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MINUTES the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 23rd November 2015 at 8.05pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Brookman, Hudson, Crane, Chicken, Bumbieris and Colloff
Also present: Geoff Adams, Adviser and Paul Frances

- 1. Apologies for absence.** None
- 2. Declarations of interest.** Cllr Bumbieris lives in Newtown
- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 26th October 2015.** Cllr Bumbieris proposed minutes as true record, subject to change of date, seconded by Cllr Chicken, all in favour.
- 4. Speeding on A338 Hungerford Newtown.** Police have shown presence at Newtown and on Hungerford Common. Glynn Davis said measures they took a few years ago have had desired effect and have lowered accident numbers.
- 5. Budget 2016/17 - Cuts:**
 - CCTV.** WBC wish to cut all 4 cameras costing £26k per year. HTC are not prepared to pay this cost. Cllr Crane proposed that HTC cannot afford to pay for the CCTV cameras, seconded by Cllr Chicken, all in favour. **ACTION:** Clerk to speak to police for their view.
 - Salt Bins.** Cllr Chicken proposed HTC take over responsibility of salt bins, seconded by Cllr Crane, 1 abstention, rest in favour.
 - Buses – H1 service, No 90 and No 3.** H1 bus is very popular. HTC support this by £3,500 a year and WBC were to pay balance out of earmarked \$106 money to 2018/19. HTC has written to WBC about this. No 90 is top of the list facing cuts. It goes to Great Western Hospital from Lambourn. Could the size of the buses be reduced? However, it is thought 70% of the cost is drivers. Thamesdown Transport run the Marlborough service. **ACTION:** Cllr Brookman to write to WBC to get finance info on No 90 and No 3 and will seek to obtain data from bus companies. **ACTION:** Awareness to consultation can be created through Paul who agreed to hand out leaflets to bus users.

Overall the H&T proposed budget was agreed although it was suggested if need be the budgets for £3k new equipment figure and casual labour £1k could both be reduced by a half. It was suggested the budget could be reduced by only having one main tree instead of two. Discussion took place on whether a budget to cover revenue cost for a speed sign should be included. It was proposed to leave this out as funding was not in place for the entire material cost either (only £2000 of it from a parish plan grant).3 were in favour and 2 against.

6. **LED Project.** WBC work is due to finish at the end of the financial year. HTC own 103 lamps. 69 are pole brackets (brackets on wooden poles) and cost is £865 per bracket to change these to LEDs. Changing lamps themselves on existing columns costs around £200. There is some energy saving but HTC don't pay these costs.
7. **Bus Stop in Priory Road- update.** The contract has been let to a local company for work to start shortly.
8. **Speed reactive sign update and traffic survey – discussed under item 5.**
9. **Relief Road.** Cllr Brookman handed out a map and proposal for a part one-way system. This also addressed some parking issues. There is a need to monitor origin/destinations by survey and modelling would be carried out. This is for further discussion and a possible suggestion for WBC.
10. **Christmas Lights update.** They are on track for Sunday switch on. Councillors and contractors would prefer white lights on the town hall. Consider for future years.
11. **Consider Parish Plan grant – discussed under item 5**
12. **Consider request from resident to move salt bin in Lancaster Square.** Salt bin can be removed if not required.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm