

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**held on Tuesday 16 January 2007 at 8 pm in the Bartholomew Room, Eynsham**

**Present:** Mr D Rossiter - West Oxfordshire District Council (Chairman)  
Mr G Beach, Mrs M Jones, Ms S Osborne (EPC)  
Mrs M Stevens (WODC), Ms F Pike (WODC) - Councillors  
Mr Paul Wilson – Highways Dept. OCC (PW)  
Mr Nick Hines – Public Transport Representative for Eynsham  
Mr Trevor Bayliss – Stagecoach (TB)  
Mr Tony Currell – (TVP) (TC)  
Mr Charles Mathew (OCC Councillor)  
Mr David Clough (OCC Highways) (DC)

**In Attendance:** J Heath (Clerk), Mrs S Lee (Acting Clerk)

**06/23 Apologies:** Apologies received from Mr David Taylor Transport Planning Officer – OCC

**06/24 Minutes of the previous meeting** of 18 July 2006  
The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**06/25 Matters Arising** from the Minutes of 18th July 2006  
06/14 Vehicles are going up on the grass verge at the new island on the A40 by Tesco's in order to do a 'U' turn. PW to arrange for this to be monitored. **PW**

**06/26 Removal of bus stop in Witney Road**

The Chairman read out a recently received email from Mr John Disley of OCC giving details of the result of the traffic surveys pre and post the vehicle activated 30 mph sign. This showed little improvement. Mr. Disley had suggested various options but funding was not available from OCC or Better Ways to School.

Following a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed that a letter be sent, voicing the disappointment of the members of the TAC that this matter is still not resolved, and requesting that the interested departments of OCC should meet to review the situation and take advice from the Highways Department in respect of the provision of a barrier and build out of the road.

Letter to be copied to the Transport Cabinet member of OCC (Mr David Robertson) and the Headteacher of Bartholomew School. **Clerk**

**06/28 Witney Road Traffic Lights**

In the absence of Mr David Taylor, Mr David Clough (OCC Highways) read a report from Mr Errol Carrington.

It was agreed that the desired effect had not been forthcoming as car "rat running" through the village had increased and buses and traffic to Witney were being delayed.

There would be a scheme review at a meeting between OCC and the consultants on Friday 19th January. Mr Bayliss reported that the right hand turn into the Witney Road was a great improvement.

The bus detection equipment, giving priority to buses, had been fitted to the traffic lights but was found to be faulty. Replacements were on order.

Data had not been made available prior to scheme and it was suggested that comparative data pre and post the new equipment should be taken and made available to the TAC. Mr Clough to report back to Mr Carrington. **DC**

**06/29 Premium Bus Route**

In the absence of Mr David Taylor there was no update on this scheme. A letter requesting a written update to be sent to Mr Taylor. **Clerk**

### **06/30 The Tuer**

It is confirmed by PW that this is highway. Mr Currell had advised the members of the Neighbourhood Action Group that Traffic Wardens should issue tickets in respect of cars parked there. It was confirmed that this had not been done. To be pursued. **TC**

### **06/31 Old Witney Road Play Area**

Confirmed by PW that the land is in the ownership of OCC. Re-alignment of the footpath, to make ease of access to play area, and additional kerbing to be actioned. **PW.**

Confirmed that the Parish Council would plant the area to discourage parking and take responsibility of the maintenance of the plants. **PW and Clerk** to arrange a site meeting.

### **06/32 Report from OCC Highways Department - PW**

- Island at the Tesco mini store on the A40 completed. See Matters Arising for additional problems.
- A40 Oxford bound. Sign opposite Evenlode PH, which obscures not yet dealt with. PW to pursue.
- Legal position on distracting signs on private land. PW reported that discussions between OCC and WODC were progressing.
- The "SLOW" sign on the by pass on the approach to the Cassington Road roundabout still to be dealt with. **PW**

### **06/33 Withdrawal of Stagecoach services**

Mr Hines challenged Mr Bayliss on the withdrawal of the X2 service – via Market Square, Eynsham to Summertown and North Oxford. The following points were noted:

- It is not feasible to walk to the A40 to pick up the service.
- The withdrawal had put half to three quarters of an hour on the journey of those working in Summertown and North Oxford.
- The 7.42 am service had now been re-instated.
- Request that during the morning a 200 service from Carterton be diverted for Eynsham residents.
- 100 service has been extended.
- The 8.35am X2 service would not be re-instated due to insufficient passengers.

The Chairman thanked both Mr Hines and Mr Bayliss for bringing this to the attention of the meeting and for clarifying matters.

### **06/34 Correspondence**

- Letter from Mr Fisk of Old Witney Road regarding the erosion of soil where there is no kerb. This is resulting in flooding. PW confirmed that this could be solved fairly easily and he would contact Mr Paul Norris the Highways inspector for the area. **PW**
- Letter from resident in Cassington regarding missing timetables. **TB** to investigate.

### **06/35 Any Other Business** – There was no other business.

### **06/22 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 10 July 2007 at the Bartholomew Room  
A provisional date for meeting to discuss bus stop set for Tuesday 20 February at 8pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed:

Dated: