

# HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of the **Highways and Transport Committee** held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.45 pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Brookman, Simpson, Chicken, Knight,

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Hudson, Crane, Colloff, Whiting and John Willmott (JW)
2. **Declarations of interest.** None
3. **Minutes of meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017:**

Cllr Simpson proposed minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> February as a true record, seconded by Cllr Knight, all in favour.

**Update on actions:** The Christmas Light Switch on will be on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 5pm. One dog bin has been purchased and will be placed by the pavement in front of the Swimming Pool House. Complaints about dog mess have gone to WBC for action. CCTV stickers have gone up to show HTC as owners and not WBC. **Action:** We need executive decision on how we proceed with TORs as we need to agree one model. It was suggested the front pages are ok for the web and back pages for info. Put on Full Council Agenda. **Action:** Clerk to find out if HTC can use collection pots for Xmas lights donations. A streetlight bracket has failed and HTC will need to pay for this. A price is awaited. No feedback has been received to our parking consultation response. It was noted charging for parking on a Sunday could not be policed as traffic wardens are not on duty. **Action:** Clerk to chase WBC for feedback.
4. **Hungerford Station**

**Report received from JW on meeting with Paul Willis (GWR) and outstanding issues**

**Update on the CCIF bid for the Station – JW, Paul Willis and Rod met at the station.** GWR will take down the smaller shelter frame that was glazed in error on the westbound platform. On the London bound platform the LED lights are now working. 372K passengers travel from or to Hungerford Station a year. JW has asked what category the station is bearing in mind these figures. The decorating has gone out to tender again (excluding the bridge). If an extended shelter is installed London bound this is the responsibility of Network Rail. A map is needed for differentiation between the GWR and NR ownership. The bent fencing has been repaired. JW has visited Wyevale and Rod has been in touch with the manager and they will sort tubs with him in the spring. Request for additional bins has been passed to Alison Stone. NR is being chased for electrical work. We have 12months to put in a bid for a passenger shelter through CCIF. A budget price is required. **Action:** Cllr Brookman to follow up with NR to obtain prices of shelters and obtain copy of map.
5. **Annual Litter Pick – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10 am –** Cllr Brookman will attend and Rod Desmeules, also NR representatives, possibly J Knight and the Brownies.

6. **HTC street lighting - Update on actions – Clarification from WBC, on if the precept applies to all resident to those who have lights outside and who pays the contractor** – No response has been received from WBC. F&GP has decided that replacement columns will be paid for out of our budget.  
**Proposal for replacement of street light brackets and new columns** – Cllr Brookman visited the owner of the land who is adjacent to the steel column that needs replacing. The owner wishes to have Sodium light. The other column in the Croft will also have a Sodium replacement.
7. **Hanging Baskets in the High Street – discussion of quotation from existing contractor -** After discussion and comparison with last year's costs Cllr Chicken proposed accepting Window flower's quotation of £26 to supply a basket (x 23 approx.), £40 a trough (x 33 approx.) and £1485 for maintenance, seconded by Cllr Knight, all in favour.
8. **Car Park Charges –Update on long term parking for train users** – Usage of WBC car park will increase when the private car park goes. Under localisation Town Councils can take charge of car parks. **Update on the spraying of weeds in the Cuttings** – Colin Hamblin has offered to strim and spray and will submit price. All agreed to proceed if cost reasonable.

It was noted: Susan Powell from WBC has been asked by Tesco to remove the redundant CCTV pole in their car park. HTC has no use for it and has no problem with this going ahead. The Belisha beacons at Charnham St Pedestrian Crossing are now in working order. A fatality occurred at the dangerous Lower Denford junction and the air ambulance attended.

**Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.**