

**NOTES TAKEN AT PUBLIC MEETING IN HATHERLEIGH ON TUESDAY 31ST MAY 2016**  
**7PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE - PARKING/TRAFFIC PROBLEMS**

**Attendees:**

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| Devon County Council          | Cllr.J.McInnes   |
| West Devon Borough Council    | Dist.Cllr.P.Kimber   |
| West Devon Borough Council    | Mrs.C.Aubertin   |
| Neighbourhood Beat Manager    | PC Pickles   |
| PCSO                          | M.Jarvis   |
| Devon & Somerset Fire Brigade | K.Drew   |
| School Governor               | V.Jevons   |
| School Crossing Officer       | K.Bennett  |
| Hatherleigh Town Councillors  | Tyson, Laing-Trengove, Trenaman, Laycock, Gladstone,<br>Alford, Gilbert. |
| Clerk to the Council          | Mrs.R.Lock   |
| Members of the public         | 42   |

**Apologies**

M.Stride MP

**1. Cllr.Tyson chaired the meeting** - and asked those on the top table to introduce themselves. She then gave a brief outline on why the meeting had been called, and highlighted past work, evidence gathering, dangers and key problem areas as highlighted on the agenda which were taken from the survey responses.

**2. Devon County Councillor J. McInnes**

- the Town must decide themselves what they want
- a process to be followed:- a) set up a working group
  - b) will be appointed a Devon County Highways officer
  - c) formulate a review of what Hatherleigh wants
  - d) public exhibition to show proposals
  - e) cost of traffic order in region of £3,500 and can contain any number of required provisions
- Cllr.Stuart Hughes is the Devon County Cabinet member for Highways
- Parking times within a traffic order could be varied eg. 30mins in inner zone and longer further out
- A resident parking scheme can be an option but it doesn't guarantee a personal space outside your home.

**3. School Governor - V.Jevons**

- 2 pedestrians have been clipped by vehicle wing mirrors
- bus stuck up South Street
- parents not allowed to park in the Community Centre car park any longer\*\*
- PCSO had recently supplied cones which had been useful
- a "walking bus" had been organised from Moor View
- legal issues over the new footpath into the school still ongoing
- Town Council should not get fixed on the cost of a traffic order, but be forward looking

\*\* It was confirmed that parents can park in the Community Centre to drop off their children for school but for no other reason

**4. School Crossing Officer - K.Bennett**

- double yellow lines outside the Manor Court opposite the school would be useful
- cars parked on pavement opposite the school were a hazard
- 20mph zone with relevant flashing sign by school would be beneficial

**5. West Devon Borough Council - Mrs.C.Aubertin reported as follows:**

(Cllr.Tyson reiterated that there is no question that WDBC own the carpark, as shown by the relevant Land Registry document dated 15th June 1979)

- WDBC own, have full responsibility for and set charges for the car park
- Takings between £6 - £7,000 per annum - this does not cover the cost. Business rates payable alone are

£3,500

- car park is free between 6pm and 9am
- WDBC can be flexible with regard to charges eg. may look at reducing rate, introducing residents permits and overnight permits
- Area is not performing as a car park but the land has a value
- West Devon Parking Strategy Group (on which Dist.Cllr.Kimber sits) has already discussed ways forward within the group eg WDBC would bear the costs with Hatherleigh Town Council paying lost income to WDBC
- The side road at the Coop is also owned by WDBC.

#### **6. Devon & Somerset Fire Brigade rep Mr.K.Drew**

- experienced bad parking in South St. High St. and Higher St. with vehicles parking on both sides of the road instead of just one
- There are yellow lines outside the Fire Station - but vehicles still park there
- The new fire appliance may be shorter but the vehicle is still as wide as the previous appliance

#### **7. Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Pickles**

- yellow lines are the responsibility of DCC
- Police do not enforce 20mph zones
- Parking 10metres from a junction is enforceable
- they do deal with "dangerous" parking problems
- Chagford have a free car park available but town still has got parking problems

#### **8. From the floor:**

##### **Mr.R.Wonnacott:**

- when the by pass was built there should have been an underground pass or overhead footbridge
- he is aware of the problems caused by lorries - business needs a rear entrance but again this was ignored when market plans drawn up. NB Cllr.Tyson replied that this was talked about and can be done so again when a full application is considered
- problems experienced by invalid scooters, prams and pushchairs by vehicles parking on pavements
- We must concentrate on what can be achieved now eg. free car park and not what can be done in say 3 years time

##### **Mr.Tucker**

- ridiculous and inconsiderate parking in parts of the town - could not get his car out of the garage on one occasion and missed an important appointment.

##### **Mr.A.Cox**

- a vote should be taken on a clear decision to proceed with a traffic order

##### **Other statements from floor included:**

- 1 free permit per household
- free parking should be for residents not visitors
- some members of the public felt that a free car park would make no difference to the parking around the town
- moneys from Moor Management could be used in taking matters forward ie potboiler fund could offset cost of a resident parking scheme
- some public wanted double yellow lines and others did not (as borne out by questionnaire results)
- have the results of the questionnaire been read and analysed. Cllrs.Tyson and Gilbert replied that all had been read analysed and percentages worked out as recorded in town council minutes. This information can also be placed on Council's website.

##### **In Summary:**

- Cllr,Gilbert stated that if parking restrictions were to be put in place then we must give the town a free car park
- Cllr.Laycock summed up by stating that the Town Council would look into the question of a free car park at the earliest opportunity and then further investigate a Traffic Order

Cllr.Tyson thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9pm.