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Minutes of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 21st July 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Brookman, Podger, Whiting, Bumbieris, Harding, Wilson and also Geoff Adams.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Hudson, Thompson and Benneyworth
- 2. Declarations of interest.** None
- 3. Minutes of meeting held 16th June 2014.** Cllr Wilson proposed minutes of the last meeting as a true record, seconded by Cllr Podger, one abstention and rest in favour.
- 4. Update on parking issues at Primary School – Cllr Bookman (RB)** met with Andrew Garratt (AG) of WBC, Gerry Heaton (GH) of Hungerford Primary School and District Cllr Paul Hewer (PH) two weeks ago. The actions were for AG to arrange a pupil's survey to see where pupils live, so walking buses can be arranged. PH and RB will follow up the possibility of a part time car park close by. AG will consider necessary footpath improvements where they are too narrow. AG and PH will look at long term solutions such as arranging a drop off and pick up point outside the school. It was noted this could increase traffic. **Action:** RB to write to One-Stop shop about delivery vans. Is there a restriction on times they can deliver, avoiding school times? Police have been present outside the school to help with inconsiderate parking. A one way system has been dismissed as it would speed up traffic.
- 5. Update on Fairfields Construction Management Plan – Cllr Brookman** has spoken to Paul Goddard (WBC) and suggested a meeting with Sovereign WBC and HTC which will be open to residents. He is waiting for sight of the traffic management plan.
- 6. Update on Park Street – Cllr Brookman** has arranged a meeting with AG, Rod Desmeules and Anthony Buckwell for Monday 28th and hopes a District Councillor can attend. Rod has offered to give up some land to make a footway. There are no signs warning of no footway and HGVs struggle to turn into Station Road.
- 7. Update on Priory Road, parking and footway issue by Catholic Church – Cllr Brookman** and AG visited the area. WBC will not budge on altering the footway opposite the Church and dropped kerbs will be installed on both sides of the road for wheelchair and pram access. However there is a concern that this will encourage parking on the pavement. WBC will not install any double yellow lines. The police have been made aware of inconsiderate parking.
- 8. Update on speed reactive signs – Cllr Brookman** was advised by AG that he will forward the policy on speed signs and the data collected to HTC. This has not yet been received. WBC encourages the use of SID. Cllr Harding advised when he last used SID around 60% of motorists were speeding in Hungerford. **Action:** Cllr Brookman will speak to A Dunkerton at WBC for his advice and HTC will consider advertising for volunteers to use SID.

9. **Redwood House bus service** – A few of the residents can't use the bus as they are not mobile enough to manage the high step. Cllr Brookman has spoken to CHAIN but they cannot provide a regular service. **Action:** Clerk to give WBC transport contacts to Cllr Brookman.
10. **Xmas lights working party** – The clerk advised that Rod may be retiring soon and a team of volunteers is needed. Cllr Whiting and Podger offered to help. **Action:** Clerk will obtain quotations for comparison to include the decoration of trees. Should Rod leave someone would need to take on the role of High St co-ordinator for the lights, flowers, flags and donation collections. The schools and REME can be approached for help. John O Gaunt are putting together a WOW newsletter and aim to improve their link with the community. It was felt a working party should consist of help from all the members of the H&T committee.
11. **Replacement manhole cover by canal bridge** – The clerk advised that Cllr Thompson has checked this and it is structurally sound. There is no need for replacement and it will be painted green to blend in.
12. **Update on chewing gum removal apparatus** – The clerk is obtaining a free demo. It was noted that dog mess is being put in rubbish bins. **Action:** Add to next agenda and clerk to check WBC rules for payment and installation.
13. **Hungerford in Bloom presentation date and WW1 project progress report from Mayor and Cllr Wilson** – The Hungerford in Bloom presentation will take place on 8th September at 6.30pm in the Town Hall and the WW1 Centenary commemoration service will take place on 3rd August at 3.15pm in the Town Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm