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Minutes of the **extraordinary meeting of the Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 24th November 2014 at 7.35pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Brookman, Wilson, Crane, Thompson,
also present, 3 members of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church and District Cllr Paul Hewer

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Benneyworth. Podger
2. **Declarations of interest.** None
3. **To propose Hungerford Town Council's response to WBC proposed waiting restrictions amendment 17, Priory Road, Hungerford.** Standing orders were suspended for a representative of Our Lady of Lourdes who is also a resident of Priory Road to speak. There is a problem along the whole of Priory Road, not just outside the Church. There are two vans that park inconsiderately on a daily basis, one opposite Hillside Road and the other just past Bulpit Lane on the East side half on the pavement, which causes access problems for the school buses. Cars also park dangerously near the entrance to De Montfort Grove on the West side, also further on opposite Combe View near the entrance of Priory Avenue.

The Church has provided a number of parking spaces in the new layout to help alleviate parking problems, but still people drive by and beep their horns during Sunday service which is disrespectful. The concern is that with no parking along that stretch, churchgoers will park in Hillside Road, Bulpit Lane and Lancaster Square and cause problems in those areas instead. Suggestion was made to accept the proposal but request the restriction is suspended for the duration of Sunday service.

District Cllr Paul Hewer felt that this was a knee jerk reaction proposal which is ill thought through and the whole of Priory Road should be considered not just the area outside the Church. Standing orders were reinstated.

All agreed that there is a problem along the whole of Priory Road and although this proposal is not ideal and other options were suggested including a partial waiting restriction so there was space to pull in between parked cars to avoid cars meeting head on at the corner where visibility is restricted, it was felt that something needs to be done now as the problem has been discussed for many years without any conclusion.

Cllr Thompson proposed to support the proposal set out by WBC, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour. However request WBC to look at the whole problem of parking in Priory Road.

Meeting closed 8.25pm