

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE AND GROVE TRAFFIC ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE, ON
THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2022 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillors I R Cameron and T Gilhorne

Grove Parish Council: Councillors J Stock (Chairman)

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC): Councillor J T Hannaby

Thames Valley Police (TVP): C Hulme

County Council Officers (OCC): L Turner
M Timms

Others present: J Maberley (Chairman of Governors for Fitzwaryn School)
One member of the public

Deputy Clerk: S Sanders

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. To receive any declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2022

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Statements and questions from the public.

Mrs Maberley – Chairman of Governors for Fitzwaryn School read out a letter written by a sixth form student regarding the need for a controlled crossing to upgrade the current uncontrolled crossing which is causing concern for students when cars fail to stop for pedestrians.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

a) Update on installation of dropped kerbs in various locations

Mr Turner had not received an update regarding the installation but would contact Ms Thwaite to see if she was aware of any kerbs that had not yet been installed. **Action: Turner**

b) Update regarding Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)

Some councillors had met with the parking officer (OCC) responsible for CPE in the Wantage area. He was going to consider the requests for restriction changes proposed by the Town Council and as appropriate implement them.

c) Update on 20's Plenty Scheme

There was no update since the acknowledgement of the submission of the areas identified as being suitable for 20 mph from Wantage Town Council. Grove Parish Council had not registered an interest in the scheme to Oxfordshire County Council.

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- d) Update on speed of traffic on A417 near King Alfred's school (West Site)
The Road Agreements Team (OCC) were in discussion with East Challow Parish Council about installing two SIDs in the area.
- e) Update on suitability of access for mobility scooters and wheelchairs to the East Gate site, Springfield Road by the footway connecting to Charlton Road (planning application P21/V3349/FUL)
The application was still under consideration and had not yet been determined by the planning officer.
- f) Update on school buses parking on Portway and Seesen Way
It was noted that consideration was being given by King Alfreds's Academy to the possibility of constructing a layby in the Sixth Form field for buses to drop off/pick up passengers.
- g) Update on loose manhole covers in Wallingford Street
The Thames Water manhole covers were not classified as a defect by Thames Water as the problem was only noise related. Mr Timms had assessed the area and contacted Thames Water asking for the covers to be changed urgently.
- h) Update on request for HAMP (Highways Assessment Maintenance Programme) – Mill Street
Mill Street had scored high on the assessment. The area was to be measured and costed for re-surface. It was pointed out that it would not be within this financial year. It was noted that natural springs would be included in the scheme of works. **Action: Timms**
- i) Update on installation of a crossing near Charlton Primary School
The crossing design was almost complete, to include double yellow lines on the bend. A consultation would go out shortly, hopefully during May 2022. **Action: Turner**
- j) Update on footways to be resurfaced around Grove
The work to resurface footways had commenced. It was noted that complaints from members of the public had been received regarding grass growing through the tarmac and debris being left. Mr Timms reported that there would be a completion clear-up. **Action: Timms**
- k) Raised utility cover – Mayfield Avenue
Mr Timms reported that full reconstruction was required. The cost would be around £50-60k. A bid would be put in to find funding. **Action: Timms**
- l) Problems with footpath from the aeroplane at Denchworth Road to Recreation Lane
It was noted that the work was still in progress but there were concerns that the new footway was not continuous resulting in pedestrians having to cross the road twice. It was not understood why the road had been designed this way. Councillor Hannaby was to contact the Road Agreements Team. There was no update. **Action: Hannaby**
- m) Update on cycle track from Lark Hill to Lockinge
The meeting to discuss the cycle track had been postponed. A rescheduled date had been agreed. Councillors Crawford and Hanna were to attend.
- n) Update on temporary pedestrianisation area (western end of Market Place)
OCC had not yet received the plans from the consultant (Glanville).

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- o) Update on signage into the Market Place from Mill Street to stop vehicles from turning right
The non-illuminated keep left bollard had not yet been installed.
- p) Update on potholes in Market Place (bus stop) and sunken road
A large defect order had been raised. A road closure will be put in to facilitate the works.
- q) Update on flooding in Charlton Village Road near Palmers
The gullies had been cleared - it was noted that there hadn't been any report of flooding recently.
- r) Update on blocked gullies – Harcourt Green
The gullies had been cleared but there had been reports of flooding.
- s) Update on ownership of land at Harcourt Green (request to lay materials to allow parking on verges)
It was confirmed that the land was owned by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). Permission from OCC would be needed to carry out any work on this land.

6. Matters referred by Grove Parish Council

- a) Problems with speed of traffic at Grove Green, Main Street
There had been complaints about the speed of traffic at Grove Green. There had been an accident recently. Mr Turner suggested that Grove Parish Council could put a request to OCC for the area to be considered under the 20's Plenty for Oxfordshire scheme. This would be a signed only scheme.
- b) Location of bus stop at Newlands Drive, near pedestrian crossing
A complaint had been received from a member of the public about the bus stop being too close to the crossing, when the bus stops it obscures the crossing markings on the road. This was to be raised with the Road Agreements Team (OCC). **Action: Hannaby**
- c) Roadworks on Denchworth Road and the roundabout at Mably Way/Grove Road at the same time.
The Chairman was to contact the Network Co-ordination Team about the problems caused by the roadworks. **Action: Chairman**

7. Matters referred by Wantage Town Council and others

- a) Existing pedestrian crossing near Fitzwaryn School (request for a controlled crossing)
There are some pots of money available (Road Safety & Accessibility Fund and CIL) and bids had been invited for next year. The request for a crossing would be added to the list along with the request for the one at Ham Road. Mr Turner was to investigate the approximate cost of installing the crossing. Mrs Maberley was to look at the possibility of funding/help to draw up the scheme from external sources. **Action: Turner**
- b) Request for pedestrian crossing at Ham Road (from Hamfield to Locks Lane)
Mr Turner would put a bid in for funding for the crossing as well as the one requested for Denchworth Road (Fitzwaryn School). **Action: Turner**
- c) Request for a pedestrian crossing at Mably Way (near the entrance to Footpath 13).
A map showing the suggested location of a crossing was to be sent to Mr Turner. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

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d) Post Office Lane – request for a streetlight

It had been noted that a streetlight had been removed when houses were built several years ago. The Deputy Clerk was to request that it be reinstated.

Action: Deputy Clerk

8. Principal Traffic Officer's Report

There was nothing further to report.

9. General Correspondence

None.

10. Date of Future Meeting:

7 July 2022

The meeting closed at 3.50 pm.
