

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE AND GROVE TRAFFIC ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE, ON
THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024 AT 2.30PM**

Present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillors T Gilhome, J Hannaby, K Morris & S Third and
S Thwaite

Grove Parish Council: Councillors J Stock (Chair)

Thames Valley Police: C Hulme

Clerk: S Sanders

Others present: Two members of the public

1. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Stock
SECONDED BY Councillor Third

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Hannaby be chairman for the ensuing year.

ON THE PROPOSITION OF Councillor Hannaby
SECONDED BY Councillor Gilhome

IT WAS RESOLVED that Councillor Cameron be vice chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Grove Parish Councillors R Batstone and
C McCarthy and Wantage Town Councillor I Cameron.

Oxfordshire County Council Officer L Turner.

3. To receive any declaration of disclosable pecuniary interest

None

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2024

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

5. Statements and questions from the public

Mr Tranter (Chair of Wantage and Grove Active Travel) updated the committee about the
Icknield Way track, Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and the Science
Vale Active Travel Network.

6. To consider the future of the committee

It was agreed that Grove Parish Council and Wantage Town Council would take the
suggestion to disband the current committee and find a better way to communicate and share
information to OCC officers, to their prospective council meetings for discussion.

Action: Grove PC/Wantage TC

7. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

a) Update on cycle track from Larkhill to Lockinge

Some progress has been made. Councillor Hannaby to share the details by email to members of the committee.

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 controlled crossings on Ham Road and Mably Way are on the list of schemes awaiting possible inclusion on future works programs, all subject to funding and priority. Denchworth Road Puffin crossing at Fitzwaryn School is at an advance design stage. Delivery was put back slightly and now planned for October 2024.

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

A site meeting had not yet taken place. S Thwaite to contact OCC to arrange.

Action: Thwaite

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

Following a meeting between OCC Traffic Team and Wantage Town Council, OCC have ordered a 24hr / 7 day speed / volume / classification / direction of travel survey at the end of Stirlings Road (Grove Street junction). This is programmed for before the school summer holidays.

Action: Turner

e) Update on 20's Plenty scheme

The 20mph Team have advised that they are still procuring electrical connections with SSEN and installation of illuminated signs with Robelec Ltd. This is in relation to the 20mph signs on 'A' class roads which need to be illuminated. They hope that the complete scheme will be installed before the end of June.

f) Update on flooding in several areas (Wantage and Grove)

Councillor Hannaby had not yet had a meeting with an Oxfordshire County Council officer. Manor Road had been highlighted as an issue – this was being looked at by OCC.

Action: Hannaby

Councillor Stock left the meeting.

8. Matters referred by Grove Parish Council

None.

9. Matters referred by Wantage Town Council

a) Request from a member of the public for a controlled crossing near Wantage CofE Primary School.

There are currently no funds available to commit to any further schemes under the Accessibility & Road Safety Program. This request would be added to the list for future consideration. It was noted that Wantage Town Council had been successful in applying

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for a 20mph speed limit across the town, which includes Newbury Street as far as the south of Willow Lane junction.

10. Principal Traffic Officer's Report

Updates were given during the meeting.

11. General correspondence

None

12. Date of future meeting

12 September 2024

The meeting closed at 3.40pm
