

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE AND GROVE TRAFFIC ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE, ON
THURSDAY, 11 JANUARY 2024 AT 2.30 P.M.**

Present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillor I Cameron
Grove Parish Council: Councillors J Stock (Chair), R Ackers, R Batstone and F Parnell
Oxfordshire County Council: L Turner – Officer
(OCC) J Hannaby – County Councillor
Thames Valley Police: C Hulme
Clerk: S Sanders
Others present: Two members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Councillor T Gilhome and S Thwaite

2. To receive any declaration of disclosable pecuniary interests.

None

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. Statements and questions from the public.

None.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

a) Update on cycle track from Larkhill to Lockinge

Councillor Hannaby to contact J Hawkins of Oxfordshire County Council to get an update on the progress of the works required for the section of this track. **Action: Hannaby**

b) Update on requests for controlled pedestrian crossings at three locations - Ham Road, Mably Way and Denchworth Road (Fitzwaryn School)

The requests for crossing at Ham Road and Mably Way remained on the request list. The crossing at Denchworth Road was still at the design stage – awaiting a speed survey which will determine the type of controlled crossing required for this location. **Action: Turner**

c) Update on issues with bus stops (Wantage and Grove)

Cane Lane – Poles and timetable cases were to be installed by OCC.

Millbrook Square - A bus stop pole was to be installed at the bus stop for southbound buses as well as a hardstanding. A consultation with residents was to be carried out prior to the installation by OCC.

d) Update on issues with kerb access at the top of Mill Street near the Bell PH

A site meeting had not yet taken place. Sue Thwaite to arrange a date with Mark Franics
OCC. **Action: S Thwaite**

e) Update on road safety issues - Grove Street/Stirlings Road

An informal survey had been sent to residents of Grove Street and Stirlings Road. The results
of the survey were to be discussed at the next planning committee meeting of Wantage Town
Council on 22 January 2024. **Action: Clerk**

f) Update on Little Lane maintenance

The clerk had been in communication with the property manager at The John Lewis
Partnership about the potholes. It was noted that one pothole had been filled but there were
many others that had not. The clerk was to send photos of the potholes to the property
manager. **Action: Clerk**

g) Update on pedestrian safety issues from Kingsgrove to Lockinge

The developer (St Modwen) had not agreed to install a controlled crossing in this area. It was
hoped that that once the Wantage Eastern Link Road (WELR) was open, the vehicular traffic
would ease to allow for safer crossing for pedestrians.

h) Update on 20's Plenty scheme

The scheme requires illuminated signage with direct wired connections. The date for the
installation was not known.

i) Update on request for a pedestrian crossing at Recreation Lane near bus stop

Lee Turner confirmed that the location was not suitable for a crossing. The road is narrow and
the vision good in both directions.

j) Update on issues with the pedestrian crossing on Grove Road near MacDermid

There had been no further complaints about the malfunction of the crossing, It was assumed
that the problem had been resolved.

k) Update on whether a bus shelter was to be installed on Denchworth Road (Wellington Gate)

It was agreed to pass this request to Grove Parish Council for further investigation.
Action: Clerk

6. Matters referred by Grove Parish Council

a) Flooding on the highway in several areas (Wantage and Grove)

Councillor Hannaby had recently met with an OCC officer at Cane Lane, Grove and
reported that the drainage issues would be dealt with, It was noted that this would not be
immediately. A further meeting was planned to look at all the other areas where issues
have been reported. **Action: Hannaby**

7. Matters referred by Wantage Town Council

a) Damaged footway Wallingford Street near the Red Cross shop

The Clerk was to report the issue to OCC Highways Engagement Team and Fix My Street.

Action: Clerk

b) Request from Wantage Primary Academy for a controlled crossing

Planning permission for the site required two crossing points at this location. This had been independently checked by a road safety audit team and OCC concluded that a Zebra crossing is not necessary outside the school. The road has not yet been adopted by Oxfordshire County Council so the request cannot be considered at this time. This information would be sent to Wantage Primary Academy.

Action: Clerk

c) Request for a SID on Denchworth Road near Belmont

A site meeting with OCC was to be arranged to assess the possibility of installing a pole/ SID at this location.

Action: Clerk

d) Traffic speed A417 westbound from Camel Crossroads towards East Challow

There had been a speed survey carried out by OCC near King Alfred's Academy (West Site) in January 2023. The data confirmed that the speeds were compliant along this stretch of road. The data was to be sent to members of the committee.

Action: Clerk

Chris Hulme to send details of the Community Speedwatch Scheme.

Action: Hulme

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

There was nothing further to report.

9. **General Correspondence**

None.

10. **Date of Future Meeting**

Thursday 11 April 2024

The meeting closed at 3.45 pm
