

Williton, Watchet & Quantocks Area Panel

Notes of Meeting held on 17 September 2013

at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton, at 7.00 pm

Present

E May (WSC); D Talling and P Grandfield (Holford PC); P Gill (Kilve PC); D Saunders and N Yandle (Sampford Brett PC); V Boxall (Stogursey PC); S de Renzy-Martin and L Whetlor (Watchet TC); WACET Representative; J Sansom and G Tizzard (West Quantoxhead PC); Sgt 1009 Manu (Avon and Somerset Police); T Murray (Magna Housing Association); G Austin-Thompson (DSFRS); D Westcott (WSC); P Murphy (WSC); A Knight (WSC); H J W Davies (WSC and SCC); A Dyer (WSC); P James (TDBC/WSC); J Foster (Watchet Town Warden)

1. Have Your Say – Community Issues/Concerns

Members from the Holford community attended and spoke in relation to the bus service that is provided by the County Council to take their children to be educated. They explained that some pupils going to Haygrove School were charged transport costs of £600 per annum for the first two years' attendance. They further explained that because of the way the catchment area was described, some parents in Holford had to pay whilst others did not. Their two main questions were - why do they have to pay for the first two years but the further three years are free; and the inconsistency of some paying and some not.

Agreed that the members of public would write their concerns down in the form of a letter to Councillor H J W Davies (SCC Councillor). It was suggested that Councillor Davies could use this letter to form the basis of a motion to West Somerset Council Full Council meeting requesting that the Council support the Holford residents in their wish to see their concerns resolved.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from J Koch (Williton PC); I Porter (Quantock Hills AONB Service); D Peake (SCC Highways); J Richards (WACET)

3. Notes of the Meeting held on 11 June 2013 and Matters Arising

The notes of the meeting held on 11 June 2013 were confirmed as a correct record. No matters arising.

4. Magna West Somerset Housing Association

The Panel received a verbal update from Tony Murray, the Director of Magna West Somerset Housing Association, during which various issues were raised and responded to.

5. Police Report

A verbal report was received from Sergeant 1009 Manu (Williton). The Panel raised particular concern about the illegal use of the one-way system in Bridge Street whilst

High Street was closed and also parking in Tower Hill leading up to the junction with Bridge Street. It was recognised that the vehicles were parked legally as they stand and that it would be impossible to police the use of the one-way system 24/7.

Agreed to ask SCC Highways if there were any additional signs that could be placed at the entrance of Bridge Street indicating no entry, in addition to those already there.

The lack of disabled parking outside the Co-op in Williton was also mentioned and it was **agreed** that the best resolution would be for the parish council to write to SCC Highways requesting the provision of x number of disabled spaces in the location.

6. Highways Report

A list of completed on-going and future works is attached at Appendix A.

7. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service

A verbal update was received from Garry Austin-Thompson.

Agreed that a contact email address for SCC Highways would be forward to Garry in order that the issue of the new Williton pelican crossing can be discussed.

8. West Somerset Council

The Chief Executive welcomed Penny James, the new Joint Chief Executive 'elect'. An update on the current position of East Wharf development was provided.

9. Date of Next Meeting

3 December 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton (note change from 10 December as originally scheduled)

The meeting finished at 8.10 pm