

TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISIONS made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor M Lock, on 26 February 2007 at County Hall, Lewes.

Councillor St. Pierre spoke on items 4 and 5 (see minutes 81 and 82 below)

Councillor Mrs Healy spoke on item 7 (see minute 84 below)

Councillor Elkin spoke on items 7 and 8 (see minutes 84 and 85 below)

Councillor Freeman spoke on item 9 (see minute 86 below)

78. MINUTES

78.1 Councillor Lock approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2007.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

79.1 Councillor St. Pierre declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in relation to item 5 (Petition requesting construction of a footway on the C6 Beechwood Lane, Cooksbridge) by virtue of serving on the Hamsey Community Primary School Governing Body.

79.2 Councillors Lock, Elkin and St. Pierre also declared personal, non-prejudicial interests in relation to item 5 by virtue of serving on the South Downs Joint Committee.

80. REPORTS

80.1 Copies of the reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

81. PETITION REQUESTING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON THE A26 AT PAYGATE COTTAGES BEND NEAR LEWES

81.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mrs P Williams addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

DECISIONS

81.2 To advise the petitioners that the following action will be taken on the A26 at Paygate Cottages :

(1) a number of minor remedial measures will be implemented, as outlined in paragraph 1.4 of the Appendix to the report, and monitored by the Director of Transport and Environment;

(2) a Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised for a 50 mph speed limit between B2192 (Earwig Corner) junction and just north of Paygate Cottages; and

(3) the bids for Local Transport Plan Capital funding in 2008/09 will include a major improvement scheme to realign the A26 at Paygate Cottages.

Reason

81.3 A full analysis of the crash record is shown in the Appendix to this report, from which it will be seen that a number of minor remedial measures are recommended for implementation in 2007/08. These works will supplement the proposal to reduce the speed limit to 50mph.

81.4 The Appendix to this report also covers the possibility of a major improvement being carried out on the A26 near Paygate Cottages and recommends that a scheme will be considered in 2007/08 as part of the 'balanced score card' approach for assessing capital schemes for funding in 2008/09. It should be noted that any scheme put forward will face strong competition from other schemes contributing to a range of Local Transport Plan objectives.

82. PETITION REQUESTING CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTWAY ON THE C6 BEECHWOOD LANE, COOKSBRIDGE

82.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mr P Mitchell, Chairman of the Hamsey Village Hall Committee, addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

DECISIONS

82.3 To (1) advise Hamsey Parish Council that consideration of this issue will be deferred pending a site visit by the Lead Member and officers; and

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to provide further information about the context of the Village Hall proposal in relation to the local Village Plan and to report back to the Lead Member.

Reason

82.4 It is anticipated that funds for this type of work will not be available in the foreseeable future. Should funds become available then the short list approved by Highways Management Sub-Committee will take priority. In order to provide the new footway the Parish Council are recommended to obtain the resources at a local level.

83. PETITION REQUESTING A ONE WAY SYSTEM ALONG GRASSMERE AVENUE, TELSCOMBE CLIFFS

83.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mrs J Vizer addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

DECISION

83.2 To (1) advise the petitioners that traffic surveys will be undertaken in Spring 2007 to assess the extent of the problem. These surveys will be repeated following completion of the A259 bus corridor scheme to determine the impact of that scheme and inform the design of any necessary mitigation measures; and

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to keep Councillor Livings and Mrs Vizer informed.

Reason

83.3 Traffic calming measures have already been put in place under the Government's education PFI scheme in Grassmere Avenue. The problem of rat running identified in the petition will be investigated following completion of the bus corridor works. The need for any further measures in Grassmere Avenue will then be considered.

84. PETITION REQUESTING THE INSTALLATION OF ROAD SAFETY MEASURES OR EQUIPMENT AT THE JUNCTION OF WHITLEY ROAD, FIRLE ROAD AND WATERWORKS ROAD, EASTBOURNE

84.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Mrs Graves addressed the Lead Member on behalf of the petitioners.

DECISIONS

84.2 To (1) advise the petitioners that changes to the traffic signal timings are not appropriate and the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities at this junction remains on the approved priority list; and

(2) request the Director of Transport and Environment to investigate other possible funding avenues to take this request forward and to keep the Lead Member, Councillors Elkin and Mrs Healy and the lead petitioner informed.

Reason

84.3 The current intergreen times operating at this junction are within the design guidance recommendations and any further increase to assist pedestrians may introduce other safety concerns. The request for a pedestrian facility at this location is already on the approved priority list awaiting funding.

85. EASTBOURNE CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE: LAYOUT OF PARKING CONTROLS

85.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment. Councillor Elkin indicated that Eastbourne Borough Council had endorsed the scheme.

DECISION

85.2 To (1) note the results of the public consultation exercise held in November and December 2006 on the layout of the parking controls in the Controlled Parking Zone;

(2) approve the layout of the parking controls in the existing town centre Controlled Parking Zone and the publication of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order; and

(3) note the progress with the implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement in Eastbourne and the introduction of the new parking controls in the town centre Controlled Parking Zone.

Reason

85.3 The introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement and the extension of on-street parking charges are vital elements of the overall transport strategy for Eastbourne aimed at tackling the parking problems in the town and encouraging greater use of more sustainable forms of transport. Further consultation has now taken place on the detailed layout of the parking controls in the existing town centre Controlled Parking Zone and on the seafront.

86. PARKING IN SEAFORD AND LEWES COASTAL TOWNS

86.1 Councillor Lock considered a report by the Director of Transport and Environment.

DECISIONS

86.2 To (1) note the position regarding consultation in Seaford and extend the timetable to allow for the responses to be thoroughly analysed and further discussions held; and

(2) agree that discussions be held with the appropriate parish/ town councils and local Members to determine the most appropriate arrangements for consulting on proposed changes in other Lewes Coastal Towns.

Reason

86.3 In view of the issues that have arisen during the consultation, and the level of response, further time needs to be taken to allow the analysis of the consultation to be completed thoroughly and for further discussions to be held with interested parties.