

# HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 8.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Brookman, Crane, Chicken and Knight  
Also present: Geoff Adams, Adviser

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Whiting, Wilson, Hudson and Colloff
2. **Declarations of interest.** None
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.** Cllr Crane proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Knight, all in favour.
4. **Actions from previous meeting.**
  - Fly a Flag** – flag was raised on **Monday 14th March**. The Mayor, the Constable, Members of REME and representatives from JOG school attended.
  - Litter pick for Clean for the Queen** - took place on Sunday 20 March with over 50 volunteers who collected lots of bags of rubbish. The event was covered in The Adviser and Newbury Weekly News.
  - Salt bin in Church Lane** – Office investigated ice warning signs which could be placed at the end of the foot bridge. The sign was thought to be large and unsightly and permission would have to be sought from WBC. Discussion about how image into the town was important and trying to reduce the number of signs. A smaller sized sign was discussed and alternative signs. **Action: DC to investigate other types of signage.**
5. **Parking in Hungerford including Priory Road and Charnham Park (BMW dealer)** – (Merging of agenda points 5, 6, & 7). Changes in parking restrictions is underway in Hungerford, with consultations taking place through WBC. Documents were reviewed by Cllrs and it was felt that most changes would have a positive effect. Parking on Priory Road remains challenging and a suggestion was made to offer a cash incentive to encourage people to park on their properties by dropping the kerb to allow access.
6. **Dog Fouling** – A complaint has been received from a member of the public about the amount of dog excrement between Church lane, High Street and Croft area. Dog fouling had been seen by some Cllrs. There are 10 dog bins in Hungerford which cost a total of £406.56 year to maintain. The presence of the bins was viewed positively. Additional bins have asked to be placed in the following areas:
  - One at the end of Church Lane before the Croft.
  - One along the tow path of the canal. (depends if it is easily collected.)

- One on the corner of South View Road and Hungerford Primary School.

**Action: DC to contact the Canal and river Trust as to what their responsibilities are for dog excrement.**

**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.**

- 7. CCTV – proposed agreement of 3-year maintenance contract.** This was discussed, with Cllr Brookman confirming that the yearly maintenance costs are £1200 with potentially 5% increase yearly. The police have agreed to pay a contribution in the first year. TC was investigating the Parish Grant. Proposal agreed, proposed by Cllr Crane and seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in agreement. **Action: Update to be given to at next meeting.**
- 8. Update on the pigeons under the railway bridge and Dodd’s shop.** Many ideas have been considered, including a live hawk, extending the netting, traps and sound of hawks. **Action: Cllr Brookman to contact Network Rail to repair and extend the netting under the bridge.** Sign above Dodd’s shop from Quinton’s is also used as a perch area. **Action: Cllr Brookman to contact Quinton’s about the sign.**
- 9. Parade by 6 (Close Support) Battalion Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers –** This will take place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June with the parade starting at 12.25 pm. The Hungerford Town Band will be playing and the Town VIP (yet to be determined Constable, General Jackson, Mike Dorwood) will be on the dias observing the parade. REME will bring 165 members of staff and others (partners and children). A rolling road block will be set up manned by the police (WBC approval has been gained by TC). REME will provide a BBQ on the Croft Green in front of Hungerford Club, with the Croft Hall available as well.
- 10. Traffic issues at Eddington -** Many of the houses on the Upper Eddington Road do not have front gardens, and since the off-road parking area has been bollarded off, cars now have to park on the road. This makes it difficult to for lorries to move down the road, which can be early in the morning. At the end of the lane of Upper Eddington is the Leverton Farm Buildings, which consists of light industrial units. Other access routes were discussed including the Tally Ho, but there are issues already with this junction. An individual wrote to WBC to ask for a weight limit, but was told that there were no other complaints. This was discussed, and also alternative parking places, widening the road (WBC issue). **Action: Cllrs to carry out a site visit, date was confirmed for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 6 pm. Action: DC to provide a list of businesses on that route.** Cllr Knight added that the companies should ensure that the vehicles used are correct for the route.
- 11. Hungerford Footway Lighting.** HTC owns 102 street lights. Complaint was received last week about two street light columns which are in poor condition. H&T were informed that WBC pass on a charge (to cover energy and maintenance costs) to the residents living near these lights. This is included within their council tax bill. An approach was discussed. **Action: Office to determine where the columns owned by HTC are; F & GP to be approached to put money in this budget.**

**Meeting closed at 9 pm.**