

# HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 28th September 2015 at 8.00pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Brookman, Hudson, Crane, Wilson, Whiting, Colloff and Chicken

- 1. Apologies for absence.** None
- 2. Declarations of interest.** None
- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015.** Cllr Crane proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Hudson, 3 in favour, 3 abstentions.
- 4. Propose co-option of Cllr Rob Chicken to H&T** – Cllr Brookman proposed co-option of Cllr Rob Chicken to the H&T committee, seconded by Cllr Crane, all in favour.
- 5. Pigeon control update** – There are 4 options, 1) Bird of Prey, which will move problem to another location, 2) Trapping which is expensive and likely not to be popular, 3) increase netting under the bridge 4) use imitation birds of prey. Options 1, 2 and 4 were ruled out. The clerk has contacted Network Rail regards fitting spikes along the ledge under the bridge and waits their response.  
**Action:** Committee agreed they wish to proceed with this if possible and also look to remove a v-shaped estate agent's sign on which pigeons are roosting and replace it with a flat sign.
- 6. Consider Road traffic survey quotation - Cllr Hudson** – This survey would identify how many vehicles would use Charnham Park if Charnham Road was restricted in some way. It would quantify different directions of traffic by registering the number plates. There is a potential need for traffic (particularly HGVs) to use Charnham Park, rather than the town. Parking around Charnham Park would be a problem. A survey is needed to identify the traffic flow. The cost of a 12hr survey is £3750 plus VAT. In our Town Plan it states it is our desire to create a relief road through Charnham Park. A one way system was suggested and that this might provide more parking however concerns were voiced that such a system would increase speed. **Action:** It was suggested that HTC should approach WBC to ask them to look at future budgets to fund this survey.  
Lorries are unloading at a pinch point in Bridge St on double yellow lines at rush hour. **Action:** Clerk to speak to WBC or CEO on how to prevent this. Look at a traffic regulation order if necessary. Zig Zag lines from the new pedestrian crossing may solve the problem.
- 7. Consider Speed reactive Sign quotation - Cllr Hudson** – HTC has £2000 of Parish Grant to put towards a sign. Moveable signs are more effective and public could be invited to suggest locations. Cost of sign is £2625 plus vat and in addition there is a maintenance cost of £50 a week for changing batteries etc. A trial period for 6 months would cost £3925 in total. An alternative is to purchase permanent signs (one a year for four years). The hot spots include A4 Strongrove hill, A4 Garden Centre, and A338 Kennedy Meadows. **Action:** Refer to Full Council for a decision and Cllr Brookman to make enquiries into costs of a permanent sign.

8. **Electric car charging points - Feedback requested from West Berkshire Council** – Local charging points are at Waitrose Car Park in Marlborough, Membury, Chieveley and Newbury. Further demand is needed before considering a charging point for Hungerford.
9. **Speeding on the Common – Next steps following response from West Berkshire Council** – G Davis (WBC) said it is only a minority of drivers that are speeding. Speeding is worse at Kintbury Gate. Cllr Brookman has asked Inspector McKeown to have speed checks carried out. WBC can look at physical speed reductions such as chicanes, although speed humps are not permitted without street lighting. It is felt the Common should have a 30mph speed limit but as it is not a residential area it is difficult to obtain and police. **Action:** Cllr Brookman to check what speed signs are in place and to look into painting 40mph on the road by Kintbury Gate.
10. **Consider Parish Plan grant – (available for the Speed Reactive Sign, material cost only)** – discussed under item 7
11. **Service 90 Bus – Note reduced service** – Hopefully this is a one off but needs to be monitored.
12. **Groundwater Flood risk management map – Is this accurate? Provide feedback to WBC** - It was noted that Town Centre did not feature on the map. **Action:** Clerk to query run off at Church Way and Parsonage Lane and where Fairview meets Priory Road.
13. **Consider cost of litter bin by new bench overlooking River Dun** – Cost of bin is around £440 including delivery. It was requested by T&M. They may wish to provide a donation towards the cost? Cllr Brookman proposed purchase of a new bin (model to be confirmed), seconded by Cllr Crane, one abstention, rest in favour. **Action:** Clerk to order.
14. **Christmas Lights – Update on tenders and testing** – Tenders are due in by 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. Testing starts this Friday. **Action:** Cllr Whiting will get written confirmation that a certain guest is available to switch lights on.
15. **Discuss Future meeting dates and times** – Cllr Brookman proposed to keep the H&T and E&P on the same night, seconded by Cllr Crane, 2 abstentions, rest in favour. It was decided that meeting times can be kept to, and there will be a saving on room rent and staff and councillor's time.

**Meeting closed 9.20pm**