

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
held on Tuesday 10 July 2007 at 8 pm in the Bartholomew Room, Eynsham**

Present: Cllr R Andrews, Cllr Mrs F Pike – WODC Councillors  
Mr G Beach, Ms S Osborne, Mr T Green - EPC  
Mr Paul Wilson – Highways Dept. OCC  
Mr Nick Hines – Public Transport Representative for Eynsham  
Mr Trevor Bayliss – Stagecoach  
Mr Chris Hulme - TVP  
Mr David Taylor Transport Planning Officer – OCC  
Ms Ann- Therese Farmer – Transport Planning Officer – OCC

In Attendance: J Heath (Outgoing Clerk), Mrs S Lee (Incoming Clerk)

**23 Apologies:** Apologies received from Mr T Currell – (TVP) and Cllr C Mathew (OCC Councillor)

**24 Election of Chairman** – Cllr. Mrs F Pike was unanimously elected as Chairman.

**25 Minutes of the previous meeting** of 16 January 2007  
The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**26 Matters Arising** from the Minutes of 16 January 2007 not covered in agenda – none

**27 Removal of bus stop in Witney Road**

Work is nearly completed on the Witney Road bus stop – road marking still to be put in place - bus stop will reopen in approx. 2 weeks once completed. Cllr Mathew sent his thanks to OCC Highways for the completion of the work. Reduction work was carried out on the hedge adjoining the bus stop during the alterations and the resident was unhappy with the state of the hedge – there is uncertainty as to the ownership of the hedge which is being looked into - OCC think it belongs to Highways rather than the property owner. OCC have promised to plant a further hedge if the existing has not re-grown within 6 months.

Concern was expressed re the increase in the number of school buses coming through the village since the traffic lights were introduced and the route they have chosen down Mill Street. Mr Taylor agreed to request that school buses do not use Mill Street. **Action: Mr Taylor**

**28 Witney Road Traffic Lights**

The bus priority is now working and this has resulted in improved safety for the bus traffic.

The view that there had been an increase in traffic in the village since the introduction of the traffic lights was discussed and Mr Wilson will ask for traffic counters to be put on the A40, village roads and Witney Road with the results to be compared with the traffic count carried out before the works were started. He advised that on any large traffic scheme such as this monitoring would take place for the initial 12 months of the scheme to review the effect on the traffic flows. The figures will be brought back to the next meeting. **Action: Mr Wilson**

**29 Premium Bus Route - update**

The introduction of the premium bus route from Eynsham to the toll bridge has been held up due to discussions with the Environment Agency re the widening of the embankment and using the flood plain. All bus stops have been improved along the route, more stops are being improved and the introduction of real time information and displays is being investigated. This will be a matter for discussion with the Parish Council in the future especially due to the nature of the Conservation area.

- 30 Report from OCC highways** re outstanding matters
- 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. This has been monitored and there have only been a couple of isolated incidents.
  - A40 Oxford bound. The sign opposite Evenlode PH, which was obscured, has been removed.
  - The bollard at the Esso station still needs to be replaced and a bollard erected at the play area and on John Lopes Road – Mr Wilson will arrange. **Action: Mr Wilson**
  - The "SLOW" sign on the by pass on the approach to the Cassington Road roundabout was unfortunately added on the wrong side of the roundabout – **Mr Wilson** to arrange correct placement.
- 31 The Tuer**
- Mr Hulme advised the meeting that enforcement of no parking on the Tuer is impossible and that TVP will be unable to carry this out. Concern was expressed that this view had not been advised to the group before - other suggestions to prevent parking on the road were discussed. The best way forward may be to issue a no motor vehicle order on the road and then place bollards at each end to prevent vehicle access. Clerk to write a piece for the Echo asking for residents' feelings on this idea and bring the suggestion to the Parish Council for discussion. **Action: Clerk**
- 32 Old Witney Road Play Area**
- All issues have been dealt with and work is in progress.
- 33 20mph warning signs** for parts of the village
- OCC are not currently promoting the introduction of 20mph areas, as there is no funding. Mr Hulme advised that 20mph areas are not enforced by TVP and that he felt the areas under discussion – Back Lane and Dovehouse Close were already self-enforcing 20mph areas due to parked cars and the nature of the road. Concern was expressed re non-residents to these areas but the feeling was that as the areas were felt to be self-enforcing no further action could be taken at present.
- 34 Pollution from buses at Market Square** and litter problem
- WODC have confirmed that the litterbin is emptied frequently however the problem is not the bin by the shop but the lack of a bin at the bus stop. The old bin was not replaced - Clerk to ask WODC to reinstate a bin. **Action: Clerk**
- Mr Bayliss to request that any buses stopping for longer than 1 minute turn their engines off in order to reduce the nuisance to local residents. **Action: Mr Bayliss**
- 35 Request for new bus stops** on the A40 between Tesco's and the Eynsham Roundabout.
- Mr Hines advised that he has had requests for the consideration of new bus stops on either side of the A40. Mr Wilson advised that he would log the request and carry out an initial assessment for the work to be brought to the next meeting. Clerk to put a request in the Echo to find out the potential demand in the village for a new stop.  
**Action: Mr Wilson and Clerk**
- 36 Correspondence**
- Letter from Mrs Morgan requesting a pedestrian crossing on Acre End Street – Mr Wilson agreed to carry out an assessment to see if this work would be viable and bring results to next meeting. **Action: Mr Wilson**
  - Letter from Mr Middleton expressing concern re volume of traffic using Eynsham and suggesting various traffic calming measures – Clerk to write and thank for comments and advise that traffic counts will be taking place but that budget restrictions make additional work unviable at present. **Action: Clerk**
  - Cassington Parish Council requesting a reminder to Mr Wilson of outstanding village works.

- **Mr Wilson** will contact Cassington.
- Mr Maynard re illegal parking – copy of letter to TVP – Mr Hulme advised that the letter had been replied to and that parking outside the Emporium was not illegal as long as the footpath was not obstructed.

**37 Any Other Business**

Mr Wilson thanked Mrs Heath for all her hard work as Parish Clerk.

**38 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be at 8pm on Tuesday 15 January 2008 at the Bartholomew Room

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed:

Dated: