



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic Advisory Committee meeting in the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 20 January 2015 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: – Eynsham Parish Councillors G Beach, R Andrews, Ms S Osborne, D Stukenbroeker
Oxfordshire County Councillor Charles Mathew, Oxfordshire County Council Officer Dave Clack
Stagecoach - Mr Trevor Bayliss.

In Attendance: – Rachel Faulkner - Parish Clerk, 1 member of the public.

T15/01 The committee elected Gordon Beach as Chairman for 2014/15

T15/02 Apologies: Odele Payne (Oxfordshire County Council), John Croxton (TVP), Michael McLoughlin (West Oxfordshire District Council).

T15/03 The minutes of the meeting of 14 January 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record.

T15/04 Matters arising from the Minutes – None.

T15/05 Public Participation

Mr A Swarbrick reported a problem with parking motorbikes in the village, having received a parking ticket on The Tuer. Dave Clack was asked to seek advice from James Wright at OCC regarding providing motorbike parking in the centre of the village.

T15/06 Correspondence

- Email received from Long Hanborough Parish Council regarding speed limits on Lower Road between Eynsham and Long Hanborough. Councillor Crowley agreed that the road is fast and dangerous and that improvements made to it might encourage people to use it to reach the train station in Long Hanborough. Clerk to respond to acknowledge.
- Email regarding street lighting from Katherine Crowe. It was agreed that the bus stop is dark and that it may deter people from using the bus. Trevor Bayliss agreed that bus drivers sometimes find it difficult to see passengers at the stop. It was suggested that funding might be made available as part of S106 payments if the land at the Eynsham Garden Centre is developed.
- Email regarding traffic around Church Street from Lynda Hillyer. Dave Clack to ask Lydia Jewell to look at the footway to see how it can be improved. Clerk to forward correspondence again.
- Email regarding traffic light phasing on A40 reported by Peter Kelland. The question of a green filter light at top of Witney Road onto the A40 was discussed. Traffic regularly backs up along Witney Road and has to wait until the lights change two or three times before being able to access A40. The request from Stagecoach is that the 2 minute wait for lights to change is acceptable but the lights should then be left green for longer to allow the queue to clear. The committee requested that a trial be undertaken.

- A further discussion regarding the problems of traffic backing up from the toll bridge into the village. Councillor Mathew reported that work was being done to look at ways to improve traffic flow through the toll.
- Email received from resident regarding speeding traffic at Merton Court. The committee suggested that if the Children's Assessment Centre is to be built in this area perhaps money could be made available to provide traffic calming measures / speed bumps.

T15/07 Oxfordshire County Council Highways report.

Oxfordshire County Council traffic department is responsible for ongoing maintenance of the roundabouts. Last year the roundabouts were brought back to a reasonable state using local funds from Councillor Mathew. The maintenance of the roundabouts across the county is being discussed by Oxfordshire County Council. Dave Clack and Councillor Mathew to report to committee when further information is available.

Councillor Mathew asked about parking on pavements. Councillor Beach reported that it would be discussed at the Neighbourhood Action Group.

T15/08 The committee discussed the proposal for a Zebra Crossing on Witney Road.

Stagecoach suggests that leaving the bus stop where it is might be better and that the stop on the other side of the road needs to be taken into account. Mr Bayliss also suggests that the railings need to extend further or children will simply cross the road at the most convenient location. Stagecoach will be responding to the consultation. Parish Council to do so following council meeting on 3 Feb.

As a result of this discussion, Councillor Crowley asked if imposing a 20mph limit across the whole village might be achievable. She felt that making the village an undesirable place to use as a rat run might have many more advantages for residents.

T15/09 Crossing of the B4449 from Bitterel to Allotments / Heritage Trail

The council would like to make the crossing of this road safer for residents who wish to go to the allotments or to use the new footpath when it opens. Councillor Mathew reported that there is £17,000 left in the Bitterel S106 fund. Councillor Osborne was concerned about losing the street lighting. The council would like to have signage with lighting.

T15/10 The Grass Cutting budget provided by Oxfordshire County Council is being cut by 50% for 2015 so verges will be cut less often. Mr Bayliss confirmed that verges cause less of a problem for the buses than the roundabouts.

Date of next meeting – July 2015 TBC

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm