

## A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Held on	Thursday 20 June 2024 at 11.30am Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.
Members Summoned and Present:	Cllrs Simon Carswell (Chairman), Peter Goater, Jean Howard, Terry Napper, Nina Swift (Vice-Chairman)
Apologies:	Cllrs Pam Birch and Laura Wolfers
Officers Present:	Zoe Leach, Deputy Clerk/RFO
In attendance:	5 members of the public

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### Public question time

*Parishioners were invited to make representations to the Highways Committee on any matters relating to the work of the Highways Committee or to raise any issues of concern. Please note that the Committee is unable to make formal decisions under this item.*

A resident spoke in support of extending the extent of 20mph speed-limited roads already established in Street to create a single, clearer, unified, central area 20mph zone.

Residents also spoke in support of improving the 20mph speed limit signage and increasing the number of Speed Indication Devices across the village. Residents highlighted areas of dangerous parking at Oriel Road, Vestry Road, Oxendale and the High Street opposite the Wessex Hotel.

*The meeting commenced at 11:40am*

### MINUTES

- 24/25HC.001 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of Committee
- RESOLVED - to appoint Cllr Carswell as Chair of the Committee for the 2024-25 year.
  - RESOLVED - to appoint Cllr Swift as Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2024-25 year.
- 24/25HC.002 Apologies for absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Birch and Wolfers.  
Apologies were noted. LGA 1972 s85(1).
- 24/25HC.003 Declaration of interests and grant of dispensations  
*Councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any interests in the business to be transacted.*

No interests were declared.

24/25HC.004 Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED – The minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved for signing as a true record of the decisions taken.

24/25HC.005 Reports

Deputy Clerk's Report:

The Deputy Clerk updated Members on activities since the last meeting including Double Yellow Line requests forming part of the Mendip Order 2024 and additional Market Day signage from Somerset Council.

24/25HC.006 Correspondence

- i. RESOLVED - not to take forward to Somerset Council a request for double yellow lines at the Poplar Road/Goss Drive junction at the present time.  
*Officer to respond to resident.*
- ii. RESOLVED – to advise resident that the request for Double Yellow Lines at Clockhouse View has been requested in Mendip Order 2024. To signpost resident to government website containing information of how they can apply for a residents parking scheme.
- iii. RESOLVED - to write to Northleaze House retirement housing and request that staff and visitors are considerate and do not park in the privately owned car park at the rear of Southleaze Orchard and in front of Northleaze House.
- iv. RESOLVED – to contact Somerset Council and request works are undertaken to clear the bushes that are obstructing the view of the speed signs on the northbound side of Somerton Road.
- v. RESOLVED - to monitor the Speed Indication Device, once installed, at Grange Avenue and consider resident's proposal for an additional SID at the Grange Avenue junction to the Withys/Fielding Road at a future Highways Committee meeting.
- vi. RESOLVED – to contact Traffic Management at Somerset Council to request Double Yellow Lines on the bend at Oxendale past Cranhill Road Car Park.
- vii. RESOLVED – Officer to send completed Public Rights of Way survey to Somerset Council
- viii. RESOLVED – Officer to respond to resident regarding Street Market and Vestry Road concerns raised. Officer to seek advice from Somerset Council on traffic restrictions and bring back to the Highways Committee for further discussion.
- ix. RESOLVED – to take an 'In Principle' recommendation to Full Council to investigate expanding the 20mph speed limits across the village of Street to create a slow zone.

24/25HC.007 Motion Request – Cllr Howard: 20mph speed limits.

See 24/25HC.006ix above.

24/25HC.008 Motion Request – Cllr Swift: Market Signage

Agenda item deferred to the next Highways Committee meeting.

24/25HC.009 Motion Request – Cllr Howard: Bus Partnership

- i. RESOLVED: Cllr Howard to provide an article on 'adopting a bus stop' for the Street Parish Council Newsletter.
- ii. RESOLVED: Cllr Howard, with the assistance of Somerset Bus Partnership, to undertake an audit of bus stops in Street to ascertain their condition and any remedial works required and report back to the Highways Committee.

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- iii. RESOLVED: Clerk to write to the Centre Director of Clarks Village, to request that the Centre encourages its visitors, where possible, to use bus transport and display appropriate signage to bus stops.

24/25HC.010 Motion Request – Cllr Swift: Digital Display Board  
Agenda item deferred to the next Highways Committee meeting.

24/25HC.011 Motion Request – Cllr Swift: Kidical Mass Cycling  
Agenda item deferred to the next Highways Committee meeting.

24/25HC.012 Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)  
The Highways Committee received and noted the SID Rota for June – August 2024 and considered the update report from the Deputy Clerk/RFO on the proposal for three new solar SIDS and new SID locations together with the responses received from the Solar SID consultation exercise at High Street (Wilfrid Road), Grange Avenue, Portway and Brooks Road.

24/25HC.013 Confidential Item  
*RESOLVED - In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 amended by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, the Highways Committee excluded the press and public as item 24/25HC.014 involved confidential information relating to contractual matters.*

24/25HC.014 Speed Indication Devices (SID) Contractual considerations  
RESOLVED:  
i. That the Council adhere to the **existing** Somerset Council guidance on SIDS in line with the advice received from Transport Data at Somerset Council.  
ii. That the Council appoint its own qualified contractors to instal the posts at the locations previously agreed by Somerset Council. Officer to progress.

24/25HC.015 Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting.  
i. Items scheduled:  
• Drop kerbs and disability access in Street – *to receive an update from the disability working group.*  
• Update on SID project and proposal to service existing 3 SIDs  
ii. Other Proposals raised at the Highways Committee meeting:  
• Motion Request – Cllr Swift: Market Signage  
• Motion Request – Cllr Swift: Digital Display Board  
• Motion Request – Cllr Swift: Kidical Mass Cycling  
• Traffic restrictions – Vestry Road

24/25HC.016 Date of Next Meeting  
The next Highways Committee meeting will take place at:  
3.30pm on Tuesday 6 August 2024 at Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 12.52pm.

These minutes were adopted on 6 August 2024 under minute reference 24/25HC.019 as a true record of the decisions taken and are duly signed below by the chair of that meeting.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_