

**DRAFT Minutes of Transport Committee Meeting held in the  
Community Office, Bruton  
on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Anderton, Karen Baker, Hood, Jones and Pickering.  
In the Chair: Councillor Hood  
In Attendance: The Assistant Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were received from Councillors Abi Baker, Brownlow and Sida.

**2. Committee Chair –**

**It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Hood be elected as Chair of the Committee.**

**Resolved 5-0-0 [for-against-abstained]**

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Anderton stated that he very occasionally parked on Uphills (Agenda item 8).

**4. Minutes of meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018 be adopted as a true and accurate record.**

**Resolved 5-0-0**

**5. Transport Policy** - The Committee discussed whether this was the best time to implement the drafting of a Transport policy given the many current changes, challenges and projects in the transport matters in Bruton.

**It was proposed and seconded that the drafting of a Transport Policy be suspended for the time being.**

**Resolved 5-0-0**

**6. Library junction**

The Committee debated the advantages and the disadvantages of designated loading bays in narrow streets with shops and limited parking.

**It was proposed and seconded that a designated loading bay be included in the revised proposals for the Library junction.**

**Resolved 3-2-0**

The Committee acknowledged that for many residents, particularly those who drive, the tight turn between Quaperlake Street and Coombe Street is the main problem with the junction - but one that is virtually insoluble because of the position of the buildings. On the other hand the Town Plan identified making the town easy and safe to walk around as a top priority, and by compelling drivers to slow down the proposed new layout of the junction will make it safer for pedestrians and motorists alike.

**It was proposed and seconded that the revised proposals for the Library junction be recommended to Council.**

**Resolved 5-0-0**

#### **7. Short-stay parking the High Street**

The Committee took the view that any consultation about the proposal to introduce eight one-hour parking spaces at the eastern end of the High Street be timed so as to fit in with the Library junction proposals and plans.

#### **8. Parking on Uphills**

The Committee acknowledged that unrestricted street parking causes inconvenience for Uphills residents at times. However it was felt that a resident's suggestion that parking be restricted to Uphills residents through residential parking permits would likely increase the town's overall parking problems and be against the interest of residents more generally. The Town Council recognises that a shortage of long-term car parking is a major problem for Bruton and is investigating a number of options to increase the supply.

**It was proposed and seconded that the Committee would not recommend the Council to support a survey of Uphills residents to ascertain the extent to which they would support a residents parking permit scheme.**

**Resolved 5-0-0**

#### **9. Road safety at Bruton Primary School**

The Committee was aware of concerns about dangers from traffic faced by children walking to and from school and it supported the idea of a coordinated initiative by the school authorities, the Parents Staff Association and South Somerset District Council (which owns and runs Tolbury Mill car park) to mitigate the dangers.

#### **10. Parking outside Church Bridge Stores**

The Committee noted that the location of the signpost and the layout of the parking area created difficulties for motorists trying to park, including in the disabled parking bay.

**It was proposed and seconded that the Committee would consult the proprietors of the Church Bridge Stores and then discuss ways of improving the parking area with the Highways Department of Somerset County Council (Highways).**

**Resolved 5-0-0**

### **11. Road sign at Wyke.**

It was noted that a broken direction sign at the junction of Wyke Road and Creech Hill Lane has been removed, presumably by the Highways Department. The Committee considered it redundant and did not see any need for it to be replaced.

### **12. HGVs.**

Members of the Committee will continue their programme of visits to and discussions with local businesses and the Committee will investigate the extent to which technological solutions using photographic images are compatible with the newly introduced General Data Protection Regulations.

### **13. For information.** The Committee also noted the following matters:

- a. Street lighting on Cuckoo Hill:** Councillors Brownlow, Hood and Jones and maybe a representative of Bruton Trust will meet to discuss how to publicise the problems caused by inappropriately bright lights in rural areas.
- b. Quaperlake Street carriageway and pavements:** concerns passed on to Highways about cracked and loose flagstones have been addressed.
- c. Redlynch layby:** someone (possibly the resident who raised the concerns) has addressed the hazard of the large pothole in the layby by putting a tree stump in it.
- d. Dropping Lane:** Highways has carried out a site visit to assess the extent of the new carriageway lining; the date when the work will be carried out is not known.
- e. Godminster Lane:** drainage alterations by a neighbouring landholder are leading to runoff apparently damaging the carriageway; this has been reported to Highways but no response has yet been received.
- f. Yellow lines in Silver Street:** these have already degraded. Highways is aware of the problem and will address it but does not consider it urgent.

The meeting finished at 8.35pm

The next meeting of the Transport Committee will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm