



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting
held in the Bartholomew Room at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 23 January 2018

MINUTES

Present:

Eynsham Parish Council – Cllr Gordon Beach (Chairman), Cllr Richard Andrews, Cllr Tricia Crowley, Cllr Sue Osborne and Cllr Dennis Stukenbroeker.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) – County Cllr Charles Mathew, OCC Officers Mike Wasley, Odele Parsons and Raymond Cheung.

West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) – District Cllr Edward James.

Thames Valley Police (TVP) – Chris Hulme.

Stagecoach – Trevor Bayliss.

In attendance: 3 members of the public and the Clerk.

Not present: Cllr Jane Baldwin, Paul Wilson (OCC).

18/T1 Apologies for absence – Martin Sutton, Stagecoach and John Croxton (TVP).

It was disappointing to note that District Cllr Peter Kelland neither sent his apologies or attended.

18/T2 Declarations of Interest – None.

18/T3 To review the minutes of the last meeting of the 18 July 2017 – The minutes were reviewed.

18/T4 Public Participation – A member of the A40 Cyclist Group and Cyclox challenged OCC's plan for a north (of the A40) cycle track only which was felt to be dangerous due to oncoming vehicle headlights. Mr Cheung advised that cycle track options are still being considered. Consideration is required on the southern cycle track for trees with Protected Tree Orders and if over-developed, Sites of Special Scientific Interest will be affected. The stakeholders will be kept updated on plans. Cllr Mathew requested that Raymond present firmer cycle track proposals when they are available, before they are considered by OCC.

18/T5 To receive correspondence – A member of the Eynsham Retail Group submitted correspondence which was discussed at 18/T10.

18/T6 To receive a report from Oxfordshire County Council Highways on any outstanding matters – Mr Wasley advised that he would be attending meetings in future (instead of Paul Wilson). It was noted that planned work includes highway lining outside the filling station and patching work at Barnard Gate. Lower Road is going to be closed for edging and patching for a week commencing 26 February. Clerk is to liaise with Mike regarding outstanding work from the previous Area Steward's visit. It was noted that there is a backlog of reports for www.fixmystreet.com due to OCC's understaffing. The Chairman advised that double-lining work at Star Close/Bartholomew School needs to be commenced without delay. Mike is to discuss with Geoff Barrell.

18/T7 To discuss the A40 consultation – Raymond advised that a Feasibility Design Review was undertaken in 2017 which builds into a Preliminary Design. Surveys are being undertaken to inform the Preliminary Design which will be complete by July 2018. Raymond apologised again for any residents were inconvenienced by the surveys. A Detailed Design will follow which is anticipated to be completed in January/February 2019. A planning application will be submitted late October 2018. The first stage Department for Transport business case is complete; second stage (outline detail) is anticipated in April/May 2018 with third stage (full business case) in November 2018. Cllr Mathew argued that more money (c. £200m) being spent on the A40 will be fruitless (given the increased future housing at Carterton, Witney and Eynsham) and that a separate method of transport into Oxford within 20 minutes, such as a light rail system, will automatically reduce the A40 traffic by half without any alterations being made to it.

Mrs Parsons commented that OCC feel the A40 is a problem and that the proposed Park and Ride at Eynsham (anticipated to be free of charge to park) is in an optimum location for those heading to Oxford. It allows the bus operators to plan routes to other key locations such as hospitals. Network Rail feel they would not have the appropriate level of users in order to progress such a project. The Chairman advised that a business case for both cycle tracks is required at the current stage with preference being given to the south side for retention. Odele was requested to produce firm rationale why a light railway cannot be considered at or before the next meeting.

18/T8 To receive an update from Stagecoach regarding the current timetable and any future plans – Mr Bayliss advised that the new S1 timetable introduced in September is working well for Westgate access. It was noted that Toll Bridge queues continue to cause concern and a pickup/recovery truck is currently difficult to manoeuvre around. Mr Hulme will speak with the owner as the vehicle is not lit at night (contrary to regulations). Traffic continues to cause problems at the end of the day as it queues from Oxford to the Eynsham/A40 roundabout. It was noted that vehicles turning right out of the Xmas Tree site across the A40 were causing congestion, accidents and problems.

18/T9 To discuss the proposal for the introduction of a 20 mile per hour limit scheme in the village – Cllr Andrews referred to the circulated project plan and asked those present whether they would wish to be involved in the project to provide specialist advice and support. It was noted that Mike Wasley and Chris Hulme offered to participate in the project. Will Pedley, OCC is to be thanked for his feedback on the proposals. The project plan is to be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.

18/T10 To discuss the proposal for the introduction of a residents' parking scheme and agree actions – A representative from the Eynsham Retail Group advised that they wish to look at a residents' parking scheme although advised it wouldn't be entirely popular. Additional parking options in Eynsham (at the north or south Playing Fields) would relieve parking pressure in the centre and a bus stop at the location would further promote use of that area of Eynsham. 30 minute parking bays outside some of the shops could be an additional option. The Chairman commented that current users of the car parks would be unhappy to share the amenity and locking/unlocking the gates will continue for the foreseeable future which would cause access problems for potential users. Cllr James queried how many 30/60 minute bays are required. It was noted that the retailers have offered to help pay for parking enforcement. The Council is asked to consider whether there are any other suitable locations available for a Park & Ride area.

18/T11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 17 July 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm