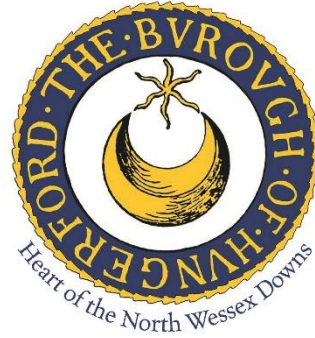


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DRAFT MINUTES of the **Highways and Transport Committee** meeting held on Monday 27th July 2026 at 7.00pm, in the Library, Hungerford

Present: Cllrs, Keates, Carlson, Mulholland, Alford, Hall, Armstrong, Reeves, Cole, Day, Fyfe and Edginton.
Also in attendance: Town Clerk, and Hayley Reed.

The Mayor welcomed Hayley Reed, a prospective councillor.
She introduced herself. She lives on the high street and has lived in Hungerford for five years. When asked what she would bring to the Council she explained she is passionate about history, heritage and nature, and is head of operations for a fire safety company in Newbury.

The Mayor reminded committee of the Emergency Event being held at the Town Hall on Monday 10th August from 10am to 2pm. This is an opportunity to meet the emergency services, learn life saving skills and explore safety equipment. There will also be two showings of the People's Emergency Briefing film at 11am and 1pm.

HT20260037. Apologies for absence – Cllr Hudson

HT20260038. Declarations of interest – None

HT20260039. Agreement of minutes of meeting held on Monday 26th May 2026

Proposed: Cllr Keates

Seconded: Cllr Mulholland

Resolution: Minutes agreed as a true representation of the meeting held on 26th May 2026. Three abstentions.

HT20260040. Co-option of Cllr Edginton onto H&T committee

Proposed: Cllr Keates

Seconded: Cllr Cole

Resolution: Agree to co-opt Cllr Edginton on to the H&T Committee.

HT20260041. Update on actions from previous meetings

Stuart Gourley has been invited to attend the H&T Committee meeting in September in response to our request for safety improvements to the high street.

Our speeding survey doesn't close until the end of this month so will be discussed at a later date. It was noted that 20mph speed limits in Thatcham have been rejected. Cllr Reeves advised there is evidence that that drivers get frustrated in 20mph areas and speed away causing accidents.

The tree pits are going in and look really good. The trip hazards have been removed.

R&A Committee voted to move the telephone box to outside Farewise Travel who have offered to lock and unlock it. It could be used as a tourism info point or for mixed use to display artwork etc.

The Clerk has reported more flytipping at the Station Car Park.

ACTION: The Mayor will write to Kofi at West Berks Council (WBC) chasing action on the problems previously identified at Station Car Park.

HT20260042. Receive any feedback from WBC on suggested scheme for improvement of safety in the high street – Refer to HT20260041 for an update on this.

- HT20260043. Update on West Berks Council work to address issues raised at Station Road Car Park including overflowing recycle centre, and the dilapidated retaining wall.**
Temporary solutions (bin bags) have been put over the incorrect parking signage. The road sweeper has been reappointed to clear the car parks. WBC are aware of the state of the wall and a cheaper alternative to repair it has been suggested. Refer to agenda item HT20260041 for the agreed action.
- HT20260044. Update on Volker upgrade to all our lampposts to LED** – We have yet to receive a reply from Volker on when the programme will commence. Their contract with West Berks Council will end from October.
ACTION: The Mayor will speak to West Berks Council to obtain a better contact at Volker.
- HT20260045. Propose upgrade of CCTV with another new link**
This is part of an upgrade plan and will improve the connection to the Bear roundabout camera.
Proposed: Cllr Cole
Seconded: Cllr Carlson
ACTION: **Resolution:** Appoint Smart Technology to replace the link between TG Jones and the Bear with a 60ghz link at a cost of £1300 plus vat.
- HT20260046. Propose contractor for small Christmas Trees**
Proposed: Cllr Fyfe
Seconded: Cllr Hall
ACTION: **Resolution:** Appoint Jadecliff as supplier of the small Christmas trees subject to checking the expected sizes of the trees to be provided. The same question can be asked of the alternative contractor. Value for money is required, and HTC needs to check sizes on delivery.
- HT20260047. Lack of transport from Lambourn to Hungerford and impact on JOG school** – The Mayor advised he has passed this query to District Councillor Gaines.
ACTION: Add to next H&T agenda for feedback and query bus transport to Newbury from Hungerford for school children.
- HT20260048. Lack of waste bins for canal users** – This is an issue all along the canal. Canal and River Trust (CRT) have taken them away.
ACTION: The Mayor is visiting Saxon industries with WBC, about problems with delivery lorries getting stuck under the railway bridge and not being able to turn in the high street. He will also discuss rubbish facilities with them as they are adjacent to the canal. Cllr Cole and the Clerk are invited to attend.
- HT20260049. Decide on Christmas Lights Switch on date for 2027.** The Chamber of Commerce are keen for the switch on to be moved to a Saturday to help local businesses.
Proposed: Cllr Armstrong
Seconded: Cllr Alford
ACTION: **Resolution:** Agree the Xmas Lights switch on in 2027 should be on a Saturday. Clerk to check with tree suppliers to see if they can provide the trees a week earlier. Ideal date would be Sat 20th Nov 2027. Advance notice needs to be given to book the venue.
This year the Xmas Light switch on will be on Sunday 29th Nov 2026.
- HT20260050. Any H&S issues of Concern including but not limited to:**
- **Hedge at Church Way** – Last week there was a near miss with a car hitting a child. This has been reported to Sovereign and WBC and we are continuing to escalate the importance of replacing the hedge with a pavement.
 - **Smoking in non-smoking areas at the Station** – **ACTION:** Complain to GWR.

- **Fading Tesco crossings** – The Clerk has written to the CEO and he is actioning the repainting of the lines.
- **Old bus stop** – The bank needs reinstating and a contractor is manufacturing the round steels. This is an expensive option and is taking time.
- **Winter Service Plan** - **ACTION:** Clerk to check the bus routes are included to be gritted particularly church way.
- **Tractors speeding along Priory Road** - **ACTION:** Clerk to report this to the police.
- **Non-disabled drivers parking in disabled spaces** – This is happening under the railway bridge. If we take a photo is it admissible? **ACTION:** The mayor will investigate slam reports.
- **Inconsiderate parking at Atherton Hill** – The road is being blocked and buses struggle to get by. **ACTION:** The Mayor will speak to Steve West at WBC about extending the yellow lines.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm