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DRAFT MINUTES of the **Highways and Transport Committee** meeting held on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.00pm, in the Library, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs, Schlanker, Hudson, Simpson, Carlson, Alford, Knight, Fyfe, Winser, Cole, Greenwell, and Armstrong (arrived 7.25pm)

In attendance: Claire Barnes (Town Clerk), District Councillor Denise Gaines (DG) and a member of public.

HT20230071. Apologies for absence – Cllr Cusack

Also, from DC Benneyworth and DC Vickers

HT20230072. Declarations of interest – None

HT20230073. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on 24th July 2023.

Proposed: Cllr Carlson

Seconded: Cllr Simpson

Resolution: Agree minutes of 24th July 2023 as a true record, three abstentions.

HT20230074. Update on actions from previous minutes not on this agenda.

As there were no reports of any flooding following the heavy downpours last week, it was agreed to close the action on flooding. However, WBC has a scrutiny meeting with Thames Water on 11th October so if there are any issues let DG know.

Clerk has requested WBC repaint the brick wall along The Cuttings however WBC are saying this is not their wall.

ACTION: DG will obtain confirmation of the above in writing.

There has been no feedback from WBC about the weeds growing through the newly surfaced footways.

Cllr Fyfe's PowerPoint of all the green areas that are being damaged by cars parking or driving on them, has been forwarded to district councillors.

ACTION: DB is pursuing the installing of bollards to prevent parking on the green areas.

ACTION: DG will chase Richard Turner for an update on the Changing Places facility funding.

We are still waiting for Gigaclear to connect broadband at the Triangle Field and Croft Field.

HT20230075. Safety of High Street and consideration of traffic calming measures – Update following meeting with West Berks Council. Cllr Schlanker met with Gareth Dowding (GD) from WBC about safety concerns in the town. The meeting unfortunately was brought forward at short notice, so others were unable to attend. GD looked at the potential of a pedestrian crossing at the top of the high street by the almshouses and thought it was a sensible suggestion. A priority concern is speeding. DG is putting together a policy for 20mph zones and will need to pick areas for trial. GD has commented that we won't get a 20mph restriction in the High Street. Complaints of speeding have been received from those in Church Street and Park Street. DG advised if we are going to pursue 20mph zones for Hungerford we would need buy in from the residents. Are they in favour of it? It was suggested a SID could go in Park Street and other areas. It was noted that there have not been any injuries in the high street in the last 5 years although there have been in Priory Road. *Cllr Armstrong entered.*

It was questioned if traffic had depleted in the high street since the temporary traffic lights have been installed at the top of town. It was thought some traffic had diverted but not the large trucks. Other suggestions for traffic calming include raising the level of the pedestrian crossing outside the 3 Swans.

Proposed: Cllr Schlanker

Seconded: Cllr Hudson

ACTION: **Resolution:** Clerk to request WBC carry out a survey; looking at installing a pedestrian crossing (possibly raised) by the almshouses at the top of the high street, consider raising the level of the crossing outside the 3 Swans and looking at installing bollards to protect the Plume building.

WBC pay for the temporary traffic lights in the high street, which have been in place since December, and will be claiming this back from the insurance company. Delays are due to a liability dispute between the insurance companies and problems sourcing a contractor for the work, a large and complicated job. The crack in the building is being monitored and was checked last month by the surveyor and deemed safe. There is concern that this is growing and needs to be monitored more closely. The sandbags holding the signage have been replaced but may need replacing again. Costs will continue to rise for loss of rent, business interruption etc.

ACTION DG/HTC to try and expedite the work. Write to owner and see about contacting the loss adjuster.

HT20230076. Progress on EV Chargers, since meeting with Adrian Abbs – *(This item was taken first due to a member of public present.* The contract to install EV Chargers has not yet been let but 5 tender responses are being considered and should be decided by the end of October. We are assured that Hungerford will be first on the list. CHAIN is also trying to sort out the Handybus and are considering an electric bus. DG advised Zebra 2 (zero emissions funding) is available from the government for rural areas. They are looking at electric buses and rapid chargers. Their expression of interest needs to be in by the end of October and application in December. Cllr Hudson commented that a lot of rapid chargers would be needed for electric buses, and he would hope that the chargers would be dual purpose.

HT20230077. Concern of unlit PROW from Prospect Road to Church Way.

Proposed: Cllr Schlanker

Seconded: Cllr Hudson

Resolution: It was agreed not to pursue any lighting as cost is prohibitive.

HT20230078. Parking on footways and verges – Update on progress of installation of bollards. This was discussed above, under item HT20230074.

HT20230079. Receive any updates on SIDs, new locations, speeding and 20mph.

Cllr Hudson advised the solar panel is working well and this is now being used to power the SID that displays the message as that SID uses more power. Cottrell Close residents are desperate for a SID to be placed there permanently. Stronggrove is also a problem but is a tricky location for a SID. Speeding is occurring in Church St and Park St.

ACTION: Relocate the SID from the Common (whilst cows aren't present) to alternate between the two locations (Church St and Park St).

ACTION: Fix the broken links on our website that lead to the SID data.

HT20230080. Consider locations for new combined litter/recycle bins.

Cllr Schlanker is yet to carry out a survey of the litter bins. Three locations were agreed for the new bins, being skate park, by the nursery school and by One Stop.

ACTION: DG is trying to get a cost for the bins.

HT20230081. Receive any updates on footpaths, signage and footway works.

ACTION: Set up a new meeting with the WBC footpath team.

A member of public ended up in A&E when they hit a curve in the road and their mobility scooter overturned. This happened in Church Street. DG is chasing this with WBC.

HT20230082. A consultation on Westberks Draft ROW Improvement Plan is open until 23rd November.
Cllr Greenwell has sent feedback. He commented that the Improvement Plan needs an exec summary, prioritisation, and ownership.

ACTION: Clerk to send copy of feedback to DG.

HT20230083. Any H&S issues of concern.

Any flooding issues following bad weather – discussed under item HT20230074 above.

Gigaclear pavement repairs – Photos have been taken of the damage to the footways in the high street caused by Gigaclear. There are 11 broken stones. Some have been put back badly and others have been replaced with concrete. This has been reported to WBC and Jon Winstanley has been invited by the Mayor to visit Hungerford and view it for himself. HTC was reminded that the [one.network](#) site can be accessed to view upcoming road works.

ACTION: Cllr Schlanker advised he is conducting a survey with Shield Electrical to view damaged connections in the high street affecting the Christmas Lights.

ACTION: Note for the budget - There will be a cost to fix these connections. In addition, an approx. rise of 10% to the contract price (up for tender next year) needs to be factored into the budget.

Meeting closed 8.15pm.

SID Sites in Hungerford: Data Summary															
Site	Direction	Speed Limit	Site Ref	SID No.	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		749	23/07/2022	27/07/2022	28	72	22	29	34	36.7	28	28	0
				751	30/11/2022	15/12/2022	25	77	19	26	32	28.6	25	26	-4
				19577	15/05/2023	24/07/2023	27	98	21	29	34	35.1	27	28	-4
A4 Cotterell Close	Eastbound towards Newbury	30		749	27/07/2022	22/10/2022	24	86	16	24	31	18.7	24	26	-8
				749	22/10/2022	30/11/2022	24	77	16	26	31	18.8	24	25	-4
				749	30/11/2022	24/12/2022	24	64	16	24	31	17.3	24	26	-8
				749	09/03/2023	12/03/2023	23	62	14	24	31	16	23	25	-8
				749	10/07/2023	24/07/2023	24	70	16	26	31	21.2	24	25	-4
A4 Garden Centre	Westbound towards Hungerford	30		749	16/05/2023	16/06/2023	34	101	26	34	44	69.6	34	28	18
				749	16/05/2023	10/07/2023	34	90	26	36	45	71.4	34	28	18
Site	Direction	Speed	Site Ref	SID No.	Date from	Date to	ave speed	max speed	Speed 15%ile	Speed 50%ile	Speed 85%ile	% > speed limit	Speed In	Speed out	% reduction
A338 Salisbury Rd, south of Priory Rd	Northbound towards town centre	30		750	18/07/2022	27/07/2022	26	55	8	29	34	40.9	26	24	8
				750	27/07/2022	22/10/2022	26	82	3	29	34	39.7	26	24	8
				750	22/10/2022	30/11/2022	21	86	3	26	31	26.3	21	20	5
				750	30/11/2022	15/12/2022	23	60	3	26	32	30.3	23	21	9
				750	10/03/2023	17/03/2023	25	65	3	29	34	38.3	25	23	9
				15067	10/07/2023	24/07/2023	32	72	27	31	37	70.3	32		
A338 Salisbury Rd, south of Priory Rd	Southbound away from town			750	17/03/2023	SID DATA ERROR									
Common, 100m west of Kintbury Gate	Westbound towards town centre	30		751	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		751	21/09/2022	22/10/2022	29	72	21	31	37	53.4	29	26	10
				751	22/10/2022	30/11/2022	28	75	21	31	37	50.5	28	25	11
				751	16/05/2023	16/06/2023	29	73	21	31	37	51.2	29	26	10
				751	16/05/2023	09/07/2023	28	72	13	31	37	51	28	26	7
				751	09/07/2023	24/07/2023	25	67	3	29	37	46.9	25	23	8
Notes:		See Explanation page for details. The highlighted rows refer to recent data.													