

Dunster Panel

Monday 16th October 2018

7.00 pm

Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

Minutes

1. “HAVE YOUR SAY” – COMMUNITY ISSUES - an opportunity for members of the public to raise any issues that affect their community or quality of life.

Letter received from the owner of Brendan View at Blue Anchor, this forwards on the correspondence sent to the minister for transport and MP Ian Liddell – Grainger.

Her letter sets out concerns about the potential loss of the main road in the event of further coastal erosion.

What is needed is clear communication for the affected community.

ATB – this has been ongoing for some time with the support of WSC with a bid made for funding. The report of WSC 14th December 2014 sets out the history of WSC’s involvement.

ATB – Faced with the facts in this matter as the Leader I was not prepared then or now to put the public / tax payer at such financial risk.

Chairman of the DEFRA subcommittee was challenged by the Leader as to how a district council can be responsible for matters of such magnitude.

SCC are very much aware of the issues and have an intention to protect the road where possible. SCC don’t intend to abandon the road.

Phil Gannon, a neighbouring property to the pub has excavated the land and placed 6 bases for what appears to be 6 mobile homes. There appears to be no planning application for this work.

Historically planning applications have been refused within this area due to the risks of engineering works impacting on the rate of erosion and landslip.

Cllr Maitland Walker to speak to planning enforcement officers.

New bins at Blue Anchor haven't yet appeared and there continues to be issues of overflowing waste, with photographic evidence provided. Update provided within WSC agenda item.

Update on the Blue Anchor toilets – these are operating very nicely and to the plan. Wessex Water have been supporting where blockages have occurred. There are concerns from the operating group around succession planning.

Update on the issues of bonfires – this has continued with large scale and multiple fires being identified. Warnings were given to those landowners and we hope that this will now cease.

A39 Bilbrook speed reduction proposals to 40mph have been published. Concerns have been raised that the proposal does not go far enough to protect unsuspecting drivers from the latter Billbrook bends. We hope that the public response will

Concerns were raised that there were no repeater signs in Carhampton making the speed limit unenforceable. SCC confirmed that the presence of street lights negated the need for repeaters.

Phil Gannon - Washford Cross roundabout towards Williton 50mph, concerns raised that this is not a suitable limit due to lower visibility.

Safety information sign near the Tropiquaria is now partially covered by vegetation.

Phil Gannon - S106 agreement concerns that follow on from last meeting have still not been resolved. The charge that is being presented by legal is not publicised and questions are raised as to the enforceable nature of this charge. The Leader requested information to assist.

2. Apologies for Absence

DSFRS, J Kent, M Kravis, M Crothers, I Liddell-Grainger MP,

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th July 2018 and Matters Arising

Agreed the minutes.

4. Police Report

A verbal update was provided

Most recent change locally is that we no longer have beat managers but instead areas are managed by the PCSO's.

Current priorities to deal with local hunting related issues. ASB of hunt followers and off roading in unlicensed vehicles.

With the retirement of a local PCSO resources are challenging and it is not yet clear if that role will be replaced.

5. Highways Report

To receive an update from the Highways representative from Somerset County Council, provided through David Peake – attached as Appendix A to the minutes of this meeting.

If obstructions exist in the visibility splay SCC will enforce its removal.

Table of actions appended.

A map of the winter pro-active salt routes was circulated, this information will be published on the SCC website, and a letter will be sent to the Town and Parish Councils. Overall this has diminished the amount of the network that is salted by 4%, previously 21% salted.

The reactive response to snow will happen as usual with the roll out of ploughs.

Offer to Parish and Town Councils to purchase salt to top up bins.

Following concerns SCC will provide the weekly highways works programme to Parish Council Clerks

6. Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service

No update received

7. Silk Mills Park and Ride

Following discussions between Somerset County Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council agreement has been reached that TDBC will take over funding of the Taunton Park and Ride Bus Service from 5th November 2018 for an initial period of ten months until beginning of September 2019.

This period will allow SCC, TDBC and First West of England (the bus operator) to work together to seek ways to move the services to commercial viability.

From 5th November 2018 the timetable will be revised to run at 15 minute intervals throughout the day. The current service operates every 12 minutes at peak time and every 15 minutes at off peak time. This will significantly reduce costs.

A marketing strategy is currently being developed by First West of England to heavily promote the service.

Further work is being undertaken by both Councils on the Parking Strategy for Taunton to help support Taunton with Park & Ride service.

Better signage directing drivers to the Park & Ride sites is being investigated and a meeting with the Highway Agency is due to take place shortly seeking to provide signage to both sites from the M5.

8. West Somerset Council Report

A verbal update was provided by Chris Hall, Localities, West Somerset Council/Taunton Deane Borough Council.

Confirmation was given that the latest multiagency meeting with the EA and SCC will be happening on 26th October. We would anticipate that greater clarity on any options timeline may be available following this meeting.

CH asked how best WSC can improve communications to this community? Clerks to PC's and therefore the minutes of their meeting are published on notice boards and websites.

Following on from Have Your Say – concerns were raised by Chris Hall with the street cleaning contractor following the issue being raised at the last meeting, assurances had been provided by the contractor at this stage. Disappointment was expressed on the continuation of overflowing bins. This will be reported to the new officer responsible for this contract Natalie Green. n.green@tauntondeane.gov.uk

Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew provided an update on the transformation programme and the current discussions within the Councils of Somerset and beyond following SCC's desire to pursue a unitary authority model.

Launch of phase two of the Steam Cost Trail this Sunday at Washford Station
14:00 – 16:00

9. Dates of Future Meetings

- 28 January 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton
- 2 April 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton

Items for the next agenda – SCC discussion on visibility issues caused by temporary advertising signage.

Planned Works in Dunster Panel Area

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	Parish/Town	Location	Description	Start	Finish	Duration
Completed						
SCC	West Somerset	Various	2018 surface dressing programme.		Completed	
SCC	West Somerset	Rural highway network	2018 verge and junction visibility cutting programme.		Completed	
SCC	Old Cleeve	Ham Lane, Leighland	Carriageway patching.		Completed	
Ongoing						
Future						
SCC	Old Cleeve	A39 Dragon Cross, Bilbrook	Drainage improvement works. Scheme cancelled.	-	-	-
Other						
SCC	Old Cleeve	A39 Washford	A Small Improvement Scheme (SIS) is being developed for the proposed installation of "wig-wag" "School" warning signs on the approaches to Huish Lane/Quarry Road.			