

# HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 8.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Brookman, Crane, Whiting and Colloff

Also present: Geoff Adams, Adviser

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllr Hudson
2. **Declarations of interest.** None
3. **Minutes of meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015.** Cllr Brookman proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.
4. **Agree further committee members.** Cllr Colloff to join the committee
5. **Change of committee name.** It was decided not to change the name, but other than councillor correspondence refer to Highways & Transport in full not as H&T.
6. **Update following meeting with Glyn Davis, WBC.** The following matters were discussed:
  - Bridge Street pedestrian crossing is still with legal but issues should be resolved soon.
  - Charnham Street pedestrian crossing needs to be more visible. Illuminated poles were suggested and an additional street light.
  - A project to change street light heads to LEDs will start in July, however this does not include Charnham Street. We may get a few complaints from residents as they are brighter but they do save a lot of money. Glyn has been asked the cost to replace Hungerford owned street lights.
  - A replacement sign has been ordered to replace the low bridge sign which had spun round and height dropped off, located in Bridge Street.
  - Speed reactive signs. Glyn gave a contact of a company who will set up and then move a mobile sign to different locations around the town at a cost of £50 per week for maintenance. The cost to buy the mobile sign will be approx. £2,600. Claire will look into grant funding to cover some of the costs.
  - Speeding on the Common. Glyn agreed to put up a mobile speed monitor to establish how often the speed limit is broken. It is unfortunate there will always be a few who ignore any speed restrictions.
  - Northview Heights management plan outlines access to the site from Park Street into Fairview Road. Glyn has been asked to reinforce this by asking the developers to put signs up at Kintbury and Lower Denford turnings off A4 to ensure HGVs do not use these routes.

- One other reason for the meeting was to ask Glyn to look at the hedge cutting programme on the Wantage Road around Hungerford Care Home, as when the hedging is overgrown it restricts visibility and any cars turning right into the Care Home cannot be seen. Glyn has ensured that this was added to the list to be done.
- Hedge cutting at the junction of Upper Denford onto the A4 needs to be done. Cllr Colloff pointed out that the problem with poor visibility from Lower Denford onto the A4 also needs to be addressed.

7. **Speed restrictions on Hungerford Common.** This was dealt with under item 6.
8. **Speed reactive signs.** This was dealt with under item 6.
9. **Arrangements for tenders brief and Christmas lights switch on. Working Party meeting to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.** Switch on has been confirmed as 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015. The tender document for the Christmas lights will be discussed at the Working Party meeting to be held in Magistrates Room at 7pm on 1<sup>st</sup> July.
10. **Cycle parking at Hungerford station.** The committee did not feel it necessary for further cycle parking at the station as the existing covered cycle parking not used to capacity.  
**Action:** Reply to WBC cycle survey to reiterate this. Great Western has got some funding for station improvements. **Action:** Clerk to add to next H&T agenda.
11. **Soap Dispenser for Church Street Disabled Toilet.** At present there is no soap dispenser and the liquid soap left in the toilet regularly gets stolen. A new dispenser has been purchased at minimal cost and the cleaning contractor will cover the cost of refilling the soap. All agreed that this was a good solution.
12. **Pigeons.** This is a topic which has been discussed on previous occasions. It was suggested using a hawk to deter the pigeons from roosting in the High Street might be an option.  
**Action:** Clerk to look into feasibility and cost of using a hawk to eliminate pigeons from the High Street.

**Meeting closed at 8.40pm**