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MINUTES of the **Highways and Transport Committee** meeting held on Monday 28th November 2022 at 7.00pm, in the Library, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs Schlanker, Knight, Fyfe, Alford, Simpson, Downe, Greenwell, Hudson and Winser
In attendance: Claire Barnes (Town Clerk), Newbury News, John Willmott and 5 members of public.

HT20220076. Apologies for absence – Cllr Carlson
Also, from, District Cllrs

HT20220077. Declarations of interest – Cllr Hudson (item HT20220085)

HT20220078. Consider co-option of member of public.
Proposed: Cllr Simpson
Seconded: Cllr Knight
Resolution: Co-opt John Willmott as a member of public to the H&T committee..

HT20220079. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 31st October 2022
Proposed: Cllr Greenwell
Seconded: Cllr Knight
Resolution: Agree minutes as a true record. Two abstentions.

HT20220080. Update on actions from previous meetings, not on this agenda – Timers have been installed on the Christmas tree lights. A press release was issued about the pigeons and the FOI request answered. Letters were sent to property owners encouraging them to act by pigeon proofing their premises using non-lethal methods such as netting, spikes and fire gel.
Outstanding actions: -
ACTION: District Cllr Benneyworth (DB) to advise on installation of a litter bin at Salisbury Road.
ACTION: Cllr Knight to arrange display of the Wilton Windmill board at Farewise.
ACTION: Cllr Knight to firm up a date for the litter pick in the spring. Possibly 16th or 23rd of April.

HT20220081. Feedback from West Berks Council (WBC) on availability of combined recycling/litter bins –
Deferred to next meeting as DB not present.

HT20220082. Update on feed to CCTV at Triangle Field
ACTION: SMART is pricing up a quote to transfer the camera images to the Town Council office.

HT20220083. Provision of bus stop at Kennedy Meadow or Lancaster Park – Cllr Fyfe contacted WBC and the bus company to request some bus stops are included coming into town from the new developments on Salisbury Road. A bus stop is either needed at both locations or one stop could cover both. Cllr Hudson advised pull-ins for buses are not recommended now due to the difficulty of buses pulling back out.

HT20220084. Receive update on Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) – A data summary was circulated and discussed. The SIDs are having a positive effect with vehicles slowing down in response. Once the

cows are off the Common, we will be able to utilise the SID currently located there, for rotation around the various sites.

a) Outcome of consideration of new locations-

ACTION: Cllr Hudson is trying to get more SID locations agreed with WBC.

We would like to capture vehicle speeds on the A4 approaching Hungerford from the east, set up another location on Salisbury Road and one for vehicles going south out of town. A complaint has been received about speeding on the High St and this will capture evidence. We may need to put up the mounting posts ourselves. It was suggested we ask the Police if they will try other locations with their speed cameras.

b) Agree purchase of more brackets – The brackets are quite difficult to unbolt when moving the equipment. There is money in EMR to cover the cost.

Proposed: Cllr Hudson

Seconded: Cllr Simpson

ACTION: **Resolution:** Purchase two streetlamp brackets suitable for SIDs at £150 each.

HT20220085. Consider introduction of speed limit for Sanham Green and Hornhill -This item was taken after HT20220078 due to the members of public present.

Cllr Hudson advised he had spoken to DB who arranged for a speed monitor to be installed. Whilst the average speed is showing as 31.5 and 32mph, it is the wide range which is a problem. Percentile information is available. Many vehicles are travelling very quickly, and it has got worse recently. A SID can't be used as they only monitor up to 40mph and the area is derestricted. Residents commented that although many vehicles travel at 20mph, many also speed at 60mph. There is no footway, and this is very dangerous for pedestrians some of which have almost been clipped by the vehicles. The area is used by groups of walkers, dog walkers and families. The road is not wide enough for two vehicles and has no central white line. Its visibility is limited around the bends and by the triangle junction where a recent accident occurred. WBC is progressing a request for a speed limit with the review board.

Proposed: Cllr Hudson

Seconded: Cllr Schlanker

ACTION: **Resolution:** Support the WBC speed review and recommend a 30mph limit for Sanham Green and Hornhill. Add this item to the Town Strategy.
(Residents left at 7.20pm)

HT20220086. Note: WBC agreed to instigate improvement works and extension of footway under the railway bridge, following submission of the Croft Field Survey results. The Clerk will inform the member of public that was particularly concerned.

HT20220087. Receive any updates on footpaths and footway works Cllr Fyfe advised on the improvement work to the footways as follows: - The A338 north has been completed. The A4 going west is 50% done. The A338 south won't be done until the new year and will need traffic lights. The road to Chilton Foliat will be done if there is any money left over. Work to the footway by Coffee1 on the high street is taking place now. The PROW signs will be done by the end of the year. The muddy verges in Coldharbour road are being replaced with hard standing.

HT20220088. Consider draft H&T budget for financial year April 2023-24 – The spreadsheets were circulated and discussed. It was questioned why the salt bin budget showed such a large increase.

Proposed: Cllr Simpson

Seconded: Cllr Fyfe

ACTION: **Resolution:** Obtain a quote for watering 25 tubs from windowflowers (separate to the contract for the hanging baskets).Smarten Up Hungerford (SUH) currently water these voluntarily.

Proposed: Cllr Simpson

Seconded: Cllr Knight

ACTION: **Resolution:** Increase the EMR budget from £800 to £1,000 for SUH giving a total of £1780 for next year's expenses. This will cover replacement of some of the larger shrubs.

Proposed: Cllr Schlanker

Seconded: Cllr Downe

ACTION: **Resolution;** Ask WBC when they will be adopting the recently upgraded streetlights.

It was noted that the budget code 4365 for maintenance of our streetlights by WBC should now reduce.

It was decided we have enough money in the current EMR (EV chargers pot) to cover any environmental costs and a separate budget is not needed.

Proposed: Cllr Knight

Seconded: Cllr Downe

ACTION: **Resolution;** Recommend H&T expenditure budget of £92, 471

The income budget was discussed and the following changes were recommended:

- Change hanging basket donations to £800
- Change Christmas Lights donations to £1,000
- Consider including SID income of £1,000 although this may arrive in this financial year?

H&T budget including income recommended at £88,971

HT20220089. Any H&S issues of concern including COVID

- **High kerb and bad condition of car parking bay outside Fairfield flats** – This was reported. The alleyway close by is unlit and dark from overhanging trees.

ACTION: Chase a response from WBC.

- **Navigation of large vehicles at junction between High Street and Park Street** – This problem has been assessed by WBC and their response was the junction will be placed on their assessment list for investigation. They commented it is very difficult to do anything to stop lorry movements at that junction as there is an established Industrial estate close by.

Proposed: Cllr Schlanker

Seconded: Cllr Fyfe

ACTION: **Resolution:** A bollard should be placed to run down the edge of the pub to protect the building from being hit by vehicles.

- **Surface of Jubilee Pedestrian Bridge** – The surface does peel in places occasionally however WBC act quickly to rectify when requested.

- **Storm water drainage** – This has been reported to WBC.

ACTION: Contact Thames Water.

ACTION: **EV chargers** – Still no response. Chase WBC.

ACTION: Advise WBC to remove a red Covid sign on the lamppost in Park St.

ACTION: Report vehicles parking on corner of Macklin Close on footway.

Meeting closed 9.00pm.

SID Sites in Hungerford: Data Summary

Site	Direction	Speed	Site Ref	SID Ref	Date from	Date to	ave speed	max speed	Speed 15%ile	Speed 50%ile	Speed 85%ile	% > speed limit	Speed In	Speed out	% reduction
A4 Charnham St, West of BMW	Westbound towards Marlborough	30			23/07/2022	27/07/2022	28	72	22	29	34	36.7	28	28	0
A4 Cotterell Close	Eastbound towards Newbury	30			27/07/2022	22/10/2022	24	86	16	24	31	18.7	24	26	2
A338 Salisbury Rd, south of Priory Rd	Northbound towards town centre	30			18/07/2022	27/07/2022	26	55	8	29	34	40.9	26	24	-8
					27/07/2022	22/10/2022	26	82	3	29	34	39.7	26	24	-8
Common, 100m west of Kintbury Gate	Westbound towards town centre	30			22/07/2022	21/09/2022	27	70	16	29	36	39	27	26	-4
Common, Park Street, 100m west of Inkpen Rd	Eastbound towards Kintbury	30			21/09/2022	22/10/2022	29	72	21	31	37	53.4	29	26	-10