

**HIGHWAYS SUB-COMMITTEE
17 SEPTEMBER 1998**

Present: Councillors Mrs Ballin (Chairman), Adams, Mrs Clifford, Mrs Doyle, Finnie, Harrison, Ryan and Wade

Parish & Town Council Representatives:

Councillors Mrs M Bayle (Bracknell Town),
Mrs B Brown (Warfield Parish), D Fawcett (Binfield Parish)
Mrs M Pierce-Jones (Crowthorne Parish),
and E M Young (Winkfield Parish).

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Veakins and Mrs M Bayle (Bracknell Town Council) J M Nicholson (Sandhurst Town Council) and J Willis (Binfield Parish Council)

Councillors Blatchford, Flood, and Mrs Hayes also attended.

19. Substitute Members

The Sub-Committee noted that no substitute Members were present in accordance with standing order 38.

20. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee held on 11 June 1998 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21. Presentation on Traffic Calming

The Sub-Committee received a presentation on traffic calming measures. The presentation was made by Mike Jones of Babtie who answered a number of questions arising from it.

One of the key points arising from this was that the type of calming measures differed from site to site depending upon the prevailing circumstances.

22. Objections received to Advertised Traffic Regulation Orders (Item 1)

The Committee considered a report on objections received to proposed traffic regulation orders introducing waiting restrictions in the Park Road area of Bracknell and at Rhododendron Walk/New Road/Fernbank Road, Ascot.

The Sub-Committee was advised that further representations had been received from the owner of 42 Park Road requesting a parking space outside his property. However, it was advised that this could not be achieved, given the need to provide a sight line to the access of the adjacent public house.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That, in respect of the proposed prohibition of waiting in the Park Road area of Bracknell:
 - a No public inquiry be held;
 - b The waiting restrictions shown on drawing number TM 600/97/89B be implemented; and,
 - c The respondents to the advertisement be informed accordingly; and,
- 2 That, in respect of the proposed prohibition of waiting at Rhododendron Walk/New Road and Fernbank Road, Ascot:
 - a No public inquiry be held;
 - b The order be confirmed as advertised; and,
 - c The respondents to the advertisement be informed accordingly.

23. Local Safety Schemes (Item 2)

The Sub-Committee considered a report inviting it to approve the way in which the £50,000 supplementary credit approval for local safety schemes should be allocated.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the following schemes be implemented this year as the Council's Local Safety Scheme programme:

No. Site	£
5 Bracknell Road/Foresters Way roundabout	4,200
10 Lovel Road/North Street Junction	12,000
17 Wokingham Rd/Downshire Way roundabout	3,000
3 Skimped Hill Roundabout	4,000
8 Nine Mile Ride	8,800
4 Rackstraw Road/Owlsmoor Road	9,600
16 Dukes Ride (by Wellington Business Park)	5,500
9 Twin Bridges Roundabout	<u>3,000</u>
	£50,100

and,

- 2 That the revised scheme for Broad Lane as described in table 2 of the annex to the report be approved.

24. **Wellington Road, Crowthorne (Item 3)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report on the feasibility of introducing traffic calming and warning signs in Wellington Road, Crowthorne.

RESOLVED: That “SLOW” road markings and signs warning of the possibility of elderly people crossing the road be provided as described in the report.

25. **Street Naming – Town Centre Approach Roads (Item 4)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report on a request from the Town Centre Sub-Committee for the naming of two of the approach roads to Bracknell Town Centre.

RESOLVED: That the approach road names of “Station Way” and “Weather Way” be approved subject to there being no sustained objections raised in the consultation with ward Members, the Town Council and the Post Office.

26. **Beehive Road and Turnpike Road, Binfield (Item 5)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report on proposals to install a bus gate in Turnpike Road, Binfield for which approval had previously been granted. Since that decision, it had emerged that the existence of a private right of way along the road would make it difficult to proceed with the proposal. In the circumstances, an alternative proposal had been devised.

In response to questions, the Sub-Committee was advised that discussions were taking place with the owner of John Nike Way about the possible adoption of this private road. In addition it was advised that, in the short term, bollards would be erected to achieve the aim of the proposed order if approved. In the medium/long term and if a bus service were to be introduced, a bus gate would be provided,

It was noted that the Parish Council was concerned that the scheme could add over a mile to residents journeys and that, in view of this and uncertainty over the effects of the Northern Distributor Road, it believed that the scheme should be deferred until the latter had opened and its impact been assessed.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That a Prohibition of Motor Vehicle Order, with exemption for permit holders, as identified in paragraph 4.8 of the report, be prepared and advertised, the effect of which will be to restrict vehicular movements in Beehive Road between Cain Road and Turnpike Road;
- 2 That, subject to there being no objections, the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the Order; and,
- 3 That the existing traffic orders restricting vehicular traffic in Beehive Road be revoked and proposals for Turnpike Road be abandoned.

27. **Waterloo Road, Crowthorne – Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme (Item 6)**

The Sub-Committee considered a further report on traffic calming proposals in Waterloo Road, Crowthorne.

The Officers answered a number of questions regarding the proposal, noting that the Parish Council would like to see wider consultation than the street frontagers, given the likely impact on the High Street. In response to this, it was noted that the scheme would be the subject of public advertisement and a press release. The Sub-Committee could consider any local concerns at the end of the period for public consultation.

RESOLVED: That a consultation be carried out with frontagers on the proposals for speed cushions on Waterloo Road and Church Road as shown on the drawing accompanying the report and the necessary Traffic Regulation Order be advertised with the results being brought back to a later meeting.

28. **B3017, Swinley Road (Item 7)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report on road safety on the B3017 Swinley Road.

RESOLVED: That additional warning signs showing “Road Narrows from Both Sides Ahead” and “Oncoming Vehicles In The Middle Of The Road” be installed on both approaches to the hump-backed bridge on the B3017 Swinley Road.

29. **Winter Maintenance (Item 8)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report on the proposed Winter Maintenance Plan for implementation during winter 1998/99. The plan also included the Council’s proposed Policy Statement for the provision of the winter maintenance service, together with proposals for the maintenance of winter maintenance vehicles and equipment.

The Chairman advised the Committee that she had asked for all councillors to be consulted about the winter maintenance programme with a view to determining whether there were areas omitted which required attention more than those covered by the Plan. In addition, the Sub-Committee noted that there was no formal budget for snow clearance, but, if the need arose, the cost would be met from the Council’s contingency fund.

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the Policy Statement for the provision of the winter maintenance service be approved; and,
- 2 That for the next two years only, interim servicing be carried out on winter maintenance plant.

30. **Driver Improvement Scheme (Item 9)**

The Sub-Committee considered a report on a scheme, already being trialled by Oxfordshire County Council, with Thames Valley Police whereby drivers, who might otherwise be prosecuted for driving without due care and attention, are offered an alternative of undergoing an intensive driver-training course.

RESOLVED: That the Council enter into a partnership arrangement with Thames Valley Police for a Driver Improvement Scheme to operate in the Borough area, subject to a written agreement being made with DriveTech (to the approval of the Borough Solicitor) which ensures that appropriate standards will be met.

31. **Items Submitted for Information**

The Sub-Committee noted the following items that had been submitted for information:

- (a) North Bracknell Traffic and Road Safety Study and
The Northern Distributor Road – Progress Report (Item 10)
- (b) Highways Works – Progress Report (Item 11)

In response to concerns raised under item 10 about safe crossing points for schoolchildren, the officers undertook to investigate the matter and contact the Parish Council's representative accordingly.

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm
and concluded at 9:20 pm

Chairman