



**Informal Meeting – HGV Problems & Highway Lining**  
**Wednesday 7 December 2022 – 12.00 midday – Eynsham Village Hall & M.Teams**

**Eynsham Parish Council (EPC)**

Cllr Ross Macken (Chair)

Cllr Tricia Crowley

Cllr Andy Mosson

Cllr Sue Osborne

Katherine Doughty (Clerk)

**Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)**

James Wright, Highways (via Teams)

Natalie Moore, Communities

County Councillor Dan Levy

**West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC)**

District Councillor Andy Goodwin

**1. HGVs**

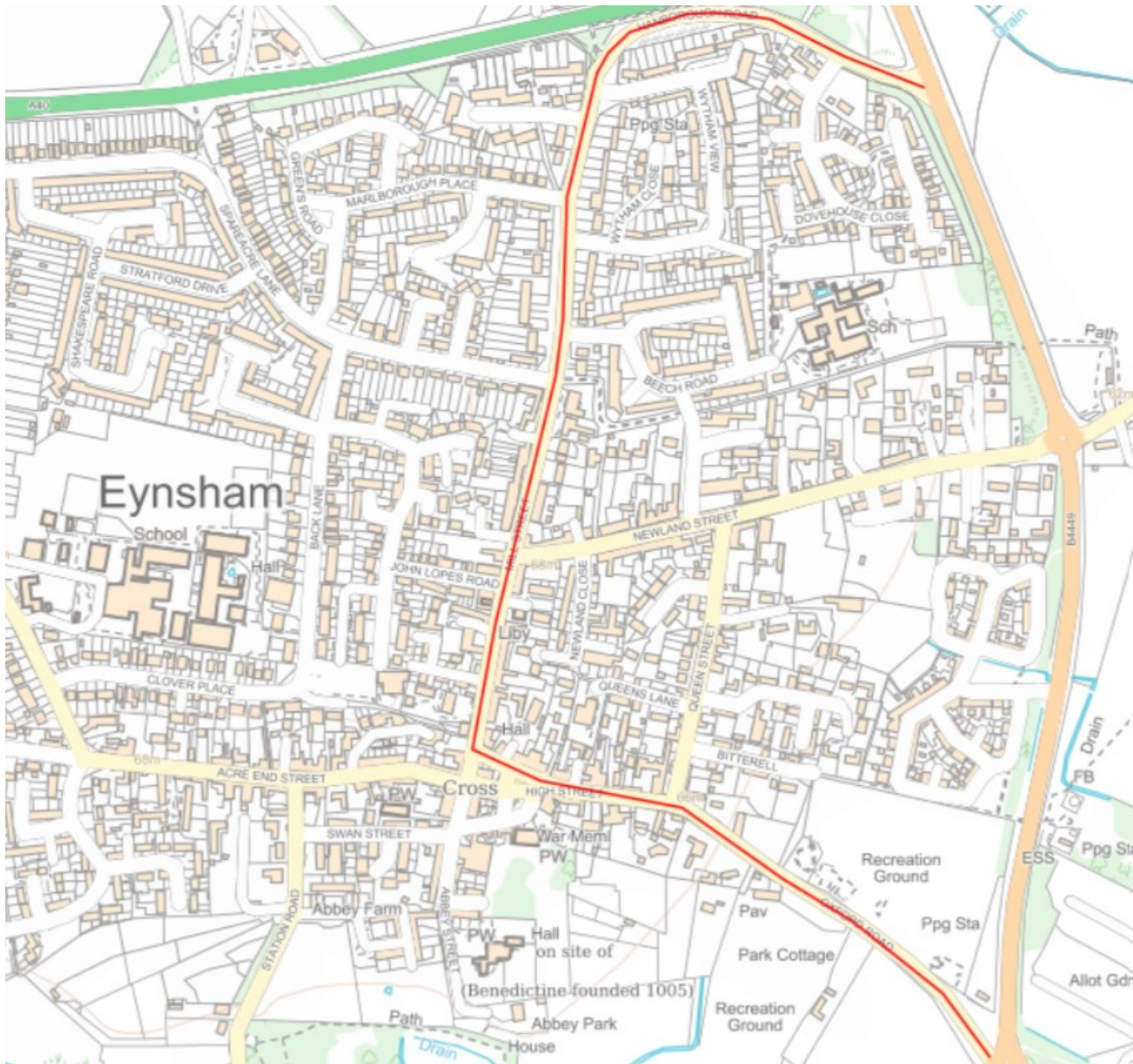
The meeting was called to consider the problems of HGVs driving through the centre of the village. It was noted that The Jolly Sportsman has been struck by lorries several times and 9 insurance claims are reported to be currently outstanding.



Photos of HGVs  
in difficult  
situations.



There is no weight/length restriction on Oxford Road-Thames Street-Mill Street-Hanborough Road which therefore provides a route through the village from the Oxford Road roundabout to the Hanborough Road/B4449 junction. HGVs are permitted to drive to any part of the village if they are making a delivery.



Map 1 – Existing HGV route

It was **RECOMMENDED** that:-

1. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is pursued to implement vehicle length restrictions for Oxford Road and Hanborough Road.
2. Enforcement is to be undertaken through Trading Standards Services – breaches can be reported online at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/weight-restriction-enforcement>.
3. Social media/public awareness needs to be drawn to the 'report online' enforcement facility and to request that members of public avoid driving through the village centre if at all possible.



4. Signage needs to be improved at Thames Street and Mill Street – 'Length Restriction. Left turn only' to replace the existing blue sign shown below. (Subject to OCC approval/suggested similar/appropriate wording).
5. Clerk is to write to the Road Haulage Association to advise of the new scheme when implemented.



Mill Street/Acre End Street difficult junction for HGVs

## 2. The Village Centre and Lining Requirements

In consideration of broader issues surrounding the village centre and it was noted how valued The Square was during Covid-19 lockdown as a meeting place, potential options to limit vehicles in the centre was discussed. Attendees considered making The Square larger to accommodate more people and seating by removing the marked parking bays and possibly closing access from the High Street. Whilst this would be beneficial for recreation and wellbeing, resolving where the displaced vehicles would go and the possible effects on businesses, was an obstacle.

A letter from a resident raised the following problems (which are periodically raised with the Parish Council):-

- The Co-Op delivery lorry does not park in the Co-Op compound, but instead blocks Church Street.
- People parking at The Square to 'Park & Ride' leaving reduced parking for residents who live nearby and shoppers.
- A lack of co-ordination with church services which means church attendees struggle to find anywhere to park and leads to severe congestion in The Square.

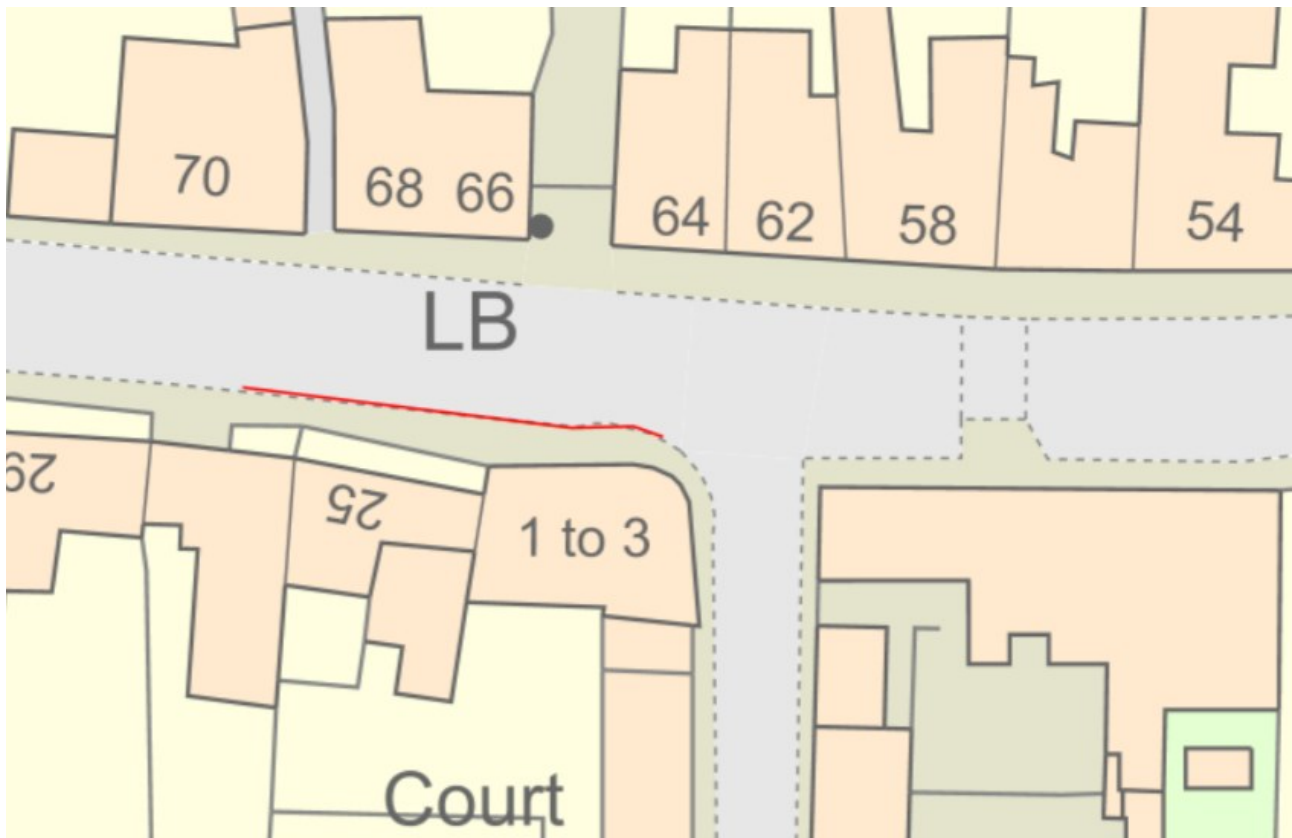
A resident's parking scheme was discussed, however it was felt that Travel Plan Officers at OCC need to assess Eynsham as a whole and recommend what improvements could realistically be implemented and a plan formulated. Co-ordination and communication on local church services could be requested by the Parish Council.

The Clerk raised a recent telephone conversation from a resident of Old Witney Road who complained that the road had become almost impassable recently due to what later transpired to be a football match held with a visiting school team (visiting parents had parked along the road). Cllr Crowley and Cllr Goodwin agreed to assess parking problems associated with Bartholomew School including potentially removing some double yellow lines from Thornbury Road.

Lining/signage requirements were discussed. It was proposed install 'no idling' signs at Hawthorn Road in the area of the school and to pursue the following new lines when the next TRO is pursued:-



Map 2 - Beech Road/Hawthorn Road/Millmoor Crescent



Map 3 - Acre End Street/Station Road junction (extension)

It was **RECOMMENDED** that:-

6. A Councillor meets with the churches to resolve communication issues.
7. Assistance from Travel Plan Officers, OCC is sought to consider village centre problems and make recommendations to the Parish Council.
8. A 'No Idling' sign is pursued for Hawthorn Road – details to be approved by OCC.
9. New double yellow lines are pursued in a TRO as per the two maps.
10. Cllrs Crowley and Goodwin to make recommendations regarding Bartholomew School parking issues for consideration in a TRO.
11. Public engagement is to be pursued on the recommendations and offer the opportunity for additional lining requests to be submitted by residents.