



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting
held in the Bartholomew Room at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 22 January 2019

MINUTES

Present:

Eynsham Parish Council – Cllr Gordon Beach (Committee Chairman), Cllr Tricia Crowley, Cllr Peter Emery, Cllr Sue Osborne and Cllr Dennis Stukenbroeker.

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) – County Cllr Charles Mathew, Odele Payne, Senior Transport Planners and Mike Wasley, Area Operations.

Thames Valley Police – John Croxton, Traffic Management.

Stagecoach – Trevor Bayliss, Banbury and Witney Depots and Chris Coleman, Managing Director.

West Oxfordshire District Council – Cllr Carl Rylett (also Eynsham Parish Council member).

In attendance: Katherine Doughty, Clerk to the Council. One member of the public was present.

19/T1 Apologies for absence – District Councillor Ed James. Cllr Jane Baldwin and Cllr Richard Andrews were not present.

19/T2 Declarations of Interest – None.

19/T3 To review the minutes of the meeting of 17 July 2018 – The minutes had not yet been approved – to be considered at the February Full Council meeting.

19/T4 Public Participation – No items raised.

19/T5 Correspondence – None.

19/T6 To receive a report from Oxfordshire County Council Highways on any outstanding matters – Mr Wasley advised that patching work on the Stanton Harcourt Road is to be undertaken. Exact location is to be ascertained. Oxford Road and Acre End Street are being programmed for resurfacing work which will require the roads to be closed. The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for lining work at Thornbury Road, Old Witney Road, Bartholomew Close and Witney Road is scheduled for 5 - 15 February which will require the use of temporary lights only. Cllr Beach queried whether Thornbury Road will be lined due to resurfacing work. It was noted that the 3 Eynsham roundabouts are to have the blockwork cleaned, repaired, painted and weedkilled. Unauthorised signs will also be removed. Cllr Mathew has complained to OCC Highways that Councillors are not being informed when temporary traffic lights are due to be installed. Cllr Crowley discussed the likely 30mph speed limit of the extended Thornbury Road through the new development. It was noted that the Parish Council may wish to include this road in its planned TRO for a future 20mph zone. Cllr Beach outlined the continuing breach of [planning conditions](#) at Taylor Wimpey's Thornbury Road development and disturbance being caused to residents.

19/T7 To receive an update report on the Improving Transport on the A40 Corridor project – Mrs Payne provided an update report. It was acknowledged that the project funding has not yet been confirmed. Cllr Crowley raised the Witney to Oxford Transport Group's recent rail promotion for the area and queried whether OCC has considered its merits. It was felt that that the rail proposal does not meet any of OCC's current priorities, however it may be considered as part of the [Oxfordshire 2050 Plan](#). Stagecoach's involvement and commitment with the current project was queried and noted that whilst OCC has been discussing the proposals for a number of years, more detailed discussions need to take place. Stagecoach is already planning the project with phasing of S1 and S2 services and consideration of a new Witney depot. Additionally, it is considering their current fleet's abilities to meet the zero emission zones in Oxford and compliance with the Euro 6 emission standards.

Stagecoach has no employment or operational concerns when considering the frequency of bus services for the proposed Eynsham Park & Ride (P&R). Cllr Emery queried whether the P&R will service the Hanborough train station. Stagecoach is to review the commercial viability of existing services, particularly the 11 (Oxford-Witney). Members felt the 11 service was less favourable with residents as it had stopped using Spareacre Lane bus stops. Stagecoach support phase 1 of OCC's A40 project as it will allow their services to run more efficiently.

19/T8 To receive an update from Stagecoach regarding the current timetable and any future plans.

Mr Coleman reported on challenging emission targets for 2035 and the ability to test technology to ensure they have the right equipment. A new depot will be needed to encompass all the future challenges. Cllr Mathew queried Stagecoach's support for a light rail from Carterton to Oxford given the current traffic volume of 29500 vehicles using the A40 (Witney to Eynsham) per day and OCC's P&R planned capacity of 1000 vehicles. It was noted that whilst light rail is more affordable than heavy rail, bus transportation is endorsed by Stagecoach (in terms of cost benefit and deliverability) with a more likely immediate impact (than light rail).

Cllr Mathew reported that a SmartCard system is being pursued for Swinford Bridge which will aid traffic flow. Parish Councillors were concerned to note that removal of the Evenlode bus stops is considered acceptable by Stagecoach – Mrs Payne advised that OCC is still considering the Council's consultation feedback in this respect.

19/T9 Date of next meeting – to be advised.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm