

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

23 January 2017

The meeting commenced at 4.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor Marjorie James (In the Chair)

Councillors: Paul Beck, Sandra Belcher, Dave Hunter and Brenda Loynes

Also Present: Councillor Alan Clark

Officers: Mike Blair, Technical Services Manager  
Peter Frost, Highways, Traffic and Transport Team Leader  
Steve Hilton, Public Relations Officer  
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **62. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor George Springer.

### **63. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Beck declared personal interests in Minutes 66 and 68.

### **64. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2016**

Received

### **65. Proposed 20 MPH Speed Restriction at Mowbray Road from Junction with Catcote Road to Junction with Holland Road** *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

**Type of decision**

Non-key

### **Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the implementation of a 20mph speed restriction, during school parking times (between 8.00 – 9.30 and 1430 – 1600), Monday to Friday (school term time only) within the location as described above (Plan attached at Appendix 1).

### **Issue(s) for consideration**

It was reported that following requests via local Ward Councillors consultation had taken place with local residents to seek their views on the proposal to introduce appropriate 20mph speed restriction signs at the times stated above as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report. The 20mph restriction would be identified by flashing signage only. There would be no additional traffic calming measures installed, such as speed cushions etc.

With regard to the results of the consultation, 45 letters that had been hand delivered, 20 responses had been received, 18 in favour of the scheme and 2 against.

It was estimated that the scheme would cost approximately £8,000 and would be funded from the Local Transport Plan budget allocation.

Councillor Alan Clark, Fens and Rossmere Ward Councillor, who was in attendance and invited to address the Committee, spoke in favour of the proposals, which were supported by the Committee given the health and safety benefits.

### **Decision**

That the proposed 20mph speed limit scheme at Mowbray Road, from the junction with Catcote Road, to the junction with Holland Road, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.

## **66. Hart Primary School Parking Consultation** *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

### **Type of decision**

Non-key

### **Purpose of report**

To advise Members of the outcome of the consultation undertaken

regarding proposed residents' parking controls in Magdalene Drive and sought approval on a way forward.

### **Issue(s) for consideration**

The report provided background information to the Committee's request at the meeting in June 2016 that further consultation be undertaken with regard to the implementation of a residents' parking scheme. The proposals comprised of a residents only parking zone on the south side of Magdalene Drive between numbers 1 and 8. Permits would only be issued to residents and their visitors. The permit scheme would operate Monday to Friday 8.00 am to 6.00 pm. Double yellow lines were also proposed on the north side of the road, as detailed in Appendix 1.

Consultation had taken place with 14 residents of Magdalene Drive and Ward Councillors. Of the eight responses that had been received, two were in favour of the proposals and six were against. Details of the reasons for objection were provided and included concerns that the scheme still allowed non permit holders to drop off and pick up within the zone, residents should not have to pay to park, parking was only an issue for 20 minutes per day and that signs and markings were not in keeping in a village setting.

It was estimated that the scheme would cost approximately £750.00.

The Chair advised that since the agenda papers had been issued, a letter had been received from Hart Primary School, a copy of which was tabled at the meeting. The school outlined suggestions to the problem which included installing yellow lines outside the school grounds or a small rectangular sign stating 'residents only parking' and that permits be issued free of charge to residents.

The Chair outlined the options available to Members in light of the feedback from the consultation and the representations from the school.

Whilst the Committee supported the introduction of double yellow lines, as shown in Appendix 1, given the importance of safety of school children, Members did not support the introduction of a residents' only parking zone noting that the majority of residents were against this proposal.

Members welcomed the suggestions from the school and requested that the school be thanked for their contribution to the proposals.

### **Decision**

- (i) That double yellow lines, as detailed at Appendix 1, be installed outside the school grounds at Hart Primary School.

- (ii) That the proposals for a residents' parking zone at Magdalene Drive are not implemented.
- (iii) That a letter of thanks be conveyed to Hart Primary School for their contribution to the proposals.

**67. Braemar Road Safety Scheme** (*Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*)

**Type of decision**

Non-key

**Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the implementation of a safety scheme measures in Braemar Road.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

It was reported that following a lengthy campaign for safety improvements on Braemar Road, consultation had taken place with residents in the area to seek their views on the proposal to introduce a scheme consisting of speed cushions and two full width raised crossing points, one at each entrance to the park, details of which were set out at Appendix 1. The road would also be subject to a 20mph speed limit.

With regard to the results of the consultation, of the 175 letters that had been sent out, 12 responses had been received, 10 in favour of the scheme, 1 against and 1 unsure.

It was estimated that the scheme would cost approximately £30,000 and would be funded from the Local Transport Plan budget allocation.

Councillor Alan Clark, Fens and Rossmere Ward Councillor, who was in attendance and invited to address the Committee, spoke in favour of the proposals which were supported by the Committee given the health and safety benefits.

In response to a query raised by a member of the public in relation to the emergency services response to the proposals, Members were advised that the emergency services did not highlight any objections or concerns regarding the introduction of speed cushions in this location. It was noted that given the design of the emergency vehicles, the cushions would not create any difficulties or delays for vehicles accessing this area.

**Decision**

That the proposed safety scheme at Braemar Road be approved.

**68. Meadowsweet Road/Snowdrop Road Traffic Calming Scheme** (*Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*)

**Type of decision**

Non-key

**Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the introduction of safety scheme measures in Meadowsweet Road and Snowdrop Road.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

It was reported that following concerns in relation to the speed of traffic on Meadowsweet/Snowdrop Road and an accident on Snowdrop Road, a proposed road hump scheme had been developed, details of which were set out at Appendix 1. It was highlighted that road humps were also in place on other similar roads within the estate.

With regard to the results of the consultation in relation to the proposals, of the 160 letters that had been sent out, 21 responses had been received, 13 in favour of the scheme, 7 against and 1 unsure.

It was estimated that the scheme would cost approximately £30,000 and would be funded from the Council's Local Transport Plan. Members were reminded to be mindful of the significant financial pressures facing the Council when considering this report, details of which were included in the report.

A Member welcomed the proposals and commented on the health and safety benefits of the proposed safety scheme. Officers provided clarification in response to queries raised by Members.

**Decision**

That the proposed safety scheme at Meadowstreet Road/Snowdrop Road, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.

**69. Osborne Road Safety Scheme** (*Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*)

**Type of decision**

Non-key

**Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the implementation of safety measures in Osborne Road.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

It was reported that an investigation of road casualty data determined that there had been six accidents at the Osborne Road/Lister Street crossroads, three of which were classified as serious. There had also been one minor accident between Lister Street and Park Road.

Given the high number of accidents at one specific location, a scheme had been designed consisting of a raised table at the junction, details of which were set out in the report. This should result in slower speeds at the point of the previous collisions and reduce the number of accidents.

With regard to the results of the consultation, letters had been sent out to properties in the vicinity of the proposed scheme of which four responses had been received, all of whom were in favour of the proposals.

It was estimated that the scheme would cost approximately £25,000 and would be funded from the Council's Local Transport Plan budget allocation.

**Decision**

That the proposed safety scheme on Osborne Road, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.

**70. Controlled Crossings A689/Brenda Road** (*Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*)

**Type of decision**

Non-key

## **Purpose of report**

To present options for controlled crossings on Brenda Road and the A689.

## **Issue(s) for consideration**

The Committee was referred to a decision taken by Members to reduce the speed limit on Brenda Road and the request that options be developed to improve pedestrian crossing facilities in the area. Two proposals, as detailed in appendices to the report, had been designed.

In relation to proposals at Brenda Road, it was highlighted that it was not possible to install a crossing facility between the A689 and B and Q Roundabout, the reasons for which were set out in the report. A suitable location to the north of Park View Road West, as shown in Appendix 1, had been identified. There had been one minor accident on this section of Brenda Road in the last 5 years, which did not involve a pedestrian.

With regard to the A689/Belle Vue Way, Members were referred to the accident statistics as set out in the report. Any crossing installed at this location would be required to be a prescribed distance away from the roundabout to prevent traffic backing up onto it and the proposal, as detailed in Appendix 2, was close to the footpath link from Haswell Avenue. A crossing sited here would cater for people from the Foggy Furze area going to and from Tees Bay Retail Park and children from the Jutland Road area walking to St Cuthbert's/St Aidan's Primary Schools.

It was estimated that the Brenda Road scheme would cost approximately £50,000 and the A689/Belle Vue Way option would cost £90,000. Either option, if approved would be funded from the Council's Local Transport Plan. There was insufficient funding from 2016/17 budgets to implement both options this financial year.

In response to a query raised, the Committee was advised of accident statistics in relation to both options.

A member of the public raised concerns in relation to the cost of the proposals and was of the view that there was insufficient statistical evidence to justify the need for a light controlled crossing on the section of Brenda Road that had been identified. The Chair commented on the increased level of footfall in this location and the need for safe crossing facilities for residents in Jutland Road and Seaton Lane to cross Brenda Road to access the shopping facilities at the Tees Bay Retail Park.

Whilst the Committee unanimously supported the need for two crossings at Brenda Road and the A689/Belle Vue Way, given the current budget position, Members requested that a light controlled crossing on the A689/Belle Vue Way be installed in the current financial year and the

Brenda Road crossing be installed as early as possible in the new financial year.

**Decision**

- (i) That the proposed light control crossing on the A689/Belle Vue Way, as shown in Appendix 2, be approved.
- (ii) That the proposed light control crossing at Brenda Road, as shown in Appendix 1, be implemented as soon as possible in the 2017/18 financial year.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 pm.

**P J DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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