

Present: Councillor Miss L M Hillier (Chair)
Councillor Sarah Miller (Vice-Chair)
Councillor K Arlett
Councillor D Eggleton
Councillor S Evans
Councillor Will Hamilton
Councillor D Nimmo Smith
Councillor Miss K Hinton (Mayor)

In attendance: Mrs J Wheeler – Town Clerk
Ms H Barnet – Town Manager
Mrs N Taylor – Committee Administrator
PC B Taylor – Thames Valley Police
Sergeant S Bobbett – Thames Valley Police
1 Member of the Public
1 Member of the Press

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

75. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Mr Seylani-Zadeh – Tilebarn Close requested that the Committee support his request to be relocated from the Greys Road car park to either the Market Place or Hart Street outside Barclays Bank.

76. VARIATION TO THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

In accordance Standing Orders 5 (a) (vii), it was **RESOLVED**

that the order of business on the agenda be altered so that agenda item 11 – Relocation of Kebab Van be moved up the agenda and be considered before item 6 – Budget.

77. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Town and Community Committee held on 17 October 2017 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

78. POLICE LOCAL AREA UPDATE

PC Taylor and Sergeant Bobbett were invited to the table.

The Committee gave their thanks to Inspector Mark Harling for all his help and hard work. **It was RESOLVED**

that a letter of thanks be sent to retired Inspector Harling.

It was noted that Tim Pavey is the acting Inspector until January when Adrian Hall will take over.

Crime figures nationally and in the South Oxfordshire area have gone up this year.

1097 parking tickets have been issued so far this year and crime levels nationally have gone up this year.

When questioned why the police are taking so long to respond to incidents in the town, and when they do respond they are sometime not the local police, it was explained that if the local team are responding to another incident then police will have to be pulled in from other areas.

When a Member stated that they felt that there should always be at least one member of TVP in Henley Sgt Bobbett advised that he was happy to take any questions / concerns that the Council may have higher up and feedback any responses.

Red Lion Lawn was discussed and it was agreed that it needs to be looked at as the area is very badly lit, there is no CCTV and there is often a very strong smell of drugs coming from the area.

An ANPR camera on the bridge was again requested.

A Member questioned if idling vehicles was something that the Police could deal with and was advised that if an idling vehicle was left unattended then it is an offence but if someone is sat in their vehicle with it idling then it is more of an environmental issue.

A Parking Order at Pearces Orchard during the Regatta was discussed and it was agreed that this would not be a good idea as this would stop residents from parking in the area as well.

The Chairman thanked PC Barb Taylor and Sgt Stephen Bobbett for attending the meeting.

PC Taylor and Sgt Bobbett left the meeting at 7.52pm.

Post Meeting Note from Sgt Bobbett: During the meeting the question of an ANPR camera over the bridge was raised. I have passed this to acting Inspector Tim Pavey and he will look into it.

Also I was made aware that the council had heard of legislation regarding vehicles idling with the driver in the seat when not in traffic. I was not aware of any legislation. I have spoken to our Roads Policing department and they were not aware of any either. I have since done some digging and there is a piece of legislation which relates to vehicles idling and making excessive exhaust noise and emission. The problem is there is no qualifier for what is excessive? In short this is not something we can realistically enforce in the town unless there is an individual case which is clearly excessive but certainly not with your average vehicles who are idling.

Most new cars will switch off when idle now and it will cost the driver money to maintain the engine running so hopefully when the cold weather eases the problem will improve.

79. RELOCATION OF KEBAB VAN

Members considered a further request from Mr Seylani-Zadeh to relocate the Kebab van from its existing position in the Greys Road car park to outside Barclays Bank in Hart Street.

Members agreed that it made sense for the Kebab van to be located outside the bank but felt that relocating the taxis to the other side of the road (outside the Catherine Wheel may lead to a loss of resident parking bays), and instead suggested that a more suitable solution would be for the taxi rank to be relocated in the evenings back to the Greys Road car park.

It was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND

that the Committee are in support of the Kebab Van relocating from the Greys Road car park to Hart Street with the taxi rank relocating back to the Greys Road car park in the evenings;

that further investigation be carried out with SODC Licensing and OCC highways.

80. BUDGET

Members received the Management Accounts to 31 October 2017. **It was RESOLVED**

that the Management Accounts be noted.

Members received and considered a report on 2018-19 Draft Budget Figures. **It was RESOLVED**

that the 2018-19 Draft Budget Figures be noted.

81. TRANSPORT STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

Members received the notes from the meeting held on 16 October 2017.

A Member suggested that it would be good to receive an update from OCC'

It was RESOLVED

that the notes be noted.

82. HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA

Members received the notes of the Regatta Wash up Meeting held on Tuesday 7 November 2017.

It was noted that under note number 3 the last bullet point was recorded in error and should be removed.

A Member questioned why Members of Henley Town Council were not invited to attend the Regatta meeting arranged by Wokingham Borough Council.

It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND

that the last bullet point be removed from note 3, and

that Wokingham Borough Council be asked why HTC are not invited to attend their Regatta meeting, and

that the notes be noted.

83. WASTE WORKING GROUP

Members received the notes of the Waste Working Group Meeting held on Friday 10 November 2017. **It was RESOLVED**

that a meeting be arranged with the Environment Agency with at least three Councillors;

that the notes of the meeting be noted.

84. PARKING ON THE FAIRMILE

Members considered a request from Councillor D Eggleton for the area of the Fairmile verge currently used by residents for free parking to be changed to a payable Residents Parking scheme. It was noted that when the Residents Parking Scheme was set up, the residents in this area did not want to be part of it.

It was RESOLVED

that the item should be considered by the Traffic Advisory Committee.

85. TOWN HALL SOUND AND LIGHT

Members received and considered the final report on the sound and lighting improvement project in the Town Hall. **It was RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

that the Town Clerk continue to progress at haste and gain best price possible.

86. PROGRESS

Members had before them a report on progress, and after the following observations noted the information contained therein.

Georgian Paving in Bell Street Councillor Gawrysiak to chase Keith Stenning.

Henley Information Centre Further report next year.

Town Entrance Signs Item to be removed from Progress.

Phone Kiosks Time frame for works to be carried out required or new quotations to be sought.

Angel on the Bridge Item to be removed from Progress.

Litter Bins Installation imminent.

Town Managers Report Report attached.

Town Noticeboard The insides of the noticeboards currently being refurbished. CIL and other funding options currently being investigated.

Street Cleaning The recent demonstration did not prove to be very useful but the same company do have a ride on machine that they are happy to demonstrate. A report to be brought back to the next meeting.

CCTV Meeting tomorrow.

Wootton Manor Car Park Councillor Eggleton monitoring the carpark and will report back to the next meeting.

REFILL Parish Forum – Oxfordshire want to roll the scheme out across the County. Henley Town Council feature on the REFILL website
www.refill.org.uk/refill-scheme/refill-henley-thames/

87. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was moved by the Chairman and RESOLVED

that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 as publicity would be prejudicial to the Public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted.

88. ITEM CONCERNING A HTC PROPERTY

89. ITEM CONCERNING CCTV

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Chairman