

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
held on Tuesday 14 July 2009 at 7.30pm in the Bartholomew Room, Eynsham**

Present: Cllr R Andrews – Chair/WODC Councillor, Mrs L Pialek, Ms J Tinson, Mr G Beach, Ms S Osborne & Mr P Staley - EPC, Mr Darren Humphries - TVP , Mr Paul Wilson & Mr T Currell- OCC Highways , Cllr C Mathew - OCC Councillor (arrived 7.55pm) and Cllr M Stevens – WODC Councillor.

In Attendance: Mrs S Lee - Parish Clerk

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr Trevor Bayliss – Stagecoach– EPC, Mr P Ronald & Mr M Horton – OCC

To elect a chairman – it was **RESOLVED** that Mr Andrews would take the Chair for 2009/10

T09/1 Minutes of the previous meeting – 13 January 2009 – It was **RESOLVED** to accept these as a true record of the meeting.

T09/2 Matters arising from these Minutes

New Years Eve issue with Stagecoach – the Parish Council had investigated this and forwarded further information but the bus company did not wish to pursue this matter. The Clerk to ask if buses will be rerouted in the future.

Action: Clerk

T09/3 Terms of reference for TAC – it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the terms of reference as circulated with it noted that the **maintenance** of footpaths would not be included under 7.2 g.

T09/4 Witney Road Traffic Lights –

Traffic survey update – A survey of the Witney Road traffic signals has been carried out as part of the scheme review. OCC are currently awaiting the consultant's final report. Any actions recommended in the report will then be considered – the Clerk to contact Mr Carrington to ascertain the timescales for the report.

Action: Clerk

Update on bus priority – as neither Stagecoach nor OCC Transport reps were present it was not possible to have an update. Mr Wilson will check up on whether the buses are having the priority they should have under the original scheme.

Action: Mr Wilson

T09/5 Premium Bus Route – as no one was present from Stagecoach or OCC Transport there was no update.

T09/6 Swinford Toll Bridge – EPC are meeting with OCC to discuss proposals relating to the sale of the Toll Bridge on 27 July. No one present had any experience of traffic control on the toll bridge - Cllr Mathew confirmed that if OCC did buy the bridge they would be unable to continue to charge tolls.

T09/7 Issues raised by parishioners –

Dangerous parking on Queen Street corner – this area has been discussed in the past and following public consultation it was decided that no action – was needed. OCC Highways felt that there should not be a road safety issue at the junction and that if a car is parked in a dangerous position it should be reported

to the police for enforcement. Mr Humphries will ask the TVP neighbourhood team to add this to their patrol and report back on any issues.

Action: Mr Humphries

Restricted parking on Acre End Street - this area was also part of the consultation on traffic in the village and residents were not prepared to give up their parking spaces – if this plan was to be taken further then all the parking areas along this stretch would have to be lost to be effective and it was agreed that the meeting would respond to this effect and no further action would be taken.

Action: Clerk

Speed limit between Witney Road traffic lights and Eynsham Roundabout on A40 east bound – the possibility of a reduction in the speed limit was investigated when Tesco's opened but this was not felt to be appropriate and the no right turn was introduced. It was felt that the volume of traffic was more of an issue than the speed at this point. The traffic noise was not felt to be excessive for the traffic levels and it was agreed that no further action would be taken.

Action: Clerk

T09/8 Report from OCC Highways on outstanding matters

- *Pedestrian signs – Bitterell/Allotments footpath* – works in hand – Mr Wilson to liaise with Cllr Mathew re this item. **Action: Mr Wilson**
- *The Tuer* – following on from public consultation there were 9 responses against the proposal for a No Motor Vehicles Order to be introduced and as a result no further action will be taken by OCC to close the area. Mr Wilson agreed that the land is classed as a highway and that if the road is not closed then parking restrictions should be brought into force to ensure that vehicles don't park in the middle of the highway – he will follow this up and also arrange for patching work to be undertaken on the land. Mr Humphries will discuss with Neighbourhood team re enforcement. **Action: Mr Wilson & Mr Humphries**
- *Cassington Road bridge* - no progress to date **Action: Mr Wilson**
- *Chil bridge* – Mr Wilson proposed putting in black/white reflective posts to mark each corner of the bridge and increase visibility to drivers – work to be carried out with 7 days. Cllr Mathew is still trying to arrange a meeting to discuss the works that are needed on the bridge. **Action: Mr Wilson**
- *Decluttering* – OCC propose to remove 6 posts and 14 signs from the village that are deemed to be unnecessary within the next 2-3 weeks - old signs will be recycled. The old fingerpost at the Co-op is to be refurbished. Eynsham signs will be put up at all entrances to the village. Road markings at the Eynsham lay bys will be improved.
- Mr Wilson advised that OCC Highways has now split into 2 teams – traffic and highways and that this would be his last Eynsham traffic advisory meeting. In future Mr Ronald or Mr Horton would be attending from the traffic team. The meeting offered their thanks to Mr Wilson for all his work over the years.

T09/9 Any Other Business –

Cllr Mathew has had complaints re the 18 bus speeding through local villages which he has forwarded to Mr Bayliss for action.

Cycle Route – Mr Andrews asked for the process to introduce a cycle lane in the area – OCC suggested he contact SusTrans. For OCC to be involved it would have to be in a local transport plan scheme and at the earliest would be considered in 2011.

The poor condition of some of the roads & pavements in the village was discussed and Mr Wilson explained the HAMP process where a monthly parish inspection takes place and a point system is used to highlight priority work.

The Toll bridge road was recently resurfaced and is starting to break up – Mr Wilson advised that OCC Highways are aware of this issue.

If a representative from Stagecoach is not available they would be asked to send a replacement.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 January 2009 in the Bartholomew Room.

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm.

Signed:

Dated:

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