

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Traffic and Parking Working Party

Date: Thursday, 17th September, 2015

Place: Jubilee Room, Civic 1, Civic Centre, Southend

Present: Councillor M W Terry (Chairman),
Councillors D A Norman MBE (Vice-Chairman), B Ayling*, T Callaghan,
J I Courtenay, T Cox, J M Garston, G E Longley
(*Substitute in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 31)

In Attendance: Councillors M Assenheim, T K Byford, A Crystall, J L Lamb, J McMahon,
M Stafford, L P Salter, C W Walker
P Geraghty, Z Ali, C Hindle-Terry, T Row

Start/End Time: 6.00 p.m./9.25 p.m.

**** **Part I**

1 Apologies and substitutions.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P R Van Looy (substitute: Councillor Ayling).

2 Declarations of interest.

(a) Councillor Callaghan - Agenda item no. 6 (Petition - Residents only Parking Zones for Redstock Road and adjoining streets/roads) - Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity;

(b) Councillor Cox - Agenda Item 10 (Request ref no. 15/13) - Non-pecuniary interest: Chair of Rochford & Southend East Conservative Association and the MP lives in Fermoy Road;

(c) Councillor J Garston - Agenda item No. 10 (Request ref no. 15/13) - Non-pecuniary interest: MP lives in Fermoy Road;

(d) Councillor J Garston - Agenda item no. 11 (Broadway West) - Disclosable non-pecuniary interest (withdrew);

(e) Councillor Longley - Agenda item no. 4 (The Maze) - Non-pecuniary interest;

(e) Mr T Row - Agenda item no. 5 (Petition Requesting Parking Controls - Benvenue Avenue) - Non-pecuniary interest: knows someone who lives in the road.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 25th June, 2015

Resolved:

That, subject to the amendment of Minute 2(b) as detailed below, the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 25th June 2015 be received and confirmed as a correct record:

"(b) Councillor J Garston - Agenda Item No. 8 - Petition: Salisbury Road - Non-pecuniary interest: Brother lives in the road."

4 Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Various Locations

The Working Party received a report of the Corporate Director for Place that appraised Members of the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for traffic regulation orders for proposed waiting locations within the Borough and, after having considered those representations, including those made at the meeting, sought appropriate recommendation to the Cabinet Committee.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended to authorise the Corporate Director for Place to confirm the traffic regulation orders in respect of the locations listed in Appendix 1 of the report as advertised without amendments.

5 Petition Requesting Parking Controls - Benvenue Avenue

The Working Party received a report of the Corporate Director for Place which informed Members of the receipt of a petition comprising 31 signatures from the residents in Benvenue Avenue. The petition sought the introduction of parking controls between 08:15 and 9:15 and 14:30 to 15:30 term time only in the road which had an access to the Heycroft Primary School.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the petition be noted
2. That any proposals be deferred pending the outcome of the strategic approach to reduce speed, improve road safety and address parking issues within residential areas.

6 Petition - Residents only Parking Zones for Redstock Road and adjoining streets/roads

The Working Party received a report of the Corporate Director for Place which informed Members of the receipt of a petition comprising 60 signatures requesting the possible introduction of resident only parking controls in Redstock Road and adjoining streets/roads.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the petition be noted.
2. That officers assist Ward Councillors to identify a suitable geographical area and appropriate questions to enable Members to undertake a survey of residents in accordance with the Parking Management Scheme policy.
3. That, in the event that the requisite numbers of residents respond to the survey and the majority of respondents support the suggestion, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to commence the formal process for the introduction of a Permit Parking Area.

7 Petition - Traffic Calming Measures in Tunbridge Road and Penhurst Avenue

The Working Party received a report of the Corporate Director for Place which informed Members of the receipt of a petition comprising 73 signatures requesting an amendment to the current junction layout at Carnarvon Road and Victoria Avenue to accommodate a right turn manoeuvre into Victoria Avenue from Carnarvon Road.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the petition be noted.
2. That it be noted that investigations are being undertaken with regard to the existing manoeuvres and traffic flows at this location as part of development potential on the west side of Victoria Avenue.
3. Upon completion of the investigation and designs have been created, the Corporate Director be authorised to advertise any required Traffic Regulation Order amendments relating to traffic flow.
4. In the event that no objections are received to the proposals, the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order(s).

8 Leighville Grove and Southsea Avenue

Further to Minute 90 of the meeting of the Cabinet Committee held on 25th June 2015, the Working Party received a report from the Corporate Director for Place concerning the introduction of one way traffic flows in Leighville Grove and Southsea Avenue and part day/part week waiting restrictions in Southsea Avenue.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the relevant amendments to the traffic regulation orders to introduce one way traffic flows as follows, and subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be confirmed:

Leighville Grove - southbound
Southsea Avenue - northbound

2. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to make the necessary order to give permanent effect to the current experimental waiting restrictions in Southsea Drive.

9 Outcome of Consultation on a Residents' Parking Scheme in Queensway East Area

The Working Party received a report from the Corporate Director for Place that appraised Members of the outcomes of a recent consultation on a possible residents' only parking scheme in the roads bounding Queensway, Southchurch Road and Southchurch Avenue (the Queensway East Area).

Resolved:

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the outcomes of the public consultation be noted.

2. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the proposals in accordance with statutory requirements. The times of operation of the scheme to be 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. daily to account for the variation in non-residential parking.

3. That, subject to there being no objections received to the statutory notices, the Corporate Director be authorised to confirm the necessary orders and implement the scheme.

10 Members' Requests List

The Working Party received a report from the Corporate Director for Place that appraised Members of the requests that had been received from Members of the Council, together with officers' recommendations relating to those requests.

With reference to Request Ref. No. 15/06 regarding the installation of a pedestrian crossing, North Shoebury Road near to Shoebury Park, the Working Party felt that whilst this request did not meet the criteria of the agreed policy for providing pedestrian crossings, the costs for its introduction were being met entirely by a road safety charity. In the circumstances, the Working Party concluded that the crossing should be provided as an exception to the policy.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise the necessary traffic regulation orders as appropriate in relation to the following proposals and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented:

15/06 - Installation of pedestrian crossing, North Shoebury Road near to Shoebury Park;

15/12 - Introduction of 24 hour waiting restriction on north side and waiting restriction operating from 1pm to 3pm Monday to Friday. in Burges Road between Thorpe Hall Avenue and Colbert Avenue;

15/24 - Introduction of 24 hour waiting restriction in Colbert Avenue on east and north side by bend.

2. That no further action be taken in respect of the following requests for the reasons stated in the report and that the request be removed from the list:

14/20 - Provision of waiting restrictions in Riviera Drive, eastern extremity;

14/24 - Increase existing 5m of junction protection Cottesmore Gardens, Quorn Gardens, and Tattersall Gardens, junctions with Western Road;

14/38 - Introduction of waiting restrictions Eastern Close;

14/44 - Introduction of yellow lines to help improve visibility at a busy entrance/exit to a commercial parking forecourt (Woodgrove Walk);

14/45 - Removal of waiting restrictions 22 to 46 The Fairway;

15/13 - Introduction of waiting restriction operating from 11am to noon in St James Avenue and Marcus Avenue between Fermoy to Johnstone Road and removal of existing waiting restriction in Fermoy Road, Marcus Avenue to St James Avenue on alternating sides to provide staggered parking to compensate for new waiting restrictions;

15/17 - Provision of bollards in Byfield to prevent footway parking.

3. That request Ref No. 14/15 regarding the widening of the pedestrian refuge Ness Road, Shoeburyness be retained on the list and clarification of the matter be investigated.

4. That the following requests be investigated as part of area wide measures being considered by the Traffic & Parking Working Party:

14/23 - Provision of 1 hour parking prohibition and junction protection in Dale Road, Dynevor Gardens, Crescent Road and Western Road with longer term request to treat all of area (Tattersall Gardens to Hadleigh Road – South of London Road);

15/09 - Amendment of traffic flow in Westcliff Parade to one-way, east to west.

5. That the following requests be retained on the list for investigation:

15/01 - Amend priority North, South and Central Avenues;
15/07 - Installation of a pedestrian crossing in Elmsleigh Drive near Rayleigh Drive;
15/08 - Hardening of verge at eastern end of Riviera Drive;
15/10 - Introduction of double yellow lines along the length of the wall opposite 26-30 Ashes Road;
15/14 - Introduction of resident parking controls in Station Avenue but exclude flats at northern extremity;
15/15 - Provision of waiting restrictions, Rayleigh Road to protect driveways;
15/16 - Provision of limited waiting parking restrictions, to deter non-residents parking in Brooklands Avenue and Eastwood Park;
15/18 - Formalisation of parking areas in and around Saxon Gardens, Delaware Crescent, Blyth Avenue and Bunters Avenue;
15/19 - Introduction of one way traffic flow in Saxon Gardens;
15/20 - Extension of double yellow lines at the junction of Church Road with Ness Road;
15/22 - Traffic management in Campfield Road and Ness Road;
15/23 - Introduction of double yellow lines on Delaware Road at Delaware Crescent.

6. That the request ref no. 15/21 regarding the speeds of vehicles in Bunters Avenue be considered as part of the in-depth scrutiny project being undertaken by the Place Scrutiny Committee into 20mph speed limits in residential streets and that a T-sign be added to the street name board at Bunters Avenue to indicate the road is a cul-de-sac.

11 Requests for New or Amended Traffic Regulation Orders

The Working Party received a report of the Corporate Director for Place that sought Members' approval to recommend to the Cabinet Committee that amendments to existing and/or the introduction of new waiting restrictions at the locations indicated in Appendix 1 to the report be advertised in accordance with the statutory processes and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the relevant orders to be sealed and the proposals be implemented.

The Working Party also considered a supplementary request that had been received, the details of which were circulated at the meeting.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the following recommendations of officers in respect of the requests as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Corporate Director for Place be approved and that the Corporate Director for Place be authorised to advertise any necessary traffic regulation orders as appropriate in relation to the following proposals and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the orders to be sealed and the proposals implemented:

West Road, Westcliff-on-Sea - installation of a pedestrian crossing near Westborough Road;
Harp House Roundabout - installation of 2 Toucan crossings and carriageway widening to the airport access road;
Shoebury Library, Leisure Centre and Youth Centre - introduction of waiting restrictions in car parks;
Western Road - reduction of junction protection near tom property at 124 Western Road and other locations where an excessive length is provided;
Broadway West - amendment of existing parking bay layout to accommodate vehicular access created as part of a development.

2. That the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holders be authorised, to determine the timing and length of any waiting restrictions in the car parks of the Shoebury Library, Leisure Centre and Youth Centre.

12 Traffic Regulation Orders - Suspension of Works

The Working Party received a report of the Corporate Director for Place that sought Members' support to the suspension of all works related to Traffic Regulation Orders for up to 16 weeks until the completion of a Borough-wide inventory and updating of software to capture all current Traffic Regulation Orders in plan form, along with consolidation of all amendments undertaken since 2006. This would exclude any works related to Parking Schemes as these have been digitised.

Resolved:

That the Cabinet Committee be recommended to endorse the request to suspend all works to Traffic Regulation Orders related to waiting restrictions.