

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 9 May 2019

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member - Councillor S A Spencer

Also in attendance - Councillor T Ainsworth and G Hickton.

**25/19**      **PETITION**      **RESOLVED** (1) to receive the under-mentioned petition:-

Location/Subject	Signatures	Local Member
Morton – Lack of Public Transport	49	Councillor K Gillott

(2) that the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment investigates and considers the matters raised in the petition.

**26/19**      **MINUTES**      **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 18 April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**27/19**      **PETITION REQUESTING TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 40MPH TO 30MPH – A6187 HOPE ROAD**      Following receipt of a petition requesting a lower speed limit of 30mph on the A6187 Hope Road, from Sickleholme towards Hope, Derbyshire, investigations have been undertaken.

The request for a 30mph speed limit was considered by following guidance set out by the Department for Transport (DfT), the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership's Speed Management Protocol alongside local community concerns raised within the petition.

Traffic counts and speed readings have been taken at various locations along the A6178 corridor and this has indicated that the current speed limits, with the exception of those east of the rail bridge in Hathersage, were appropriate for the highway environment, with the mean speeds being within the accepted tolerance for setting of local speed limit guidance. The readings at Castleton Road, Hathersage showed excessively high approach speeds into the village and this would be brought to the attention of the Police.

The Police's collision database showed that, during the latest three year period from 1 February 2016 to 31 January 2019, two collisions have been recorded

throughout the 40mph section of the A6187 that involved personal injury. Neither of these have been classified as being speed-related. Damage only collisions and “near misses” occurred at times on the network, however these rarely form part of the collision investigation process due to the lack of reliable data available. The County Council has implemented traffic engineering measures along the length of this route, including double white line systems, warning signing and anti-skid surfacing.

From a Police perspective, rather than a need for high levels of enforcement and prosecution, proposed speed limits should only be implemented where they would require minimal enforcement attention. Initial discussions indicate that the Police would not support a reduction of the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph along this particular stretch of road.

The officers view was that it would be counterproductive if a 30mph limit was introduced on Hope Road at the present time. It would not be commensurate with the national guidance on setting 30mph speed limits and would present the Police with an unreasonable enforcement task. However, enhancing the entry signs and carriageway markings leading into the 40mph zone could help to raise awareness of the change in speed limit which would help compliance in general. It was therefore proposed to carry out this work in the current financial year.

The Cabinet Member allowed Karen O’Connor, Lead Petitioner to address the meeting. Ms O’Connor stated that almost every property had signed the petition and provided further information, with reasons for requesting a 30mph speed limit, that had been forwarded to officers and the Cabinet Member. Reference was made to the accidents that have occurred on this stretch of road, the lack of safe crossing places and the risk to older residents. The criteria for a 30mph speed limit was discussed and this section of the road currently fell short of the Department for Transport guidance.

**RESOLVED** that (1) the situation continues to be monitored at the A6187 Hope Road, Hope Valley and any future action be taken where appropriate in accordance with current national guidance;

(2) the speed limit signing at the change in speed limit near The Rising Sun Public House be reviewed with a view to creating a “gateway” feature;

(3) officers consider options that might be acceptable in respect of road crossings for the community; and

(4) the lead petitioner and local Member be informed accordingly.

**28/19      AWARD OF GRANTS TO EXTERNAL RECIPIENT**

**RESOLVED** to approve the award of grants of £1,600 to Transpeak Walks; £1,000 to Edale Station Friends and £240 to Edale Station Friends.

**29/19      CONFIRMATION OF THE DEDICATION OF A LOCAL NATURE RESERVE AT ASTON BRICKYARD PLANTATION, ASTON ON TRENT**

On 28 February 2019 the Cabinet Member approved the dedication of Aston Brickyard Plantation as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). Consultation with Natural England and local user groups has been undertaken and no objections have been received. The dedication of the LNR was now confirmed and it was proposed to inform Natural England and South Derbyshire District Council.

**RESOLVED** (1) to note the confirmation of the dedication of the Local Nature Reserve at Aston Brickyard, Aston on Trent; and

(2) that Natural England and South Derbyshire District Council be informed accordingly.

**30/19      EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC      **RESOLVED** that the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-**

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING THE PRESS, WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To consider the exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2019.

**31/19      EXEMPT MINUTES      **RESOLVED** that the exempt Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure held on 18 April 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.**