

# HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Brookman, Simpson, Bumbieris, Knight and Chicken. Also present June Hiscock (President of the WI)

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Colloff
2. **Declarations of interest** - None
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017**– Cllr Knight proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Simpson, one abstention (Cllr Chicken), rest in favour.  
**Action** – Cllr Brookman will look at the TORS and email to all ahead of next meeting.
  - **Street lighting - progress on work (columns and light bracket)** – Cllr Brookman has chased WBC on a date for commencement of works and not yet heard back.
4. **Hungerford Station - Report from JW** - John Willmott not present  
**Update on the CCIF 2018/19 bid for the Station** – WBC pulled out of the last year’s bid application. This year the opening date for grant applications is 1<sup>st</sup> July. HTC has decided to apply for financial support to increase the size of the station shelter on the up line. A quote has been obtained from the supplier of the existing shelter for just over £20k. We will need to find 20% of the cost ourselves. £1k is already in the budget. **Action:** Clerk to look into a Co-op grant and to apply for the CCIF grant.
  - **Action update – contact with Network Rail and GWR for agreement about shelter** – Cllr Brookman has been in touch with GWR who will put him in touch with NR about complying with the access conditions.
5. **Noticeboard under the railway bridge – discussion of condition and consideration of improvements which could be made** (taken after item 2) – HTC has a licence for noticeboards under the bridge. Changes to the boards should be run past Network Rail. The WI would like to be involved in helping renovate the existing noticeboards. After discussion it was agreed that a working party should rub down and paint the frames using a chalky white or grey paint. Suggested date was a Sunday in August.  
**Action:** Clerk to contact owners of noticeboards to set up date for project.
6. **Tenders on Contracts Finders – timescales for contracts to be placed on the web site for maintenance of public toilets and Christmas Lights** – The clerk has produced an updated tender specification and notice to go on the web for the public toilets. The dates for the tender

period were discussed and agreed. **Action:** Clerk to publish the tender tomorrow. The decision will be taken at an Extra Full Council scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> August. **Action:** Cllr Brookman will walk the high street to check the details for the Christmas lights specification and agree tender terms for Clerk to send out next week.

7. **Issues in High Street – Review of quote for pigeon culling and state of pavements.** The Constable of the Town & Manor is keen to proceed with a culling and they have advised that there are willing to contribute if others do and have asked what the long term proposal is for keeping numbers down. The Chair of the Chamber of Commerce is against a cull. **Action:** Cllrs Chicken and Knight will attend the next Chamber meeting to advise on all the methods that have been considered and request financial support. It was asked if this is likely to be an ongoing cost. The Clerk advised HTC has not paid for pigeon control in the past 9 years. **Action:** Clerk to put on F&GP agenda to consider transfer of some funds as we are £600 short of the target.  
**Floral display in High Street – review of feedback from businesses** – Some complaints have been received over the high pressure watering system which leaves dirt sprayed on property and also that the flowers have not been brought on enough. **Action:** Review tenders carefully next year.
8. **CCTV – consideration of the installation of CCTV at the skateboard park** – R&A is looking at this and the Clerk is contacting the Football Club about the possibility of using their broadband. **Action:** Clerk to chase Football Club and to set up a site meeting with Smart to view options for cameras at the Skate Park and consider coverage of the playground/football entrance.
9. **Dog bins – consider the request from Town & Manor to place 1 dog bin at Inkpen gate and pay for the emptying** – It was commented that the dog bins on the common are hard to reach because of the fences around them. Cllr Knight proposed paying for the emptying of a new dog bin at the Down Gate, which T&M are arranging to be installed. The cost of the weekly emptying will be around £40 annually, seconded by Cllr Brookman, one abstention (Cllr Simpson) rest in favour. **Action:** Office to advise WBC.

**Meeting closed at 8:05 pm.**