

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environment and Transport Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2019.

Present: Councillors Janet Jones (Chair), Andy Stokes, Huw Cox, Ron Fox, Kate Paxman and Judith Hart (Town Clerk)

In attendance: 5 members of the public

Part I (Open to the Public)

19/117. Questions raised by the public:

Member of the Public: *Are the new lines on Plymouth Road in the correct place?*

Cllr Stuart Barker has confirmed this, but residents believe that the work originally agreed has not been completed.

Two representatives from Buckfastleigh Primary School including Jill Graham (Governor) expressed the concerns of staff and parents regarding pedestrian safety to and from the school. Children enter the school from three directions: via the Mardle Way and Woodholme car parks or the New Road entrance. The school has stopped access via the teachers' car park due to the potential danger. Delivery lorries to the Coop are still reversing on a Tuesday morning during school drop-off despite an arrangement to stagger delivery times. Parents are concerned about safety and the difficulties of negotiating the narrow pavement on Bossell Road with pushchairs and young children.

Cllr Janet Jones: Safety issues have previously been discussed and the Town Council has requested a 20mph speed limit.

The school would like to have the following safety measures put in place:

- A zebra crossing on Plymouth Road.
- Reverse the one-way system.
- Install speed bumps.
- A zigzag at the rear entrance to the Coop which is marked out for pedestrians only.
- Prevent parking on the double yellow lines by the Town Hall.

It was agreed that parents and road users need to be more aware of each other and that this is a wider issue than problems around the school drop-off.

Member of the public: *A warning sign for the school is needed on Plymouth Road.*

Member of the public: *Can the granite corner on Bossell Road be removed?*

Cllr Andy Stokes: Suggestion to meet with the school and parents to identify all the issues raised and have a walkabout site visit

Action: Clerk to arrange a date with the school for a morning meeting and site walkabout (8.40am) before Tuesday 5th March.

Cllr Jones asked the school to highlight this to the parents.

Both school representatives left the meeting at 8.00pm.

19/118. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Pam Barrett and Pamela Forbes.

19/119. Declaration of Interests: None

19/120. To approve & sign as correct the Minutes of the Environment and Transport Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2018 and Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

Signed by Cllr Jones

19/121. Review of actions from previous meeting:

Dartmoor Local Plan – First Draft Consultation – The Clerk has submitted a response written by Cllr Andy Stokes and approved by full Council

Parking – No further progress with Teignbridge District Council

Speed limit – When will the 20mph speed limit be instigated?

Drainage – Cllr Huw Cox had a walkabout with the Town Ranger and identified problem drains around the parish. The drainage issue at 8 Crest Hill has still not been resolved as the underground pipe is broken.

Action: Town Ranger to highlight this again.

19/122. Comments on planning applications received prior to this meeting and after Agenda set:

None

19/123. Planning Applications for commercial sites and areas of significant development:

Barn Park – It has been noted that representatives from Dartmoor National Park have visited the site. No decision will be made until April pending further reports from the developer.

Coworth Homes – A copy of Coworth Homes response to the Local Plan had been sent to the Town Council for information. It was reiterated that the proposed site at Oaklands Road is not an allocated site and that Coworth Homes are not a statutory consultee.

19/124. Request from Buckfast Residents' Society to install seating at the Higher Mill Lane bus shelter:

Decision: Agreed in principle. Town Ranger to provide a drawing, estimated costs and liaise with the Residents' Society.

19/125. To discuss the planning, management and communications issues for projects which are within the remit of this committee:

Solar Panels at Pool – Cllr Stokes reported on the current situation. There is no feed-in tariff for second-hand solar panels. The pool was identified as the best site to make use of them, but a local architect has advised the Town Council that it will not get planning permission for this as it raises the line of sight for neighbouring properties. Other alternatives have been considered such as the roof above the reception, but this area is not large enough. There is a suggestion to have a covered area/sun shelter at the front and to sell some of the surplus panels. There is no grant funding available for this work.

Action: Look at alternative solutions for the pool and possible sale of panels.

19/126. Correspondence: None

19/127. Items requiring urgent attention: None

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm