

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Traffic Regulations Working Party

Date: Monday, 4th November, 2019

Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor R Woodley (Chair)
Councillors K Robinson (Vice-Chair), K Buck, P Collins, D Cowan,
T Cox, D Jarvis, H McDonald, A Moring, D Nelson, M Terry and
S Wakefield

In Attendance: S Harrington, C Hindle-Terry, T Row and B Frost

Start/End Time: 6.00 pm - 7.35 pm

1 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillors Buck, Cowan, McDonald – Agenda Item No. 6 (Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Clarence Road/Clarence Street) – Non-pecuniary interest: Member of Licensing Committee which deals with Hackney Carriage Stands;

(b) Councillor Collins – Agenda Item No. 6 (Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Clarence Road/Clarence Street) – Non-pecuniary interest: Son is a blue badge holder;

(c) Councillors Jarvis and Terry – Agenda Item No. 6 (Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Civic Centre Underground Car Park) – Non-pecuniary interest: Use the car park at weekends;

(d) Councillor McDonald – Agenda Item No. 6 (Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Clarence Road/Clarence Street) – Non-pecuniary interest: Workplace is in Clarence Road;

(e) Councillor McDonald – Agenda Item No. 8 (Reference back of Minute 308 of Cabinet Committee held on Thursday 12th September 2019 - Requests for Waiting Restrictions: Introduction of speed humps in Thorpe Bay Gardens) – Nonpecuniary interest: Lives in the vicinity;

(f) Councillor Robinson – Agenda Item No. 5 (Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders – Osborne Road) – Pecuniary interest: Workplace is in next road and was mentioned in a resident's representation (withdrew);

(g) Councillor Terry – Agenda Item No. 6 (Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Eastern Esplanade – Non-pecuniary interest: Lives in the road; and

(h) Councillor Wakefield – Agenda Item No. 6 (Requests for Waiting Restrictions – Clarence Road/Clarence Street) – Non-pecuniary interest: Shop is in the vicinity.

3 Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 12th September, 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 12th September 2019 be Received and confirmed as a correct record.

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 24th September, 2019

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That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 24th September 2019 be Received and confirmed as a correct record.

5 Traffic Regulation Orders Objections and Amendments

The Working Party received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that presented the representations that had been received in response to the statutory consultation for a traffic regulation order, the effect of which would, amongst other things, revoke the existing provisions for parking on opposite sides of the road on alternate months in Albion Road and Osborne Road, Westcliff-on-Sea.

The report also sought an appropriate recommendation to the Cabinet Committee on the way forward in respect of these proposals, following consideration of all the representations that had been received in writing and at the meeting. Details of the proposals were displayed at the meeting.

Resolved:-

That the Cabinet Committee recommended:

1. That the proposed revocation of the existing provisions for parking on opposite sides of the road on alternate months in Albion Road not be progressed.

2. That, subject to the exclusion of the proposals regarding Albion Road detailed in resolution 1 above, the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones)(Consolidation) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 7) Order 2019 be confirmed as advertised.

3. That the changes to the restrictions on vehicular movements around the travel centre, Southend-on-Sea in Church Road (between Chancellor Road and Heygate Avenue), Heygate Avenue (between Chichester Road and Church Road) and Chichester Road between (Heygate Avenue and York Road), to allow all vehicles to proceed in both directions be supported.

6 Request for Waiting Restrictions

The Working Party received a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that sought approval to authorise the advertisement of the amendments and/or new waiting restrictions at the locations indicated in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, 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 implement the proposals. Plans of the proposals were displayed at the meeting.

With reference to the proposed scheme in Clarence Road/Clarence Street, the Working Party was reminded that the appointment of taxi stands would need to be referred to the Licensing Sub Committee for consideration.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet Committee be recommended:

1. That the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the relevant statutory notice and undertake the necessary consultation for a traffic regulation order(s) for the following requests and, subject to there being no objections received following statutory advertisement, to arrange for the order to be sealed and the proposals implemented:

(i) the removal approximately 17 metres of no waiting at any time on the northeast side outside Nos.4 and 5 Runwell Terrace and replace with 3 pay and display bays;

(ii) to provide additional on-street pay and display parking at various locations in Western Esplanade Eastern Esplanade as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report;

(iii) the amendment to the existing waiting restrictions in Ambleside Drive in the vicinity of the Adult Community College (in the meantime, the Interim Group Manager Traffic & Highways undertook to install an "H-bar" marking on the highway at this location to protect the "pram ramp" in the vicinity of 105-107 Ambleside Drive;

(iv) the reduction of the existing junction protection in Leighville Grove, Leigh-on-Sea at its junction with Rectory Grove by 5 metres each side;

(v) the removal of the limited waiting bay outside Nos.151 and 153 Kings Road, Westcliff-on-Sea; and

(vi) the removal of the junction protection waiting restrictions on the north side of Sunningdale Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea that was originally introduced as a temporary basis during construction of the flat development on the corner.

2. That consideration of the review of parking in Clarence Road, Clarence Street and Weston Road, Southend-on-Sea, which forms part of an ongoing town centre review, to create additional parking within this area by the redeployment of some disabled bays, loading facilities and creation of additional spaces, be deferred and that officers be requested to investigate more appropriate locations of the disabled parking bays and investigate the feasibility of introducing some parking bays with a maximum stay of 15 minutes free of charge within the proposed scheme.

3. That the proposed revocation of the current off street parking places Traffic Regulation Order to remove public parking at weekends in the Civic Centre Underground Car Park not be progressed.

7 Reference back of Minute 308 of Cabinet Committee - Requests for Waiting Restrictions: Introduction of speed humps in Thorpe Bay Gardens

The Working Party reconsidered Minute 308 of the meeting of Cabinet Committee held on Thursday 12th September 2019, in relation to the proposed installation of speed humps in Thorpe Bay Gardens. This had been referred back by the Council at its meeting held on Thursday, 24th October 2019. The Working Party also had before it a copy of the report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), together with a briefing note which provided further details on this matter. This included speed data that had been collated following the

installation of speed monitoring equipment in the road between 21st June and 3rd July 2019.

Resolved:-

That Cabinet Committee be recommended that, in the light of the additional information received since the last meeting, the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) be authorised to publish the statutory notices and undertake the statutory consultation for the installation of speed humps in Thorpe Bay Gardens, Southend-on-Sea in accordance with the proposals submitted to the Cabinet Committee and Traffic Regulations Working Party at its last meeting.