

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee held on Thursday 25 June 2015 at City Hall, Bradford

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Commenced 1700  
Concluded 1830

## PRESENT – Councillors

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	INDEPENDENT
Carmody	Ferriby	Robinson
	Wainwright	
	Tariq Hussain	
	Jabar	
	Johnson	
	Peart	
	V Slater	

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Resolved -

That Councillor Ferriby be appointed Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

*ACTION: City Solicitor*

#### Councillor Ferriby in the Chair

### 2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Resolved -

That Councillor Wainwright be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford South Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2015/2016.

*ACTION: City Solicitor*



### 3. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

### 4. **MINUTES**

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2015 be signed as a correct record.**

### 5. **INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

### 6. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

### 7. **PETITION - CROSS LANE, HUDSON GARDENS AND PERSEVERANCE LANE, GREAT HORTON**

**Great Horton**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “A”**) which set out a petition that requested resident’s permit parking and waiting restrictions on Cross Lane, Hudson Gardens, Perseverance Lane and surrounding streets, and also expressed concern about vehicle speeds in the area.

The Principal Engineer explained that of the 47 signatures, a total of 26 households were represented within the area affected by the traffic issues raised by the petition. The parking issues were primarily associated with St Oswalds Primary School and the Ridge Medical Centre. He added that given the relatively short time when traffic problems occurred i.e. before and after school it did not meet the criteria for permit parking. In addition speeds had also been checked in the vicinity which were generally low and therefore traffic calming would not be appropriate. He acknowledged that some parking restrictions were already being looked at within the turning head area to improve the flow of traffic during school times, and that signing indicating that it was a ‘No Through Road’ could also be improved, as well as measures to encourage sustainable school journeys and safer parent parking.

A number of residents were present at the meeting and made the following points:

- That they had experienced problems of getting their cars out of their driveways during school start and finish times.
- That Police and Warden patrols had failed to make a difference.
- That vehicles were speeding outside of school times and during the evenings.
- That even slow speeds was a concern as children crossed the road.
- That congestion in the area extended into the evening hours because of the Ridge Medical Practice.

- That there had been no recorded collisions because they were generally of a minor nature.
- That by creating waiting restrictions within the turning head would just exacerbate problems further down the road and not offer a viable solution to traffic congestion.
- That the traffic issues residents were facing go back to 2004 and what was being proposed would not offer an effective solution, and therefore a comprehensive range of measures were needed.

In response to a question on the time of day the speed survey was undertaken, the Principal Engineer confirmed that speed surveys were done on 2 occasions over a 24 hour period.

In relation to a question on the criteria used for permit parking, the Principal Engineer explained that permit parking still required rigorous enforcement and that on a street of this nature where the problems were primarily related to specific time periods would potentially transfer the issue and permit parking would not necessarily offer a solution to residents' concerns. He added that a speed of less than 20 mph would not be enforceable in any case and that as a public highway it would not be illegal to park on this road, however keep clear marking could be looked outside driveways to ensure they were not blocked by parked cars.

A Member of the Committee and Ward Councillor for the area stated that parking had been an issue in the area for a number of years and he urged that officers work with the School and with residents to address the issues and reach a satisfactory outcome.

#### **Resolved –**

- (1) **That no further action be taken on the request for permit parking and waiting restrictions on Perseverance Lane, Cross Lane and Hudson Gardens.**
- (2) **That the improvements to the “No Through Road” signing be carried out during 2015/16.**
- (3) **That Traffic & Highways officers work with colleagues in the Road Safety team and NPT partners to look at measures to encourage sustainable school journeys and safer parent parking.**
- (4) **That the lead petitioner be informed of the decision.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture***

(Environment and Waste Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

#### **8. SOUTHFIELD LANE, BRADFORD OBJECTIONS TO A PROPOSED RAISED CROSSING AND ROAD HUMPS Great Horton**

The Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture submitted a report (**Document “B”**) which set out objections to recently advertised proposals for a raised zebra crossing and road humps on Southfield Lane, Bradford.

The Principal Engineer stated that the scheme had been approved in principle by this Committee in March 2014 and that following consultation with local residents, 2 letters of objection were received; and that in view of the objectors' concerns about the impact of the scheme on bin collection and access, the proposal had been modified to reduce the length of the zig zags.

An objector was present at the meeting and stated that she had a number of concerns about the proposals, around access and that as a result of the scheme parking would occur in the vicinity of Bartle Square and Peel Row which would blight the lives of the mainly elderly residents who lived there. She alluded to the existing anti social behaviour issues affecting the area and urged that restrictions be placed to stop people parking at the end of Peel Row and Bartle Square.

In response to some of the issues raised by the objector, the Principal Engineer stated that Bartle Square and Peel Row were already narrow and that by parking there you would be causing an obstruction in any case, which could be enforced by the Police.

A Member expressed his support for the concerns expressed by the objector and suggested that officers introduce double yellow lines in the vicinity of Bartle Square and Peel Row in order to alleviate residents' concerns.

The Principal Engineer suggested that the parking issue could be monitored once the scheme is implemented, however the installation of double yellow lines would require a separate traffic regulation order and to amalgamate it with this scheme would delay its implementation.

Members welcomed the scheme and its potential to reduce casualties in the area and suggested that the issue of parking in the area be monitored once the scheme is implemented and it was therefore:

#### **Resolved –**

- (1) That the objections be overruled and the proposed raised zebra crossing and traffic calming measures on Southfield Lane be implemented subject to the modifications detailed on Drawing No. R/PTH/TH/S/102662/GA-1B attached as Appendix 2 to Document “B”.**
- (2) That officers monitor Bartle Square and Peel Row for a period of 3 months following scheme completion to determine if there is evidence of parking issues and, if appropriate, add these sites to the list for the next available area-wide Traffic Regulation Order.**
- (3) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture***

(Environment and Waste Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

## **9. PARKS & GREEN SPACES SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document “C”**) which set out the Annual Report for the Parks and Green Spaces Service and the significant issues that would have an effect over the coming 12 months, and presented options where appropriate for future service delivery.

The Assistant Director, Sport and Leisure Service explained the proposals and options for floral displays in the district in the context of reduced level of funding. As a result it was proposed that there would be no provision for hanging baskets from the summer of 2016 and that flower beds would also be significantly scaled back and that a number of options were set out in this report pertaining to Bradford South, which required a Member decision.

He also alluded to the funding for Bowling Greens and following extensive consultation with the Bowls Clubs, 'a pay per player' model would be introduced which would generate the necessary income.

A Member commented that these proposals were part of the conversation the Council was having with residents under 'New Deal' and how we fund and provide services in the context of reduced funding, and in the area of Parks, the potential for community planting by Friends of Groups.

In relation to a question regarding the funding of bowling greens and the model proposed, the Assistant Director stated that he was confident that the proposals would generate the necessary income to bridge the funding gap.

During the discussion Members welcomed the proposals to move to a more sustainable model of planting which required minimal maintenance, however Members felt that more consultation should be undertaken prior to making a decision on the flower beds proposals, and it was therefore:

**Resolved –**

**That Bradford South Area Committee:**

**(1) Note the content of Document "C" and in particular:**

- (i) The bowls club agreement;**
- (ii) That there will be no provision by Parks and Green Spaces of hanging baskets from summer 2016.**

**(2) That this Committee welcomes the move towards more perennial planting and requests that a further report be presented to this Area Committee in September setting out the proposals for flowers beds in Bradford South, following consultation with Ward Councillors, Friends of Groups and or Residents Group.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Environment and Waste Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

## **10. 2014/15 BRADFORD SOUTH COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS**

The Strategic Director Environment and Sport submitted a report (**Document "D"**) which detailed the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 28 February 2015 deadline.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford South be noted and welcomed.**
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office continue to ensure the effective allocation of the Community Chest budget by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Environment and Sport***

(Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

**11. DATES OF MEETINGS 2015/2016**

**Resolved -**

**That Meetings of the Bradford South Area Committee for the remainder of the 2015/2016 Municipal Year be held at 17.00 on the following dates:**

**Thursday 23 July 2015**

**Wednesday 16 September 2015**

**Thursday 26 November 2015**

**Thursday 28 January 2016**

**Thursday 17 March 2016.**

***ACTION: City Solicitor***

Chair

**Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee.**

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