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MINUTES the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 27th July 2015 at 7.40pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Hudson, Crane and Colloff

Also present: District Cllr Paul Hewer, John Garvey of Newbury Weekly News

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Brookman, Whiting and Wilson
- 2. Declarations of interest.** None
- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 29th June 2015.** Cllr Crane proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Colloff, 1 abstention.
- 4. Pigeon control - compare cost of trapping against using a bird of prey and decide how or if we should proceed.** Defer to next meeting until more information has been obtained.
- 5. Road traffic survey estimate update.** Cllr Hudson has drawn up a plan to monitor vehicle movements coming in to the town at 5 entry points as a cordon. Putting 2 cameras on each point of entry and exit can then determine where vehicles go. An estimate cost for one 12 hour day could be £500-£1,000. **Action:** Cllr Hudson to obtain survey quotes
- 6. Speed reactive sign - Discuss capital and revenue costs. What funding is available? Do we wish to proceed? If yes then refer to Full Council for approval.** HTC could purchase a unit at a cost of £2,600 plus VAT from a company called Simone Surveys who work with West Berks. They could move the sign every 2-4 weeks and recharge the batteries at a cost of £50 per week, totalling £2,000 per annum. They would also collate information of the speeds of the traffic. There is money from Parish Plan grant to pay for the unit, but an ongoing cost of £200 per month needs careful consideration. Cllr Hudson recommended to defer the decision as it was too important for 3 people to decide.
- 7. Electric car charging point - do we want to identify potential sites and follow up with the site owner/operator.** Possible locations to put forward are Church Street car park and Station Road car park. HTC to seek guidance from WBC on their policy in terms of locations, types of charger and locations so we are consistent with this.
- 8. Speeding on the Common - Discuss the options and the best way forward.** Reflective collars on the cows is not feasible and physical changes to the road would be expensive and not appropriate for the road across the common. Cllr Hudson explained about the speed

surveys which were very helpful and suggested that there is potential for a 30mph speed limit, but there would need to be some physical measures to slow traffic near the Kintbury gates. Cllr Hudson proposed for the committee to work with the Town & Manor and WBC towards introducing 30mph speed limit, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.

9. **HTC street lighting - Consider design and change to LED.** After discussion Cllr Crane proposed that any new lighting columns in the Hungerford Conservation Area should be sympathetic to the environment, seconded by Cllr Hudson, all in favour.
10. **Review renewal terms of Public Toilets contract.** No objections to the renewal of the terms of the Public Toilets contract.
11. **Salt bins – Consider request for purchase of bin in Fairfields** Apparently there was a salt bin located at the old site. **Action:** Clerk to ask Sovereign what happened to the old bin
12. **Consider Parish Plan grant.** Defer the funding of the speed reactive camera as it should be a wider group discussion.
13. **Station Development.** A meeting will be set up with Rowlands to discuss their plans. Oakes is in discussion with a potential company to develop their site. HTC intention is to get the whole site developed in a coordinated way.

Meeting closed 8.40pm