

PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 16TH APRIL, 2009

PRESENT: - Councillor A. Barker in the Chair
Councillors: - I. Scott; J. R. Hardcastle; K. Arbuckle; N. Hunt and J. Arbuckle

In attendance: - T. Ferry and V. Watson

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C. Windsor

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting held on the 5th March, 2009 were received and confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the proceedings with a proviso that Councillor N. Hunt be added to the list of apologies for absence and in regard to Minute 8 the name Neil Clamp be amended to read Wayne Clamp. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

5. PUB WATCH IN HORSFORTH

As there was no one in attendance from the Pub Watch Committee Members did not discuss this item.

6. SID SPEED INDICATION DEVICE

Councillor Barker stated in the absence of Police presence that he had noticed that the Speed Indication Device had been used extensively in Horsforth recently. He said that he had seen it being used on St. Margaret's Avenue and Broadgate Lane.

Concerns were raised that the device was being used in the daytime and not at the times which would be more beneficial such as just after the evening rush hour. Comments were also made that there had been no feedback from the Police as to when and where the device was being used.

Members were unhappy that the Police were not present at this meeting to answer the concerns raised.

RESOLVED – That Mr. Ferry be requested to locate the original list of hot spots identified by Members at a previous meeting with a view to contacting the West Yorkshire Police asking them to cover the areas mentioned on the list but to do this later in the day at the end of the rush hour traffic.

7. PCSO'S

As there were no PCSO's in attendance there was no discussion on this item.

8. LASER ATTACKS ON PASSING AIRCRAFT

Councillor Scott explained that whilst the Town Council are unable to do anything in regard to recent Laser attacks on passing aircraft he said that he would pass Members concerns onto the next Joint Airport meeting.

RESOLVED – To note that Councillor Stott will pass the Town Council's concerns on to the next joint Airport meeting.

9. THE INCLUSION OF ICE (In Case of Emergency) INTO THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Members were aware that by inputting ICE into ones mobile' phone assists the emergency services in contacting relevant people if accidents occur but they wanted this information to be spread far and wide for public awareness.

RESOLVED – That this information be put forward as an item for the Horsforth Matters publication.

10. SPEED DEVICE IN HORSFORTH SPEED HOT SPOTS

Members discussed the possibility of erecting a speed device in Horsforth for the known hot spots where traffic speeding is an issue. Certain places were identified as being the perfect position but it was felt that it would be better to speak with the Traffic Engineer before suggestions were made.

Councillor Barker said that the document 'Lengths and sites for concerns' is presently being updated and once this has been done he will bring a copy to this committee for information.

Councillor K. Arbuckle did have a concern about a high hedge down Hall Lane which does prove to be a hazard for passing traffic and wanted this to be raised maybe with the Environmental Health Department.

RESOLVED –

(a) That Mr. Ferry be requested invite the Traffic Engineer to the next meeting to discuss where a speed device would be most beneficial in the Horsforth area.

(b) That Mr. Ferry be requested to ascertain the address on Hall Lane where the high hedge has become a hazard and to find out the relevant body that would be willing to speak with the residents.

11. VISIT TO THE CCTV CONTROL ROOM

Councillor Barker said that arrangements can now be made for Members to visit the CCTV control room

RESOLVED – That Mr. Ferry be requested to e-mail Mr. Wayne Clamp asking for possible dates for visits to be made by Councillors to the CCTV control room and then circulate these dates for Members information.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

(a) Parking in Horsforth

13. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting is Thursday 28th May, 2009 at 7.30