

CHAMBER OF TRADE GENERAL MEETING

High Street Trolley Stop Again Discussed And Iford Trolley Stop Too

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Amongst the variety of subjects discussed at last Tuesday's meeting of the Christchurch and District Chamber of Trade was a complaint made by Mr. J. W. Kiddle that a Bournemouth Corporation Trolley bus waiting in the High Street to proceed into Church Street had stopped so far out from the kerb that he had been unable to pass between it and a lengthy stream of vehicles that had been proceeding in the opposite direction.

Mr. Kiddle suggested that when a trolley bus was forced by the presence of another vehicle parked on its stopping point to stop away from the kerb, the bus should pull into the kerb as soon as the other parked vehicle had moved off. Mr. Kiddle had had to wait behind the trolley bus for six minutes and there was no driver in it to pull it into the kerb which would have enabled him to pass.

The President, Mr. R. C. Gayner, asked whether it was not a question of the steep camber on the road there. Alderman Tucker: "There is a camber there, and as I have pointed out before, the further down the High Street the bus stop is the narrower it becomes.

Councillor Vaughan: "They generally do pull in close enough to the kerb. It is only when another vehicle is on their stop that they pull out a bit and the trouble would be cured if these buses moved into the kerb when the other vehicles moved off."

Councillor Price: "The question of obstruction is clearly one for the police to act on."

Mr. E. Elkins asked why the buses couldn't wait outside Lane's in Church Street. Mr. Kiddle agreed there was plenty of room there, but it was pointed out by other members that it would be dangerous for traffic turning from Castle Street into Church Street.

Alderman Tucker asked if buses stopped on the outside of a vehicle parked on their stop.

Mr. Dray: "I have never seen them do that,, but they sometimes stop about half the width of the vehicle from the kerb."

Mrs. I. Baker: "Why should the "buses have to wait there so long? Surely it ought to be possible for the Bournemouth Transport Department to arrange their time tables to do away with these long waits in Christchurch High Street."

Councillor Price considered that the accumulation arose from the running of special buses at certain times.

Councillor Vaughan proposed that particulars of the complaint should be forwarded to the Transport Department.

On the grounds that it would lead to road accidents, Mr. H. Newbury spoke against the new extension of the Iford trolley bus over the bridge to turn along Oak Avenue and round the "triangle."

Mr. J. Livy said that part of Barrack Road was the fastest bit of road in the Borough.

Support for the scheme on behalf of Jumpers residents was forthcoming from Mr. J. Evans, who said the extension would be an absolute Godsend to that neighbourhood. Green buses already turned into that bit of Barrack Road, and it would be no more dangerous for the trolley-buses to do so.

Mr. Gayner said the extension was not an advantage from the traders' point of view; but his Worship the Mayor pointed out that the extension was an accomplished fact and talking for twelve months wouldn't alter it.

The joint hon. secretary, Mr. Stanley White, said that after the war there would probably be a traffic policeman there to direct traffic.

Mr. Newbury: "They will have to; it will be a proper Piccadilly Circus."