

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
held on Tuesday 18 July 2006 at 8 pm in the Bartholomew Room, Eynsham

Present: Mr D Rossiter - West Oxfordshire District Council (Chairman)
Mr G Beach, Mr T Green, Mr J Mittell (EPC)
Mrs M Stevens (WODC), Ms F Pike (WODC)
Mr Paul Wilson – Highways Dept. OCC (PW)
Mr Nick Hines – Public Transport Representative for Eynsham
Mr Trevor Bayliss – Stagecoach (TB)
Mr Charles Mathew (OCC)

In Attendance: J Heath (Clerk)

06/09 Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr Paul Dhesi (EPC), Mrs E Graham (EPC), Allan Field (OCC), Mr N Hines – Eynsham Transport Rep.

06/10 Election of Chairman - Mr David Rossiter was elected as Chairman unopposed.

06/11 Minutes of the previous meeting of 24 January 2006
The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

06/12 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 24 January 2006
There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.

06/13 Premium Bus Route
In the absence of Mr David Taylor an update on this scheme was given by Mr Wilson.

There is a problem in respect of the new bus stop on the western side of the Witney Road, opposite Bartholomew School. TB had reported that the Stagecoach drivers feel that there will be an accident in the near future as the children are not looking when they cross the road and the drivers cannot see them.
PW and TB have investigated the possibility of putting a barrier there but this is not possible as the pavement at that point is not wide enough.

Following a lengthy discussion covering the safety aspects, the service to the public and other possible options it was proposed that the committee write to Mr David Taylor requesting that the bus stop be removed before the start of the new school year. Letter to be copied to Lewis Ward of Oxfordshire County Council and Mr Andy Hamilton of Bartholomew School. A response is required in 15 working days.

06/14 Report from OCC Highways Department - PW

- Island at the Tesco mini store on the A40 nearing completion.
- Work to recommence on the Witney Road junction on 7th August 2006. The road to be closed for four weeks from 2000 hours to 0530 hours. Alternative routes will be advised.
- One bollard to be replaced on the Oxford Road traffic calming build outs.

Other matters reported to PW included:

- A40 Oxford bound. Sign opposite Evenlode PH obscures vision. PW to investigate.
- Legal position on distracting signs on private land. PW reported that discussions were ongoing at present between OCC and WODC for de-cluttering. Small signs are permitted, large signs require planning permission.
- Permanent 30 mile per hour warning lights. Any Parish Council can request the SID speed device. Guidance on other devices passed to Clerk. Geoff Barrell is the contact for these and cost is £2 – 2.5k for small devices and £5 – 8k for large devices. Matter to be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting.

06/15 The Tuer

It is confirmed that this is highway. Tony Currell to request that traffic warden instructed to deal with parked cars. **PW** to provide TC with documentation confirming the Tuer as highway.

06/16 Old Witney Road Play Area

Confirmed that the land is in the ownership of OCC. **Parish Council** to request re-alignment of the footpath to make ease of access to play area.

06/17 Signage for Play Areas

Confirmed that there is signage for Old Witney Road area, **PW** to ensure Dovehouse Close signage erected without further delay.

06/18 Eynsham Transport Needs Survey

Confirmed that Mr Nick Hines had written to Allan Field of OCC in respect of the 11 and 18 services, requesting funding. The **Clerk** to write requesting funding for a new service from Eynsham to Cassington and then on to Woodstock, via Bladon. Dial-A-Ride type bus to be provided. Charles Mathew to keep Parish Council up to date on OCC progress. TB confirmed that there were no plans at present to extend the 100 service to Witney Lakes and Curbridge.

TB to investigate missing timetables at bus stops.

06/19 Bus Heating

TB explained the situation in respect of the heating system. Taps at the rear of the bus need to be turned off and in some cases the floor needs to be lifted up. For Health and Safety reasons drivers are not permitted to do this. The system has a design fault in that the demister works from the heating system is required by the drivers in heavy rain.

He apologised for the inconvenience and requested that Mr Hines and other users take note of the number of the bus (not registration plate number) time of bus and location. This would ensure that the buses were traced quickly and easily and remedial action taken.

06/20 Correspondence

All correspondence had been covered by the meeting except a request for bus shelters to have advertising removed to enable users with poor eyesight to see the bus coming. It was confirmed that this is not possible as the Parish Council had entered into a long term contract with the advertising company.

06/21 Any Other Business

Mr Rossiter asked what the present position is with the purchase of the Toll Bridge by OCC. **PW** confirmed that there were no plans at present.

Mr Mathew showed concern that with the weight limits on the Radcote, Tadpole and Newbridge bridges would result in more heavy lorries using the Eynsham Toll Bridge. **PW** confirmed that alternative routes would be publicised to avoid the Toll Bridge.

The Clerk reported that Dr Wright had asked that **PW** be reminded that he had agreed to put a "SLOW" sign on the by pass on the approach to the Cassington Road roundabout. **PW** to contact Dr Wright.

06/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 16 January at the Bartholomew Room

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

Signed:

Dated: