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MINUTES of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 25th March 2019 at 7pm in The Library Building, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Hudson, Chicken, Downe, Knight and Gaines

1. **Apologies noted** – Cllrs Brookman, Cusack and Simpson
2. **Declarations of interest** – None
3. **Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 25th February 2019 and update on actions:** *Cllr Hudson proposed the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Chicken, all in favour.*
 - update on green cabinet under railway bridge** – The office has contacted both NR and GWR and are waiting to hear back – will keep chasing.
 - update on cleaning of road signs** – WBC advised they will clean the Hungerford signs on the A4 from Newbury, but they do not feel the Hungerford and 30 mph signs on the A338 south of the M4 are dirty enough. They will be replacing the yellow backed bend/crossroad warning/reduce speed now signs on the A338 at the Gipsy Lane crossroads in due course.
 - update on pigeons** – the office has received notification that pigeon proofing works at one property in the High Street are booked for the end of March/beginning of April.
4. **Consider complaint from member of public about congestion in the high st and suggestions for improvement** – an email had been received from a member of the public regarding delivery vehicles blocking the High Street, often during peak hours, and they had made some suggestions to try and alleviate these situations. Cllrs discussed the restrictions that are currently in place and suggested contacting WBC to ask the parking enforcement officer to be more diligent in their enforcement where existing parking restrictions apply. **Action:** Office will contact WBC and reply to the member of the public to advise we have contacted WBC.
5. **Consider any future projects for 2020/21 in line with HTC Action Plan** – The updated Action Plan had been circulated. Cllrs are happy for the plan to go forward to be discussed with the new council.
6. **Salt Bins** – **Action:** Cllr Knight is progressing a map of appropriate provision and location of salt bins and action on ensuring the bins are filled after they have been used.
Action: Office to investigate displaying some public guidance on the bins about spreading the grit.
7. **Christmas Tree Lights** – **Action:** Cllr Chicken to obtain a quote to replace the connectors with waterproof ones.
Action: Cllr Chicken to obtain a quote to remove the rest of the lights from the growing trees.
8. **Parking in Atherton Crescent** – WBC are proposing to extend the double yellow lines at the junction of Atherton Crescent and Atherton Road to prevent vehicles parking across the dropped kerb for the footway. There is no funding available for any further grasscrete but they suggest that we contact the

Highway Projects team from April onwards when the new budgets are available. **Action:** Office to ask WBC for confirmation once the double yellow lines have been extended.

Action: Office to contact WBC in April to request further grasscrete.

9. **Street Lighting – Update on annual inspection** – The Clerk has requested to be updated on progress with the upgrade to Cold Harbour and adoption process by WBC, costs for the Park Way upgrade, and any work on HTC owned lights required by us.
10. **Smarten up Hungerford – Latest progress report from John Willmott** – JW was not present at the meeting. The committee extended thanks to JW and the SUH team for all their hard work. They like the new welcome sign on the Co-op roundabout. **Action:** Add to next H&T agenda to propose financial support for Smarten Up Hungerford.
11. **Railway Station update**
 - **Car park extension** – Cllr Chicken is due to meet with NR tomorrow. They will discuss 2 possible car park sites, moving the fence on the London bound side and painting of the footbridge.
 - **Adoption of Hungerford improvements including extended shelter** - Membership of ACORP is in place. Cllr Chicken is looking at obtaining grants from ACORP to move a fence and get electric and water supplies for the café van. Work on the shelter extension is underway and is due to be finished by the end of March.
12. **LEP – Any update** – Cllr Hudson has been advised by WBC they have issued a news statement regarding potential improvements at Hungerford Station. They will be working with the LEP and GWR to explore funding opportunities for studies which would examine how the station can be modernised, assess how access can be improved and how parking concerns in the area might be addressed for the benefit of the whole community. This is very positive news.

Cllr Downe mentioned the anti-slip strips on the footbridge are coming loose and this appears to be an ongoing issue. The office has been in contact with WBC on a number of occasions and they do come out and inspect the bridge regularly.

Cllr Hudson advised that a number of issues were raised at the H&T table at the Town Meeting by members of the public. The main issue being speeding traffic through the town, across the common and along the A4 by Cobbs Farm. The committee discussed the possibility of reducing the speed limit to 30mph across the common and through Lower Denford. **Action:** Add to next H&T agenda for discussion.

Meeting closed 8.13pm