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Minutes of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7.15pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Brookman, Thompson, Crane, Wilson Also District Councillor Paul Hewer, Geoff Adams, Adviser and John Garvey, Newbury News

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs, Benneyworth, Hudson, Podger
2. **Declarations of interest.** None
3. **Minutes of meeting held 23rd February 2015.** Cllr Crane proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Brookman but vote not carried as Cllrs Wilson and Thompson were not present at the last meeting. **Action:** include on next H&T agenda.
4. **Outcome of objection to the cutting of bus route 222** (discussed after item 5). WBC have said they will not fund. Richard Benyon MP said that he would discuss with Chief Exec., WBC as there is Government grant funding for bus routes. District Cllr Paul Hewer said he if he was asked he would not sanction the £5,200 as although 20-24 passengers use the service weekly, there are alternative routes to Newbury.
5. **Report on progress of transport issues in Town Plan following a request from a resident.** Charnham Park deemed by WBC not to be suitable for HGVs and it will cost £1.5m to upgrade the road and create a new roundabout. There is a parcel of land owned by Barratt Brothers behind the BMW mini garage which if ever came up for sale could be used to improve the junction. HTC did request a traffic survey but this was never done. Although a new scheme is too expensive now, it should be put on WBC agenda for future development, in the meantime a traffic survey to monitor size and number of vehicles using A4 going to Marlborough and A338 to Salisbury would be useful evidence. District Cllr Paul Hewer and Cllr Brookman are meeting with WBC and make request. (Cllr Crane left).
6. **Transport Improvement Programme.** (discussed after item 8). Each item on the current list of improvements Hungerford Town Council would like to see in the town was discussed:
 1. Zebra crossing in Bridge Street. Scheduled for April 2015
 2. Footway on Priory Rd, opposite Catholic Church. Now low priority
 3. Park St / Station Rd improvements. Andrew Garrett said he had put together 2 schemes but HTC have seen neither. A cost was estimated at 50k. If station area is developed there should be CIL money to put towards improvements.
 - 4, 5 & 6. Speeding issues. HTC requested a mobile vehicle activated sign (VAS). Andrew Garrett was going to write up a process of use but that was never done. **Action:** TVP gave some data out re: speeding. Cllr Brookman to follow up results.

7. Road safety around JOG School. Resolved.
8. Fairfields and Northview development traffic management. Fairfields site has a programme in place which appears to be implemented. One needs to be done for Northview.
9. Hungerford signs. Resolved by Cllr Crane.
10. Reduce limit on Common to 30mp. **Action:** check with T&M whether they want it further reduced from 40mph.
11. Resurfacing of Homefield Way, Sanden Close and Hillside Rd. Hopefully this will be in next WBC highways programme. If not PH said bad areas such as bottom of Hillside Rd will be done.
12. Decluttering of signs on High Street. Ongoing.
13. Roundabout at Kennedy Meadow. Cannot be raised as lorries would be unable to manoeuvre round.
14. Station regeneration. HTC will continue to pursue.
15. 30mph limit requested which WBC agree is the logical limit but the legal situation needs to be checked. If this is not legally feasible then they will impose a 40mph limit.
- 16 & 17. Bus layover area and coach parking. Marked out in Charnham Street. Concern voiced over toilets when BMW leave.
18. Charnham Park reduce speed to 30mph. The parked cars provide natural traffic calming, but keep on list.
19. Diversion through Charnham Park. Discussed earlier.

Action: Cllr Brookman to update list and refer items on Town Plan

7. **Dates for Hungerford in Bloom.** (discussed after item 4). The judging for gardens will take place in 18th July and for allotments 19th July 2015. This year the categories for gardens are front garden / front and back garden / commercial venues (eg B&Bs, pubs).
8. **New Principal Traffic and Road Safety Engineer following Andrew Garrett's departure – Glyn Davis.** District Cllr Paul Hewer and Cllr Brookman will be meeting with Glyn Davies soon. Glyn worked as Andrew Garrett's second in command so is a natural replacement. Glyn will concentrate on communication which was lacking previously.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm