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Minutes of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 26th January 2015 at 7.45pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Brookman, Thompson, Crane, Podger, Wilson and Farrell

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Benneyworth and Hudson
2. **Declarations of interest.** None
3. **Minutes of meeting held 17th November 2014 and of extraordinary meeting held 24th November 2014.** Cllr Thompson proposed both minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Brookman, 1 abstention rest in favour.
4. **Rail Station**
 - **Requirements for WBC - Richard Hudson.**
 - **A stated 'Vision' for the station area - Dennis Benneyworth**
Cllrs Hudson and Benneyworth not present. It should go on E&P agenda. More support is needed and a Change of use required. **Action:** Keep as an E&P agenda item.
 - **Identifying future business-use land to offset the loss of the station area**
Cllr Thompson spoke to CCB who have given him a contact for a Government Department that has funds for this sort of project. We need a development brief to be funded which is expensive. Taxi rank – Cllr Brookman wrote to FGW but they won't give HTC a taxi rank at the station as it would result in a loss in revenue from parking. **Action:** Cllr Brookman to go back to FGW to suggest 2 spaces by cycle rank. Rod entered.
5. **Bus stop proposals for Priory Road and Priory Avenue.** This is for a new stop particularly for the benefit of residents of Redwood House and will pick up in Priory Road. The no 3 is also a kneeling whereas the H1 is not. Cllr Crane proposed support for this proposal, seconded by Cllr Wilson. Would a local company like to sponsor a bus stop? Could WBC put in a shelter also? **Action:** Cllr Brookman to follow up. **Action:** Clerk to reply to WBC regards support of bus proposal.
6. **Spring flowers – Agreement on colour theme and proposal for expenditure.** A quote has been received from While Tower, which is the same as last year. There is a net budget of £2,000 (£3,500 expenditure and £1,500 income). The cost of the flowers plus the watering comes to £3587.50. However the income budget is too high. Donations received last year were around £800. **Action:** Take to F&GP to reduce income budget for flowers. Cllr Thompson proposed quote of £1,987.50, seconded by Cllr Crane with colours as per 2 years ago, yellow and blue. **Action:** Instruct contractors.

7. **Proposed street lighting on track between Church Way and Prospect Road.** Cllr Brookman has looked at this and suggests it would need 2 streetlights. He supports the idea but it would be expensive. **Action:** Add to WBC wish list.
8. **Zebra Crossings – Safety and lighting.** Charnham Street crossing is very dangerous due to poor visibility. Mark Edwards, WBC agrees it is not good and is seriously considering alternative lighting. **Action:** Cllr Brookman to chase. District Cllr James Podger supported this.

Meeting closed at 8.41pm