

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE AND GROVE
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BEACON,
PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON THURSDAY, 30 MAY 2019 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Present:

Wantage Town Council	Councillors I Cameron and T Gilhome.
Grove Parish Council	Councillors J Stock (Chairman) and J E Nunn-Price.
Oxfordshire County Council	Councillor J T Hannaby.
Thames Valley Police County Council Officer	C Hulme. L Turner.
Deputy Clerk	S Sanders.
Others present	One member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Grove Parish Councillor F Parnell and S Thwaite.

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Hannaby
SECONDED by Councillor Cameron
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Stock be Chairman for the ensuing year.

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SECONDED by Councillor Cameron
IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Hannaby be Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2019

The minutes were approved and signed.

5. Statements and questions from the public

None.

6. Matters arising from the previous minutes

a) Update on request for bus stop in Mill Street close to Pegasus Court

The meeting had not yet taken place between Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), Wantage Town Council and the bus operators. Thames Travel and Stagecoach bus operators had been contacted by OCC and were willing to serve new bus stops, subject to a suitable location being agreed with Thames Valley Police. Full funding was not available from OCC. Wantage Town Council would be required to fund the cost of flags and delivery from the supplier. The cost was estimated to be £250 for 4 stops (to include Denchworth Road).

b) Update on backlog re street lighting repair contract

The backlog had been brought down and all new reports should be dealt with within 7 days.

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c) Update on VAS for Mill Street

The Deputy Clerk had requested an unmetered agreement for the supply of electricity from SSE which was required before the twin isolator can be fitted. The Deputy Clerk was to chase.

Action: Deputy Clerk

d) Update on meetings to consider a bus stop in Denchworth Road (south east) near the convent and on the A417, west bound by King Alfred's West Site for the 67

Funding for the bus stop at Denchworth Road would need to be agreed before a meeting could take place. (see item 6a). It was understood that a bus stop was to be provided by the developer of the Challow Park development, at East Challow by King Alfred's West Site.

e) Update on provision of extra bus stop in Wantage Market Place and relocation of disabled parking spaces to Newbury Street.

The project will no longer be phased. The delivery will follow a consultation to be funded by Councillor Hannaby's allocation of the Priority Fund.

f) Update on lorries damaging buildings on corner of Newbury Street/Market Place

Several bollards were missing from the town. There was a need for these to be replaced.

Action: Turner

g) Update on status of 'Fix My Street' website

Improvements to the system were being worked on.

h) Update on road conditions at developments – e.g King Alfred's East Site and Crab Hill

It was reported that work had been carried out on the Persimmon site outside of the permitted hours. Councillor Hannaby was to meet with the enforcement team. The general road conditions had seen improvements and all sites had wheel washers in use.

Action: Hannaby

i) Speeding in Denchworth Road, Grove

Mr Turner and Mr Hulme reported that the signage and road markings were acceptable. The hedgerow required cutting back to make the sign more visible. Road re-surfacing on the stretch of road was not on the current schedule.

j) Footpath by electrical sub-station in Denchworth Road, Grove

It had not been determined who was responsible for the land. Mr Turner advised that OCC would attend to the overgrown vegetation. It was reported that there was overgrown vegetation by Fitzwaryn. It was not known who had responsibility for this.

Action: Turner

7. Matters referred by Grove Parish Council

a) Street sweep twice on the same day just 20 minutes apart

Noted.

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b) Speeding along Brereton Drive in excess of 50mph

Mr Turner suggested that a speed survey costing £140 could be used. The Deputy Clerk was to contact the Clerk at Grove Parish Council to make him aware of this service.

Action: Deputy Clerk

c) Parking on residential roads making some roads impassable and problems with parking in the village generally

Noted.

d) Complaints about the road works not only in the village, but in the whole area

Road works had been completed. Mr Turner advised he was happy to investigate any problems if they arose.

8. Matters referred by Wantage Town Council and others

a) Problem of speeding vehicles entering 30 mph road section in Ickleton Road from East Challow.

Mr Turner was to arrange for the bushes currently obstructing the 30 mph signs to be cut back. Mr Turner advised that the VAS was not installed in the location which he had recommended. The Deputy Clerk was to forward speed data from the VAS to Mr Turner.

Action: Turner/Deputy Clerk

b) Incidents of buses and high sided vehicles hitting roof at The Bell public house on the corner of Market Place/Mill Street

Bollards were to be replaced.

Action: Turner

c) HGVs and vans mounting the pavement in order to pass in Chain Hill between cemetery pedestrian gate and Ormond Road junction

Noted. The situation was to be monitored.

Action: All

d) Cars parked inconsiderately

Cars parked inconsiderately, obstructing dropped kerbs, in the Wharf area and Witan Way. Mr Turner was to arrange a meeting with Councillor Hannaby to inspect the areas of concern.

Action: Turner

9. Principal Traffic Officer's Report

Mr Turner had met with Councillors Hannaby and Hanna at Oxford Lane, Grove to consider the location for a zebra crossing. Funding was not available from OCC. The cost of installing the crossing would be approximately £20,000. Councillor Hannaby advised that she would use a portion of her Priority Fund and the remainder would need to be met by fundraising from Grove CofE PTA.

Wooden bollards were to be installed on the grass area at Maryfield to prevent cars parking there. This was to be funded by Councillor Hannaby's Priority Fund.

Action: Turner

The re-marking of white lines was to be carried out in the following areas: Limborough Road crossing, Witan Way and Portway crossroads.

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Ham Road was to be resurfaced in August. Ickleton Road was not on the schedule.

10. General correspondence

None.

11. Dates for future meetings: 12 September 2019, 16 January and 16 April 2020

Next meeting: 12 September 2019 at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 3.42 p.m.

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