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MINUTES the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 25th January 2016 at 8.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Cllrs Brookman, Crane, Chicken, Colloff & Wilson
Also present: Geoff Adams, Adviser

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Bumbieris and Hudson
2. **Declarations of interest.** None
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 23rd November 2015.** Cllr Crane proposed the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Chicken, 4 in favour, 1 abstention.
4. **Charnham Street One Way proposal.** Cllr Brookman outlined 3 suggestions:
 - a) Divert A4 traffic through Charnham Park
 - b) Charnham Street to become one way from East to West – this will overcome objections of diverting people coming from Newbury, but could possibly be seen as forcing traffic from Marlborough away from the town.
 - c) A proposal by a resident of Bearwater who also suggests the one way system but incorporates additional on street parking.It is recognised that there is a need to do something about the traffic flow through the High Street and the three options were discussed, however, more discussion is needed and a proposal will be made in the future. **Action:** Cllr Brookman to contact Chris Trigwell, Kintbury regarding Kintbury's proposed traffic survey.
5. **Charnham Park on-road parking of cars owned by BMW dealer Dick Lovett.** A complaint has been received from a local business regarding the amount of cars taking up on road parking spaces. Although it is recognised that BMW are not doing anything illegal, it is felt that a letter to BMW to consider other road users would be appropriate. **Action:** Deputy Clerk to draft a letter to BMW making them aware of the complaint.
6. **Parking on Priory Road.** There is increase of inconsiderate parking on Priory Road. Cllr Brookman has requested a site visit with Alex Drysdale, WBC to discuss possible options. He will also discuss Parsonage Lane where there is also issues.
7. **Reporting Lighting Defects.** Cllr Brookman outlined the procedure for the Highways Committee to report street lights or lit traffic signals that are out directly to WBC via the online Report A Problem page on the WBC website.

- 8. LED Street Lighting.** Many of the street lights around the town have been replaced by LEDs, the project is 80% done and should be complete by the end of the year. However, HTC own 100 street lights in the town, which are not included in WBC schedule and as a result only 1 street light has been changed to LED in Church Way, the rest are owned by HTC so will remain as they are unless HTC pay the following costs:
Lantern only - £350 to £400 each
Lamps on a bracket - £850 each
New column and lantern - £1,100 each.
Cllr Brookman recommended that the street lights owned by HTC should stay as they are until there is a need to replace them.
- 9. Dog Fouling – discuss possible action to deal with dog fouling on the pavements.** In response to an email received from a resident who walks his children to nursery from Tesco car park, down Church Lane into the Croft and has to dodge increasing amounts of dog poo, the committee discussed the best way to tackle this on-going problem. Although spraying the poo brightly coloured seemed a good idea, HTC would need to seek permission from WBC, and to be effective need someone committed and it would need constant monitoring. Cllr Chicken suggested a friendly publicity campaign, highlighting the distress inconsiderate dog owners caused fellow residents. The committee agreed this was a good way forward. **Action:** Deputy Clerk to circulate location of current poo bins and put them on the website and investigate signage to remind people to pick up and publicise the issue via facebook.
- 10. CCTV – costings to date.** A couple of quotes have been received, but the contract will go out to tender and will be submitted before the next H&T meeting.
- 11. Christmas Lights debrief – Report from meeting with contractor.** There were problems this year with electrical faults in some of the lighting columns. 95% worked well but due to Roger's absence getting the faults fixed became costly and so the quote accepted for the contractors has risen. Costs need to be cut next year and one solution would be reduce the number of trees, possibly cutting out Charnham Street altogether. This will be an agenda item for the Town Meeting in March. Prior to that public opinion will be sought by HTC via social media and other means.
- 12. Litter at the station – consider cost of new bin.** The committee were not convinced there is a need. Defer to next meeting when councillors have had a chance to visit the site.
- 13. Consider salt bin in Church Lane to service High Street and possibly Jubilee Bridge.** The committee were unsure as to where a bin should be located, and if one was placed in this area, would it be used effectively. Defer to next meeting when councillors have had a chance to look at the area. In the meantime, Clerk to follow up with bridge builder to see if he has considered a solution to prevent the bridge from becoming slippery.

Meeting closed at 9.07pm