

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE AND GROVE
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BEACON,
PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2018 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Present:

Wantage Town Council	Councillor Mrs J Nunn-Price and G Stokell and Ms S Thwaite.
Grove Parish Council	Councillors R Pollock, Mrs J Stock (Chairman) and I Weeden.
Oxfordshire County Council	Councillor Mrs Hannaby.
Thames Valley Police County Council Officer	Mr C Hulme. Mr L Turner.
Clerk Deputy Clerk	Mr W P Falkenau. Miss S Sanders.
Others present	Three members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillor S Trinder, Grove Parish Councillor F Parnell, District Councillors CS Dickson and Mrs J Reynolds and County Councillor Mrs Z Patrick.

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Hannaby
SECONDED BY Councillor Mrs Nunn-Price
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Stock be Chairman for the ensuing year.

Vice Chairman

ON THE PROPOSITION of Councillor Mrs Stock
SECONDED BY Councillor Weeden
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs Hannaby be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2018

The minutes were approved and signed.

5. Statements and Questions from the Public

Pot holes in the Lime Tree Close/Hardwell Close area of Grove

Mr Thomas of Grove complained about the number of pot holes in the area where he lived and asked why do some marked pot holes get repaired and other do not? County Councillor Mrs Hannaby agreed to arrange a site meeting with Mr Thomas and Ms Buckley of the County Council to discuss the problem.

Action: Mrs Hannaby

6. **Matters Arising**

a) Update on local bus service no.38

Councillor Mrs Nunn-Price was awaiting feedback from Mr Earnshaw of the County Council concerning extending services to Charlton heights and Larkhill. She was to press for a response.

Action: Mrs Nunn-Price

b) Update of parking enforcement and provision

It was reported that a motion was being submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council requesting that it took responsibility for civil parking enforcement in the District. The Town Council was also going to press the District Council to take on this responsibility. The Clerk was to ask Grove Parish Council to also give its formal support.

Action: Clerk

c) VAS for Mill Street

The Clerk agreed to give priority to the installation of a VAS in the vicinity of The Lamb public house, facing traffic travelling west.

Action: Clerk

d) Update on bus congestion in Wantage Market Place

Mr Turner reported that funding was likely to be available to proceed with the scheme to relocate the disabled parking spaces to Newbury Street and convert the parking bay at Nationwide in the Market Place to a bus stop. He needed to arrange a test with the bus companies to ensure that buses were able to manoeuvre into the lay-by.

Action: Turner

e) Report on actions that might be taken if utility companies fail to meet their obligations concerning road closures

Thames Water had been served a fixed penalty notice for failing to meet its obligations regarding works at Oxford Lane.

f) Contractors' vehicles parking in Elizabeth Drive

The Clerk reported that the contractors were working at Fitzwaryn School and not on the housing development. It was noted that the building works at Fitzwaryn School were due to be completed within the coming two weeks.

g) Lack of splays at northern access to the housing development in Denchworth Road

It was confirmed that no splays were included in the plans approved by the District Council.

h) Installation of LED beacon lights at zebra crossings

LED beacon lights had recently been installed at the crossing in Denchworth Road by Fitzwaryn School. There were no plans to install these at other crossings in the area. There were a number of locations where they might be required.

i) Lack of bus stop flag at the bus stop by Fitzwaryn School

A request had been made to the bus company to provide this.

There was also a problem from vehicles parking on the hardstanding adjacent to the bus stop restricting access for passengers getting on to and alighting from the bus. Mr Turner agreed to look at what could be done to stop this problem.

Action: Turner

j) Projects to be funded from Locality fund

County Councillor Mrs Hannaby reported that most funds had now been allocated. What was left was likely to be used to replace old bollards in the Market Place. Mr Turner was to obtain a quote for replacing the bollards.
Action: Turner

7. **Matters Referred by Grove Parish Council**

a) Request for an explanation about why not all marked pot holes in a roadway are not all filled at the same time

An explanation would be sought from the meeting referred to under item 5 above.

Action: Mrs Hannaby

b) Request for a crossing over Oxford Lane for school in North Drive

Mr Turner agreed to investigate whether there was any S106 funding available to provide a crossing.
Action: Turner

c) Problems from parked vehicles in Savile Way and Newlands Drive

The number of parked vehicles was being increased by vehicles of contractors working at the Savile Way shops and at the airfield development. This should be a short-term problem. It was agreed that members from Grove Parish Council would monitor the situation.

8. **Matters Referred by Wantage Town Council and others**

a) Update on mobility group

The group had recently held a successful first meeting at the fire station. The next meeting was due to be held on 16 July 2018. Ms Twaite was thanked for her work in organising this.

b) Problem of parked vehicles obstructing private roadways off Springfield Road

The Deputy Clerk was to arrange a meeting with Mr Francis of the County Council to see what white line markings might be required to discourage inconsiderate parking.

Action: Deputy Clerk

c) Bus stop area in Seesen Way

School coaches were parking on the bus stand and stop throughout the day obstructing vision for vehicles leaving the parking area adjacent to the stop/stand area. Mr Turner agreed to check whether the school coaches were allowed to park there or whether the stand was restricted to commercial services.
Action: Turner

9. **Principal Traffic Officer's Report**

Mr Turner reported that the resurfacing work in Denchworth Road was due to proceed in August. The government had released extra funds for road repairs and the A338 in Seesen Way was on the list to be dealt with. Minor repair works were due to be undertaken in Brereton Drive. The section of Ickleton Road between Portway and Ham Road was in a very poor condition, being affected by springs in that area. The County Council was to investigate what works were required to deal with this. There will be traffic lights on the A338 by Williams' housing development from 9 July for 6 weeks. The lights will be manually controlled at peak times. The traffic lights on A417 by the Crab Hill development were due to end, but other works involving traffic lights were due to proceed elsewhere on the A417 between Wantage and Rowstock.

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10. General Correspondence

Grove Business Park signs

New signage had been installed. Some bollards had been left on the side of the road. Councillor Mrs Stock agreed to refer to the Clerk to Grove Parish Council to deal with this.

Action: Mrs Stock

Signage in the vicinity of the Mably Way roundabout on A338

There were some directional signs which still referred to King Alfred's East Site. Mr Turner agreed to investigate and deal with this.

Action: Turner

11. Dates of future meetings

6 September 2018 and 17 January 2019.

The meeting closed at 3.38 pm.

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