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Minutes of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 20th October 2014 at 7.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Brookman, Wilson, Crane and Thompson

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Benneyworth, Podger, Harding, Whiting, Bumbieris and Hudson
- 2. Declarations of interest.** None
- 3. Minutes of meeting held 15th September 2014.** Cllr Crane proposed the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Wilson, all in favour.
- 4. Budget for next financial year.** Christmas lights budget will be discussed at a later date. HTC will be running the Grand Prize draw again to help towards funds for Christmas lights. Union flags are worn and need replacing at a cost of around £1,500. Can Town & Manor help towards the cost? There is always the option to reduce the amount of Christmas trees to reduce the budget. Consider having no more extra trees next year. Need to find exact figure of cost per tree including installation so donations cover that.
Matthew Metcalf is looking at 2 new stops by Bus No 3 by Redwood. Wiltshire saved money using a private contractor to run a bus service. For 2016, should HTC go out to tender for the H1 service?
It was decided to defer the decision on the 2015-16 Christmas lights budget and hold an extra F&GP after November H&T. The other 6 budgets that fall under H&T were considered to be fine.
- 5. Update on Xmas lights and working group.** A meeting was held this morning. The project is dependent on help between 17th and 28th November. RSM Jim Cooper will do his best to get help over these dates. H&T committee and Deputy Clerk will co-ordinate volunteers needed between 9am-5pm from 17th-28th Nov. 2 groups will be required (one for moving trees and the other for decorating) in shifts of up to 2 hours. A rota will be put together once the office knows how many people are needed at any one time. Cllr Thompson is measuring the area required for a tarpaulin.
- 6. Propose HTC to pay to empty 3 new dog bins on footpaths – requested by Town & Manor.** Cllr Thompson proposed HTC pay for emptying 3 new dog bins if WBC pays for their purchase, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.

7. **Size of Taxi Rank in the High Street and possible delivery space.** Are both taxi spaces required? Should one space be turned into a loading/unloading bay? This would need to go to WBC. Put on next H&T agenda and invite Taxi firms to attend.
8. **Obstructions on the High Street.** Redundant CCTV camera on corner of High Street and Church Street currently houses a roundabout sign. The cost of removing the sign was originally quoted at £500 by Susan Powell, WBC, but Mark Edwards has since said the cost would be £1,366, however, the work would have to be done on a Sunday so that cost will increase to £1,792. What is the policy for removing clutter? Why isn't it budgeted for?
Action: Clerk to refer to history and find letter regarding the £10k donation made by HTC. Trip hazard tree surrounds have been requested to be removed. HTC have written to WBC.
9. **Road traffic accidents on A338 Wantage Road.** Cllr Brookman has written to the Police. There have been 4 accidents on the A338 which have involved closing the road. Cllr Brookman will chase a response from the Police for next Full Council.
10. **Update on deliveries to One Stop shop in Fairview Road.** Planning permission doesn't mention any restrictions on delivery times. The landlord has replied to Cllr Bookman's letter and is speaking to all suppliers and the manager of the shop to avoid delivering during school times.
11. **Repairs to Hillside Road, Homefield Way and Sanden Close.** Cllr Brookman has emailed Mark Edwards, WBC asking for these roads to be included in the 2015-16 budget. ME said if there is money left over this year he will bring repairs forward and if not he will endeavour to include in 2015-16 budget.
12. **Update on request for permanent bus stop on Priory Road.** No updates.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm