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Minutes of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 19th May 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Thompson, Brookman, Crane, Small, Hudson, Benneyworth, Podger, Harding, Wilson and also Geoff Adams,

1. **Election of Chairman** – Cllr Crane proposed Cllr Brookman as Chair, seconded by Cllr Thompson, all in favour.
2. **Election of Deputy** – Cllr Crane proposed Cllr Hudson as Deputy, seconded by Cllr Wilson, all in favour
3. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Whiting and Bumbieris, also Anthony Buckwell and John Willmott
4. **Declarations of interest:** None
5. **Minutes of meeting held 22nd April 2014.** Cllr Thompson proposed the minutes of the last meeting as a true record seconded by Cllr Hudson, 2 abstentions, rest in favour.
6. **Transport issues**
 - **changes to the bus service 90** – Paul Frances has looked at these and there is no detrimental effect to Hungerford. In fact the times are more regular. However Saturday morning Lambourn service is affected. This is under consultation.
 - **electrification – update on LEP funding** – Cllr Crane has had confirmation that Thames Valley LEP is actively encouraging electrification and that Hungerford is the only direction that is not being electrified. Can TVLEP put more pressure on the Department of Transport as Network Rail would like electrification through to Bath. A Wilkinson is meeting with A Buckwell tomorrow regards the deadlock. Can it be suggested that Sovereign are included in talks. Network Rail isn't able to agree over the ransom strip as this would be setting a precedent. **Action:** Cllr Crane will pursue talks with Oakes and contact Sovereign. R Desmeules has offered to have his wall knocked down to provide footway space and sight improvements to the station road access. When development at the station proceeds S106 money would cover the costs of this.
7. **Highways issues**
 - **Review Cllr Hudson's new spreadsheet** – The items on the spreadsheet were run through by Cllr Hudson. The gateway signs which HTC requested are standardised entry signs and are the responsibility of WBC whereas the Welcome sign also wanted would have to be funded by HTC. These 2 items are to be dealt with under the T&E committee. The parking issues have been resolved. Tarrant's Hill raised platform - It was agreed this is not necessary and it will be taken off the list. It was felt that a footway is still needed opposite the Catholic Church as it is dangerous, and the traffic is busy making it not easy to cross the road. It was suggested double yellow lines should be put in place and a cross here sign. The church open day proved that there is plenty of parking at the church. To put in a footway opposite the church would involve the footway being reduced by approx. ½ metre on the church side. **Action:** Cllr Hudson to arrange a site meeting and involve JOG school. Can they endorse the need? Check their School Travel Plan. **Action:** Add entrance to Hillside Road to the areas listed on

the spreadsheet requiring resurfacing and also the un-adopted road near Prospect Road. Brown signs to be taken off list as some already in place. WBC has agreed to get rid of the wig wags as part of the de-cluttering request. **Action:** Re-circulate HTC's sign audit and de-cluttering report and chase A Garratt for progress. Footway and cobbles repairs are being done. The surface of the roundabout at Kennedy Meadow needs raising. Improved road safety around JOG school should be happening. A coach park space is available now next to the BMW garage. **Action:** Ask St John's Ambulance if they would consider allowing coach parking by their premises. Improvements required at Cold Harbour Road are to be kept under review. **Action:** Cllr Hudson will update spreadsheet as discussed and circulate to all councillors and District Councillors.

- **Fairview Road traffic issues during developments, progress on obtaining traffic management plan** - WBC have confirmed a traffic management plan will be put in place and have asked what survey we envisage. It was suggested a 12hr traffic count at the junctions. Police are speaking to inconsiderate parkers. The scope of the survey should also include parking and pedestrian and parking activity around the school at collection point. Consider access through Ramsbury play-park? What is the status of the Primary school travel plan? The safe routes to school officer at WBC could be contacted. **Action:** Clerk to write to WBC re survey details and copy in school and HEAR. Put pressure on Sovereign to arrange a temporary car park.

- **A4 speeding – progress on grant** – **Action:** Forward A Garratt email to Cllr Hudson and he will reply.

- **Letter from resident re: footway** – There should be a clear footway marked for pedestrians around A4 Hire. **Action:** Write to WBC

- **Prospect Road, safety issue regarding current surface** – The adjoining road is not adopted and road debris is being swept on to Prospect Road. WBC has cleared Prospect Road and Church St of debris and is investigating the source of the problem.

8. **Review public toilet quotes** – Kintbury Parish Council are not considering cleaning contractors until next April. We have obtained one tender to compare with WBC. Options are to stay with WBC who are cheaper but would need to improve the level of service; or to ask if the alternative contractor can drop their price. HTC need to advise WBC by the end of July their decision. With only one tender there is a risk to taking on the contract. The cost of purchasing an auto-lock is around £1K. **Action:** Request alternative contractor reduce their contract price and extend length of contract to 3 years with inflation increase each year. Also attempt to obtain quote directly from WBC contractor.
9. **Hungerford in Bloom and WW1 project progress report from Mayor and Cllr Wilson** – Cllr Wilson will distribute leaflets on Wednesday and adverts will be put up. Different categories will be determined based on the size of the garden. Cllrs Crane and Benneyworth met with J Williams and J Parry regards the WW1 commemorations. The Corn Exchange is booked for Sunday 3rd August 3.15pm and the Town Band booked also. Rev Sands is coming to the next Working Party meeting when the Order of Service will be discussed. The names of those fallen during the war will be read out during the service and also at the monthly council meetings.
10. **Canine bio-solids disposal and the chewing gum menace** – **Action:** Clerk to do letter to schools to remind pupils not to drop gum. A bin has been put in place by Bulpit Lane Swimming Pool House and another will go up by the common/rec stile. **Action:** Clerk will get quote for another bin at the skate park. Cllr Thompson will speak to the 3 Swans as cigarettes are littering the pavement.
11. **Manhole cover for 2nd xmas tree and other options** – Cllr Crane suggested HTC grow a tree instead of buying a cut Christmas tree each year. **Action:** Clerk to find out the cost of a 15ft tree and liaise with Rod, C&RT and J Trewinnard.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm