

Yarmouth Area Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, 12 September 2017 at 19:00

Present :

Councillor Jeal (in the Chair); Councillors Bird, Davis, Hammond, Jones, Walch and Waters-Bunn.

Mrs J Fitzgerald (PoNY), Mrs J Langley (Great Yarmouth Joint Community Resilience), and Mr J Langley (North Yarmouth Joint Community Resilience).

Mrs S Wintle (Senior Member Services Officer)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robinson-Payne and Stenhouse, County Councillors Castle and Smith and Mr P Fitzgerald.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest declared at the meeting.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 June 2017 were confirmed subject to the following amendments :-

(1) That Councillor Jones be removed from those present

(2) That in item 5 Pnny be amended to PoNY

4 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Walch asked in relation to item 7 and whether this matter had been taken forward to the relevant Committee, the Chairman advised that this matter had been discussed at the Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group but that it had been decided that no further action would be taken on this matter.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Alderman Swindell School

Mrs Esherwood, summarised residents and parents concerns in respect of the proposed consultation for closure of Alderman Swindell Primary School, and she asked Members of the Committee to consider sending a formal response in opposition to the proposals to Norfolk County Council.

Councillor Jones stated that 57.3% of residents / parents who had been contacted in respect of the consultation had opposed to the proposals and recommended that the Committee show their support in this matter. Councillor Waters-Bunn advised that she had attended a number of consultation events in respect of the proposals and advised that it had been made apparent that not all residents had received the consultation paperwork.

The issue of whether the schools were to be merged was discussed and it was advised that teachers at the Alderman Swindell School had been advised that their current roles should the school be closed would be at jeopardy.

In discussing the consultation Members of the Committee agreed to show the support of the Yarmouth Area Committee in opposition to the proposals for closure of the Alderman Swindell School.

RESOLVED :

That a letter be sent on behalf of the Yarmouth Area Committee to Norfolk County Council stating the Committee's opposition to the consultation proposals.

North Quay

Mr Atwood, resident, summarised his concerns in relation to the excessive speed of vehicles travelling on North Quay, he stated that he had been in contact with the police on numerous occasions however this issue still remained.

Members suggested that there was a need for either a speed camera or speed limit indicator along the stretch of road, it was suggested that this matter be referred to the Council's Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group and that

a representative from the local Police be invited to the next meeting of the Yarmouth Area Committee to discuss issues raised.

Councillor Walch asked whether County Councillor Castle had been made aware of the issues discussed, Mr Atwood confirmed this.

6 BEACH COACH STATION CAR PARK

The Chairman read an email that had been received in relation to issues raised by the Committee in respect of the Beach Coach Station Car Park from the Head of Customer Services.

Mr Bond, resident representative advised that Committee that there had been no changes seen at the coach station since the last meeting of the Committee, he expressed his concerns and stated that he felt that the Council were ignoring this matter. The Chairman stated that an assurance had been given from the Head of Customer Services and the Parking Manager that leaflets were distributed to drivers to ensure drivers were aware of the rules on the car park. Councillor Davis suggested that Mr Bond contact his local MP expressing his concerns.

Councillor Walch stated that in his opinion this matter needed addressing as he felt it was inappropriate that residents of the Borough were policing the coach park when it was the duty of the Council.

Mrs Fitzgerald suggested that Mr Bond document all incidents and issues that occur in order to provide evidence to the Borough Council.

Mr Bond asked whether any further update could be provided on the 40 parking spaces that were in situ on the Beach Coach Station car park, that had been assigned for Council staff parking as he pointed out that this had remained unused over the summer period. It was agreed that confirmation be sought from the Head of Customer Services and that this matter be referred to the Economic Development Committee.

RESOLVED :

(1) That the concerns raised by Mr Bond in respect of the Beach Coach Station Car Park be reported to the Head of Customer Services and the Leader of the Council.

(2) That the matter in respect of the allocated Staff car parking within the Beach Coach Station be referred to the Economic Development Committee.

7 MINISTER

The Chairman advised that there was no update on this matter, it was suggested this matter be brought to the next meeting of the Yarmouth Area

Committee.

8 COBHOLM

Councillor Waters-Bunn raised concern in relation to the significant volume of traffic travelling throughout Cobholm, she reported that a 20 mile an hour restriction was in place, however in her opinion many drivers failed to adhere to the speed limit set.

The Chairman suggested that this matter be referred to the Council's Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group.

RESOLVED ;

That this matter be referred to the Council's Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that there was no other business as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

The meeting ended at: 21:00