informal briefing session with CE Council Leader Cllr M Jones and others is received (NC)**

#### 63. Operations and Events Manager's Update

The Operations and Events Manager presented his written update.

##### Highways

Cllr Mrs Horsman suggested that if, following several communications with Cheshire East officers, outstanding issues remain unresolved then the Operations Manager should draw them to the attention of the Leader of Cheshire East Council, Cllr M Jones. Cllr West agreed with Cllr Mrs Horsman on this escalation process.

##### Parking Bays

It was agreed that the parking bays are marked up and if that results in any unintended consequences elsewhere then they will be dealt with. The Chairman confirmed that the work should go ahead.

### Towers Road

Cllr Clarke asked if work will be carried out on Towers Road. The road remains in very poor condition due to loose chippings. The Operations Manager said he had received communication from CE a while ago stating that work will be carried out in April and May 2014 on all those roads with loose chippings. The Operations Manager will follow up on this.

### Nursery Drive

It was agreed that this matter (of double yellow lining) should be escalated with Kevin Melling at CE. Cllr Mrs Saunders requested that this item remains highlighted. The Chairman confirmed that it will be included in the Operations Manager's future reports.

### Noticeboard

Members considered the request from a local business to display paid for advertising on the Fountain Place Town Council notice board in the form of a banner placed below the notice board. Following discussion this request was rejected by Members.

**RESOLVED: That the request to place paid for advertising on the Town Council notice board is rejected (NC)**

### Chester Road area outside Post Office

**RESOLVED: That the decision request to investigate additional parking spaces and a way of deterring parking in this area is approved (NC)**

### Prince's Incline Flooding

Cllr Hoyland explained that the solution to divert the water is only temporary and needs checking to ensure the water continues to flow to the directed area.

Cllr Clarke noted that the bottom end of Lady's Incline is very muddy, making it difficult to pass.

Cllr West warned of the potential costs to the Town Council in dealing with such matters and that the Town Council could not promise to provide solutions to such issues. Cllr Hoyland explained that the action taken on this occasion was correct, given the recent high winds, the amount of ground water causing boggy areas and the potential high cost involved with falling trees. He supported the Operations Manager and the action taken. The Clerk added that the Operations Manager is trying to establish the source of the water that is causing the problem.

### Poynton Pool

Cllr Mrs S Horsman reported graffiti on the notice board in the small car park off South Park Drive, serving Poynton Pool. The Operations Officer will pursue this with the Rangers.

## General

Cllr Hollingworth asked how the list of logged issues maintained by the Operations Manager compares to previous years. The Clerk explained that these had not previously been monitored. Cllr Hollingworth requested a quarterly comparison. The Clerk added that the log also needs to specify who is responsible for the work.

Cllr Mrs Horsman suggested that flowers could be placed outside all businesses along Park Lane. The Operations Manager explained that, in addition to the valuable work of Poynton In Bloom, the Town Council provides hanging baskets, and it would be up to individual businesses if they wish to furnish the front of their shop with flowers. Some already do.

**RESOLVED: That the Operation's Manager's Report is received with thanks (NC)**

## 64. Road Narrowing on Clifford Road

The Clerk said that this is now on the agenda of the small panel that was formed following the earlier informal briefing with the CE Leader, Cllr M Jones and therefore difficult to take any further forward at this meeting. The Chairman assured that information on this issue would then be reported back through the FIED meeting. Cllr Mrs Sewart queried why this matter is going back for further discussion when a decision had already been taken by this Committee. The Chairman agreed that a decision had already been taken - this was simply an issue of timing and co-ordination to ensure the work is completed.

**RESOLVED: That the issue of road narrowing on Clifford Road is delegated to the newly-formed Highways Panel (8 - 1 abs)**

## 65. Civic Hall/Library Project

There have been no meetings since the last report.

## 66. The Cheshire East Highways Consultation

**RESOLVED: That the Cheshire East Highways consultation concerning the intention to join the West and Shires Permit Scheme (WaSP), designed to improve the coordination and management of road and street works is noted (NC)**

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm