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MINUTES OF PROPERTY & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Monday 31st October 2022 at 7.00pm

Councillors present: Philippa Biddlecombe (Chair), Margaret Bebbington, Robert Brown, James Camm, Steve Evans, Pek Peppin, Angela Piggott, Trevor Oats, Tom Trouton, Rob Worth
Clerk: Lisa Davis
In attendance: Chris Edwards - Ansford Parish Council, Mike Lewis, Henry Hobhouse, PCSO Beata, 14 members of the public

The meeting started at 19:47

A resident from Ansford spoke about their concerns about the speed of traffic on Station Road and issues that their disabled son has encountered with parking at Castle Rise.

A resident raised concerns about the increase in volume and speed of traffic on North Street and advised that they would like to see a 20mph speed limit introduced.

Chris Edwards reported that Speed Indicator Devices (SID) had been purchased and would be sited in agreed locations in Ansford and Castle Cary.

A resident raised concerns about parking being removed from the town centre as this would increase the speed of traffic and stressed that there is a need to remember that the High Street is where businesses operate.

Pek Peppin advised that CCTC had asked in recent months for volunteers to undertake a Speedwatch scheme but unfortunately there had been no response to date.

PCSO Beata confirmed that there had only been 2 reports of speeding reported recently. She reminded people of the importance of reporting all issues/incidents to 101.

Angela Piggott suggested that members of the public in attendance leave their email addresses if they would be interested in joining a Speedwatch volunteer team.

A resident of Castle Cary expressed concerns about the traffic and parking issues on Station Road and asked if it would be possible to request S106 contributions from future developments to be used for highway improvements.

Henry Hobhouse advised that if SCC Highways raise no objections to planning proposals then S106 contributions cannot be requested.

A resident raised concerns about omissions in the town and lorries driving through.

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PI25 Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Linda Ball, Carly Franklin and Judi Morison.

PI26 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest (these must be declared BEFORE the agenda items concerned are discussed. Persons with a declared pecuniary interest must leave the meeting room when these are discussed).
There were no declarations of interest.

PI27 Approval of Minutes of Property & Infrastructure Committee meeting of 25th July 2022
RESOLVED: Subject to amendments to PI20b) and PI20d), it was proposed and agreed (5 – for, 5 – abstained, 0 - against) that the minutes of the meeting be approved to be signed by the Chair at a later time.

PI28 Action points from previous meetings:
Philippa Biddlecombe reported that funding was no longer available from Wessex Water for the drinking water tap.

PI29 Infrastructure:

a) **To discuss traffic issues in Castle Cary and report sent from local resident to SCC Highways.** The Clerk advised that a report had been submitted to SCC Highways by a local resident and it had been sent to CCTC for information. SCC would respond directly to the resident.

b) **To discuss proposal for a 'no-idling' zone** Judi Morison reported that a proposal for a 'no idling zone' had been received. It was discussed and agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the Police to find out who was responsible for the enforcement of vehicle idling.

Action 223110/1: Town Clerk

c) **To consider and approve Transport Strategy** The draft Transport Strategy was agreed in principle but it was agreed that it should be taken to the Transport Advisory Group and put forward for formal approval by CCTC at a later date.

d) **To consider and approve Terms of Reference for Transport Advisory Group**
RESOLVED: it was proposed and agreed (9 – for, 0 – abstained, 1 – against) that the Terms of Reference for the Transport Advisory Group are approved as a working document for the Group to bring back to CCTC and APC for adoption at a later date.

e) **Update on paviours** No further update had been received from SCC. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would circulate an update regarding work completed to date to new Councillors.

Action 223110/2: Deputy Clerk

PI30 Properties – Pavilion and Donald Pither Memorial Field

a) **Update on the Pavilion project**
Rob Worth reported that the Sub Committee met with the Architect on 13 October. A briefing document has been circulated to all and the project is progressing well.

b) **To discuss the issue with pit bikes being ridden around the field** It was agreed to ask Steve Barnes at SSDC if there are any sites that could be used nearby and also to identify if there is a local motorbike club who may be able to assist.

Action 223110/3: Town Clerk

c) **To discuss possible location of youth shelter** It was agreed that Philippa Biddlecombe and the Town Clerk would discuss this further with David Hinder at Avon and Somerset Police.

Action 223110/4: Philippa Biddlecombe/Town Clerk

PI31 Market House:

a) **Update on Assembly and Billiard Rooms (PP) –**.
Pek Peppin advised that works are progressing slowly. Robert Brown agreed to look at the items that had been emptied from the cupboard under the stage to identify if anything was of any value to raise funds for the Market House project.

b) **To consider quotes for the handrail up to the Museum**
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the quote from MJ Patch

PI32 Fairfield

a) **To consider complaint received from resident regarding the Funfair at Fairfield.**

The details of the complaint were discussed and the Town Clerk reported that she had visited the fair to monitor the noise during the period that they were at Fairfield. It was agreed that the complainant would be advised to contact SSDC should they wish to make a formal complaint. It was noted that this would be discussed by APC at their next meeting and a formal response agreed after this meeting.

Action 223110/5: Town Clerk

PI33 Cemetery

a) **To consider quotes for Jubilee Tree and bench** Philippa Biddlecombe advised that there is a need for some tree maintenance to be carried out.

b) **Update on new bench** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that the new bench had been installed at the Cemetery.

PI34 Application to add a footpath

a) **To discuss application to add a footpath from West Park to the junction with footpath WN 6/37.** This was deferred for discussion at the next Planning Committee meeting.

PI35 Health and Safety

a) **Update on play inspections.** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that the play inspection was due to be completed and that the report would be circulated once received.

b) **Somerset Emergency Community Contacts (SECC) – to discuss request from Somerset Local Authorities' Civil Contingencies Unit.** Steve Evans and Philippa Biddlecombe offered to be included as contacts for Castle Cary. It was agreed to put a request for volunteers to become an emergency community contact. Tom Trouton offered to be included if there were no members of the community interested. Chris Edwards confirmed that this would be discussed at the next APC meeting to identify one contact.

The meeting ended at 20.50pm

The next meeting of the Properties and Infrastructures Committee will be held on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.00pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 12th January 2023.