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To: Cllrs J Keates, R Hudson, H Simpson, A Fyfe, D Alford, C Winser, K Carlson, J Cole, H Armstrong, D Reeves, G Montgomery.

All other councillors for information and to co-opted member J Willmott. Also, to District Councillors Dennis Benneyworth, Denise Gaines, Tony Vickers, and press.

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Highways and Transport** Committee to be held on **Tuesday 27th May 2025 at 7.00pm,** in the Library.

The meeting is open to the press and public. At 7.00 pm there will be a public forum to allow questions from the electors.

Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda, providing they do so within the 15 minutes allotted time period (limited to 3 minutes per speaker) given at the beginning of each meeting. Any questions should be submitted in advance by 2pm on the day of the meeting. Public will not be permitted to interrupt, question or participate at any other point during the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chair. Timings will be at the discretion of the Chair.

Claire Barnes Town Clerk

AGENDA

HT20250032. Propose election of the following positions and received signed acceptance of office forms:

Chair and Deputy Chair of Highways and Transport

HT20250033. Apologies for absence

HT20250034. Declarations of interest

HT20250035. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on Monday 24th March 2025

HT20250036. Update on actions from previous meetings, not on this agenda

HT20250037. Consider quotation for large Christmas Trees from preferred supplier

HT20250038. Receive any updates on SIDs and speeding - Cllr Hudson

- HT20250039. Receive any updates about Britain in Bloom Cllr Montgomery
- HT20250040. Await revised plan for safety improvements at The Croft from WBC.
- HT20250041. Respond to BT Consultation on Hungerford High Street telephone box. BT propose to remove telephony and lock the kiosk. Deadline to respond is 15/06/2025 by email to btp.authorisation.team@bt.com
- HT20250042. Consider adopting the telephone box for £1. Details can be found here.

Adopt a Kiosk Scheme | Buy a BT Phone Box | BT Business

Planning advises, as this telephone box is grade II listed, moving it would require listed building consent (for which there is currently no fee), and likely also planning permission via a Full Application at a cost of £293 (if we are just decorating it), or £588 if we are selling from it as it would be a change of use. The applications would need to be accompanied with a clear justification for its removal and new location. They suggest submitting a pre-application to ascertain the likely acceptability of this. The cost would fall under 'Other Developments' for a pre-application costing £204 set fee plus £174 per hour for the conservation officer's time. **Highways advise**, as long as it is not impeding pedestrians, access or visibility splays then they probably wouldn't have an issue. If planning is needed, there is a need to formally consult, and other factors may come to the fore.

Transport costs - This is a matter lying outside the remit of WBC and as such they cannot advise. HTC would be responsible for transport costs.

- HT20250043. Receive any feedback from West Berks Council on devolution of services e.g. gully and ditch clearing, sign cleaning, overhanging trees
- HT20250044. Any H&S issues of concern including;
 - Closure of high street for gas works
 - Complaint about pigeons
 - Request for double yellow lines opposite Tarrants Hill Refer to photo
 - Hedge obstructing line of footway in Church Way Refer to photo
 - Pedestrians walking northbound on A338/Hungerford Newtown verge
 - Poor state of garages in Park Way and Orchard View Close Receive any update from WBC.