

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE AND GROVE TRAFFIC ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE, ON
THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023, AT 2.30 P.M.**

Present:

Wantage Town Council	Councillors I R Cameron, T Gilhome, S Third and S Thwaite
Grove Parish Council	Councillors J Stock (Chairman), R Ackers and R Batstone
Oxfordshire County Council (OCC)	Councillor J T Hannaby
Thames Valley Police (TVP)	C Hulme
County Council Officer (OCC)	L Turner
Clerk	S Sanders
Others present:	Seven members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. To receive any declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None

3. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Councillor Stock was elected as chairman and Councillor Hannaby was elected as vice chairman.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022

The minutes were approved and signed

5. Statements and questions from the public

Five residents of Grove Street were present to inform the committee of issues relating to vehicular traffic in Grove Street/Stirlings Road. One resident spoke on behalf of the others. He said he believed that traffic behaviour in Grove Street and Stirlings Road is causing local residents considerable concern and is resulting in unacceptable levels of risk to pedestrians, cyclists and local property. A site meeting was to be arranged. **Action: Turner**

6. Matters arising from the previous minutes.

a) Update on 20's Plenty Scheme.

The formal consultation was due to take place in June/July 2023.

b) Update SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) on the A417 near King Alfred's West Site.

East Challow Parish Council and OCC had confirmed the locations for two SIDs to be installed (west of King Alfred's Academy). A date for installation was not known.

- c) 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)

A deed of variation was being prepared by the district council's legal team.

- d) Update on cycle track from Lark Hill to Lockinge

There was no update. Councillor Hannaby to chase.

Action: Hannaby

- e) Update on request for a controlled pedestrian crossing near Fitzwaryn School (upgrade to existing).

The £160k CIL bid was successful. There was one engineer progressing S106/CIL schemes with nine other schemes to deliver. It was hoped that progress would be made this financial year.

Action: Turner

- f) Update on request for a pedestrian crossing at Ham Road (Hamfield to Locks Lane)

There was still no budget or design resource identified for this request to be progressed.

- g) Update on request for a pedestrian crossing at Mably Way (near entrance to footpath 13)

There was still no budget or design resource identified for this request to be progressed. Wantage Town Council to agree which of the two requests is a priority. **Action: Clerk**

7. Matters referred by Grove Parish Council

- a) Potholes/poor state of roads

Councillor Stock reported that there were lots of potholes that had not been filled in Grove. Councillor Hannaby agreed to report this to OCC.

Action: Hannaby

- b) Issues with bus stops (Wantage and Grove)

It was reported that the X36 was picking up passengers at the set down only point located on the north side of the market place. Stagecoach timetables were not present in the timetable cases at the Mably Way bus stops. There was no bus stop sign near Millbrook Square (east side). These issues would be raised with Oxfordshire County Council. **Action: Clerk**

- c) Reinstatement of the cycle track Grove Road

The date for the cycle track to be reinstated was not known.

- d) Drainage issues – Cane Lane

It was reported that the drains at Cane Lane were full and had caused the area to flood recently. The issue should be reported on Fix My Street. **Action: Chairman**

8. Matters referred by Wantage Town Council:

a) Access at the top of Mill Street near The Bell PH

It was reported that there were no dropped kerbs where Mill Street meets Alfred's Street.

Action: Turner

b) Road safety issues - Grove Street and Stirlings Road

This item was discussed during the public discussion time. It was agreed that a site meeting would take place.

Action: Turner

c) New on street parking scheme

The lining work had been completed but the signs had not yet been installed and therefore enforcement could not commence. It was hoped that this would be complete by July/August.

d) Little Lane maintenance

It was reported that the condition of the road was poor with lots of potholes. It was confirmed that the road was not adopted by OCC. Ownership to be investigated.

Action: Turner

e) Accessibility from Kingsgrove to Lockinge

It was reported that there was not a traffic island to allow pedestrians to cross safely at the new roundabout location on the A417 on the Wantage side of the roundabout.

Action: Turner

9. Principal Traffic Officer's Report

SID poles had been ordered and were due to be installed w/c 12 June at the following locations: Charlton Road, Denchworth Road and Ormond Road.

10. General Correspondence

None

11. Date of Future Meeting:

Thursday 14 September 2023 at 2.30pm

The meeting closed at 3.56 pm
