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Minutes of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 16th June 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Brookman, Hudson, Crane, Thompson, Benneyworth, Podger, Whiting, Harding, Wilson and also John Garvey.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Small and Bumbieris
- 2. Declarations of interest.** None
- 3. Minutes of meeting held 19th May 2014.** Cllr Crane proposed minutes of the last meeting as a true record, seconded by Cllr Wilson, all in favour.
- 4. A4 speeding – progress on grant. Action:-** Cllr Hudson to chase Andrew Garrett, WBC
- 5. A4 Hire update.** Cllr Brookman has on 2 occasions tried to set up a meeting between resident Mr Barber, A Garrett, WBC and a representative of A4 hire. **Action:-** RB to chase Andrew Garrett, WBC for site meeting and/or marking highway boundary.
- 6. Update from station development meeting held on 20th May 2014.** A meeting has been arranged between Rowland and Sovereign to formulate an area of agreement based on the station regeneration plan.
- 7. Street works permit for utility companies.** WBC is proposing that any utility company wanting to carry out streetworks will have to apply for a permit and will be charged by WBC. It will also apply to builders wanting to make sewerage connections. If the company digresses from what they have applied for they will get a fixed penalty. The permit will include reinstatement works. HTC have been asked to comment on the consultation document, but as WBC own the roads it is unnecessary to do so.
- 8. Fairview Road traffic issues.** WBC will insist on a traffic management scheme from Sovereign while the work is being done at the Fairfields site. No deliveries will be made during school drop off and pick up times and construction workers will not be allowed to park on Fairview Road. WBC has rejected a traffic survey as the new development will not generate a huge increase of traffic. S106 money will be generated and ideas are needed of where it can be best spent. Cllr Brookman has requested a meeting with Gerry Heaton, Headteacher of the primary school and District Cllr Hewer. The school needs to renew its travel plan. WBC is going to appoint a new school traffic officer. The committee feel that arrangements need to be put in place regards parking before the works start. **Action:** Cllr Brookman to write to WBC cc: Sovereign, expressing concern about the potential parking issues around the Fairfields site when work starts.
- 9. Parking and footway issue by Catholic Church, Priory Road.** Cllr Brookman spent 3 consecutive mornings counting cars and pedestrians. He noted one car parked on the new pavements and 1 car parked on the corner of Lourdes Crescent which he reported to the police. If registration numbers are

given to the police of cars parked inconsiderately, they will be given a warning. Persistent offenders will be fined.

Cllrs Hudson and Brookman made a suggestion to WBC to reduce the road width slightly and have a shared area on the opposite side to the pavement which was rejected. Cllr Brookman has now asked for WBC to offer an alternative. **Action:-** RB to contact JOG school to see if they have concerns with respect to their travel plans.

- 10. Electrification line through to Marlborough.** A green pressure group in Marlborough is wanting the train line extended to Marlborough and are canvassing for support. Cllr Crane left the meeting. Cllr Hudson proposed support in their endeavours, seconded by Cllr Brookman, 1 in favour, 5 abstentions. **Action:-** A carefully worded letter to say yes we support but HTC do not want this issue to detract attention away from the extension of electrification to Bedwyn.
- 11. Hungerford in Bloom and WW1 project progress report from Mayor and Cllr Wilson.** Cllrs Wilson & Podger dropped leaflets 3 weeks ago but unfortunately there are only 14 entries so far, compared to 37 last year. Cllr Wilson will make follow up calls and Cllr Benneyworth will call for entrants in the Hear & Now this week. The allotments will be judged at the end of July.
WW1 Project. Meeting have been held with Jack Williams, Cllr Crane, Cllr Benneyworth, John North and John Parry to arrange a multi faith service led by Rev Nigel Sands on 3rd August 2014 at 3pm and will take 40-45mins. The Scout group members are going to be asked to read out the names of the 76 residents of Hungerford who died in the war and the brownies and guides will also be invited.
- 12. Propose purchase of new bin for skate park.** Cllr Brookman proposed to buy a new metal bin for the skate park, seconded by Cllr Benneyworth, all in favour. **Action:-** Clerk to purchase suitable bin.
- 13. Propose purchase of ladder for Rod and improve step to lock up.** Cllr Thompson proposed to buy a new ladder for Rod's use, seconded by Cllr Wilson, all in favour. **Action:-** Clerk to purchase suitable ladder, clarify what is required in terms of step at the lock up and obtain estimate of the cost.
- 14. Chewing gum machine.** **Action:-** Cllr Brookman to contact street care @ WBC requesting permission for a gum gun demonstration and invite them to attend.
- 15. Public toilet update.** Cllr Hudson to edit draft contract.
- 16. Manhole cover for 2nd xmas tree and other options.** Cllr Thompson proposed to meet with Rod to discuss options, seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in favour. **Action:-** by Cllr Thompson

Meeting closed at 8.40pm