

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
held on Tuesday 15 July 2008 at 7. 30pm in the Bartholomew Room, Eynsham**

Present: Cllr R Andrews – WODC Councillor, Ms S Osborne, Mrs L Pialek, Mr T Green and Mr P Staley- EPC, Mr Trevor Bayliss – Stagecoach , Mr Tony Currell- TVP , Mr Nick Hines- Public Transport Representative for Eynsham, Mr Paul Wilson- Highways Dept. OCC, Cllr C Mathew - OCC Councillor – arrived at 8. 45pm.

1 member of the public – Mr Hull-Lewis

In Attendance: Mrs S Lee- Parish Clerk

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr G Beach – Parish Councillor, Mr M McLoughlin – WODC and Cllr M Stevens – WODC Councillor.

53 To appoint a chair to the committee – Ms Osborne proposed Mr Andrews and with unanimous approval he was appointed Chair.

54 Minutes of the previous meeting- 15 January 2008 - The minutes were proposed as a true record of the meeting by Ms Osborne and unanimously agreed and signed by the Chair.

55 Matters arising from the Minutes of 15 January 2008 not covered in Agenda–it was confirmed that real time signage should be in action by the end of July- Clerk to contact OCC Transport with regard to the signs offering mobile phone bus time information to check if these will be on all bus stops in the village **Action: Clerk**

56 Matters arising from the Annual Parish meeting -

Traffic Flow – High Street – Mr Hull-Lewis presented his ideas re the introduction of a one way system into the village around the Market Square area to improve the flow of traffic. After discussion it was agreed that the village roads were too narrow to allow works such as these to be carried out-it was impracticable for buses to turn left into Mill Street and the current arrangement works as a natural traffic calming system in this busy area. It was agreed that it was important that if the proposed development took place on Merton Close that restrictions were put into place with regard to construction traffic movements.

Swan Street – Additional signage for one way street – Mr Wilson agreed to look into additional signage at the end of Heycroft and Abbey Street to indicate that Swan Street was a one way street. In addition he would arrange for road markings to be repainted as required.

Action : Mr Wilson

Parking restrictions Market Square – it was agreed to place an article in the Echo asking for residents' thoughts on introducing a 2 hour waiting limit for parking in the Market Square Mondays – Fridays 8am-4pm. **Action :Clerk**

In addition Clerk to contact Mr McLoughlin to request further signage for Back Lane car park to indicate free car parking is available. **Action: Clerk**

57 Witney Road Traffic Lights – Mr Carrington reaffirmed that the traffic survey would take 2 years to complete and that the 2 years would be complete in October 2008. He has bus

times and patronage surveys planned for then. The meeting felt that this did not address their concerns re traffic flows in the village following the introduction of the lights and stressed that they were not only requesting a survey of bus movements but also traffic. Clerk to advise Mr Carrington of this and also request the following –

- Are the lights activated by buses as was originally planned?
- What is the minimum/maximum cycle time is on the lights? **Action: Clerk**

It was pointed out that there was a perceived/actual increase in the use of Station Road as a route to the toll bridge.

58 Premium Bus Route – the meeting was advised that all double decker buses are now satellite equipped and new buses are being used that are buggy friendly. Real-time signage will be in action in the village by the end of July. There was no update on the toll bridge element of the premium bus route as a representative from OCC Transport was not present. It had been heard that this element had been abandoned but the meeting would await clarification of this.

Mr Hines expressed his disappointment that as the Public Transport Liaison member for Eynsham he had not been kept up to date with the premium bus route developments in the village, which had prevented him having information for local residents. **Clerk** to advise Mr Taylor

59 Report from OCC highways re outstanding matters

- Proposed barrier Hawthorn Road – works to be completed in 2-3 weeks
- Market Square – the bollard has been removed and remedial works carried out
- Pedestrian signs- Bitterell/Allotments footpath – Mr Wilson will pursue this enquiry to have pedestrian signs erected by the footway across the B4449.

60 The Tuer – Mr Wilson requested a formal letter from the PC to confirm a no motor vehicles order was required on the Tuer with the erection of bollards at either end. **Action: Clerk.**

61 Parish Plan – traffic issues – the current commercial vehicle/weight restrictions on the Back Lane car park were discussed – Clerk to contact Mr McLoughlin for up to date information and to request a new sign is placed in the car park as the current one is defaced. **Action: Clerk**

62 Cassington Road bridge and Chilbridge – Mr Wilson advised that to re-open the Cassington Road bridge would be cost prohibitive as the road is totally unusable. The new white lines on the road are to ensure people are aware of the road edges as the road is falling away at the edges.

Cllr Mathew arrived at the meeting at a later time and requested further information from Mr Wilson as to why the road had been closed in the first place and the costings to reopen it as a one way street –Mr Currell felt that this would result in a very dangerous stretch of road with it being used as a rat run with excessive speeding, Mr Green expressed concern for the Cricket and Croquet clubs if a one way system was introduced. Mr Mathew requested that the idea not be dismissed out of hand and future plans be evidence led with the appropriate traffic surveys etc carried out. **Action: Mr Wilson.**

Chilbridge – Mr Green advised Mr Wilson to discuss the issue of the bridge with the resident of Cullin Farm . At a later time Cllr Mathew advised that Mr Kimberley – OCC bridges has an

estimate for the cost of repairing the bridge and he is waiting to hear how much OCC can put towards the repairs.

- 63 Parking on Pavements** – Mr Currell tabled 2 information sheets on pavement parking and advised it was only an offence for a car parked on the pavement if it could be **proved** they were causing an obstruction. It was an offence for HGV's to park on the footway. He would advise the local police team that there was concern with regard to pavement parking in the village and arrange for the PCSO's to further investigate. **Action: Mr Currell.**

He requested that any further problems are emailed to him and the local police team as soon as they happen so action can be taken on persistent offenders. In addition he advised that this was an issue the NAG would be looking into. Ms Stonham had some pavements are for people posters that could be placed on car windows but Mr Currell advised not to stick them on using the adhesive as criminal damage could occur! Mr Wilson advised that OCC were against putting up extra street furniture – bollards etc as this resulted in a cluttered feel and the meeting agreed with this. Mr Hines suggested that the local councils took further action including writing to local shops requesting more considerate deliveries etc.

- 64 Station Road Bus stop** – Mr Wilson agreed to investigate the vegetation growing around the bus stop on Station Road. Mr Bayliss advised that all bus drivers are trained to stop opposite bus stops on demand regardless of whether there is a stop there or not so it was not felt necessary to put up a 2nd bus stop on the opposite side of the road. Mr Hines also advised of a resident's request for a bus stop on Queens Street – it was felt that the road was too narrow and congested with parked cars to find a suitable place for a stop however if there was sufficient demand Mr Toms at OCC transport should be contacted to carry out an assessment. Buses will usually stop along this road if requested.

- 65 Correspondence** – Mrs Wickson had requested further consideration of a zebra crossing on Acre End Street – Mr Wilson advised that this had been assessed previously and it was not a priority project however he would bear this in mind with the possible planning application for properties down Merton Close. In addition the Better Ways to Schools team had confirmed that this had not been highlighted as a priority in travel plans. **Clerk** to advise Mrs Wickson.

66 Any Other Business

- Charlton Services buses area still turning left into Mill Street on the morning school run – **Clerk** to advise OCC Education.
- Mr Green had suggestions with regard to extending the lay-by at the front of Bartholomew School to allow for better coach movements. He also suggested a sign indicating the lay-by was for coaches only. He will obtain more information and the Clerk will pass this on to the Better Ways to School team for any future travel plans.
- Mr Currell advised of increased traffic over the weekend of 25-27 July due to Game Fair at Blenheim. He also advised that this would be his last meeting as he was leaving TVP to work with Mr Wilson at OCC. Mr Chris Hulme will be covering for him. He was thanked for all his input over the years and wished every success in his new post.

67 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7. 30pm on Tuesday 13 January 2009 in the Bartholomew Room.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Signed:

Dated: