

# HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.50pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Brookman, Chicken, Simpson, Colloff, and Bumbieris  
**Also present:** Geoff (The Advisor)

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Whiting, Crane Hudson Wilson Knight
- 2. Declarations of interest.** None
- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.** Cllr Colloff commented that under item 14 Cllr Brookman deserved praise. Cllr Colloff proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Chicken, two abstentions, and rest in favour.
- 4. Update on actions at Hungerford Station –** J Willmott has provided a report on Hungerford Station which has been emailed to the committee. Cllr Brookman has written to Alison Stone (Station manager of Newbury) to arrange a meeting. Cllr Brookman will also ask JW and MC to attend. **Action:** carry forward to next meeting).  
**Action:** Office to provide a list of contacts from Network rail and GWR to Cllr Brookman.  
**Action:** Miss use of salt bin. DC to check if the salt bin is the property of HTC and Cllr Brookman will follow up on the salt.
- 5. Update on Traffic issues at Upper Eddington –** Brief recap was given of the issues. It is unlikely that a weight restriction will be placed on the road. Cllr Crane has spoken to Adrian Scrope about maintaining a parking area. The local resident has asked for a traffic survey, but WBC is waiting for a new device to measure the length of vehicles.
- 6. Ice warning sign on the footbridge –** Cllr Brookman has been in contact with WBC about the ice sign on the bridge and they are reluctant to do this. Hence, no sign will be placed on the bridge. Cllr Colloff asked that a letter be sent to WBC to say that they had refused to place a sign there and that HTC would hold them responsible if there was an accident.  
**Action:** Cllr Brookman to compose a letter to send.
- 7. Pigeon faeces in the High Street –** Cllr Brookman had contacted Network rail but yet to receive a response. Letter had been sent to Quinton's, but no response received. **Action: still awaiting responses.** Deputy clerk had been in contact about methods of reducing pigeon numbers in the High Street, and was still waiting for responses from some companies.  
**Action: report on at next meeting.**

8. **Dog Fouling** – Deputy Clerk had contact the Canal and river Trust and determined the location of two dog bins along the Canal path in Hungerford. A different approach was proposed where articles would be placed in chain and through the Mayor’s Here and Now section of the Advisor, to remind people to use dog bins. The suggestion “keep your town clean” was suggested.

**Action: item to be placed on the agenda for next meeting.**

**Out-standing action: Once agreed and finalised a copy of the dog bins will be placed at local vets to inform people of the bins. Action: Signage to be placed at School to show the fine for dog fouling is £50 which can rise to £1000 and imprisonment.**

9. **Hungerford footway lighting** - There are 105 street lights in Hungerford and these assets are inspected, though the columns are the responsibility of HTC.

**Action: Cllr Brookman to contact WBC to review the inspection of the Hungerford columns.**

10. **Bus in Hungerford**

*The H1 bus* - An altered timetable has been published causing a member of the public to send a letter to WBC. The bus will start slightly later due to running on another route before starting in Hungerford. Discussion was held about the poor link with the train timetable.

**Action: Cllr Brookman to follow up H1 timing with GWR.**

*No. 3 bus* - Changes have been proposed for the No. 3 bus timetable, which is currently out to tender. There will still be six journeys a day from Monday to Saturday, though not all journeys will stop at Inkpen. The changes in the bus timetable which link Hungerford to Newbury was discussed as the bus pass is valid from 9:30, but the bus leaves Hungerford at 9:10 and runs every 2 hours.

Action: Cllr Brookman to contact WBC if the over 60s bus pass can be used before 9:30, as the bus leaves Hungerford at 9:20

11. **School Transport** – The loss of the funding for transport to 6<sup>th</sup> form schools in Newbury was discussed. Cllrs Crane and Knight were due to meet with head of JOG, but, as yet, no feedback had been received. Matter was referred back to Full Council for consideration.

12. **Raised tree surrounds** – a letter had been received informing the office of an accident which took place in April, where a member of the public had tripped on the tree surround by the zebra crossing by the Three Swans. The upstands are used to protect the trees from salt and other items. Some ideas were suggested, including painting the up standers and infilling the gravel inside the up stander to reduce the drop level. It was decided that this involved WBC and Town and Manor.

**Meeting closed at 9:15 pm.**