

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 10AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, HENLEY ON THAMES

**PRESENT:** The Chairman, Councillor D Nimmo Smith - Henley Town Council - HTC  
The Vice Chairman, Councillor Sara Abey - HTC  
Councillor D Eggleton - HTC  
Councillor P Harrison – South Oxfordshire District Council  
Mr H Legh – Henley Partnership (HP)  
The Mayor, Councillor Julian Brookes - HTC (ex-officio)

**OFFICERS** Mr C Hulme – Thames Valley Police (Traffic Management Officer)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr K Stenning - OCC (Area Steward - South)  
Ms C Adams – Committee Administrator

**ALSO PRESENT:** 1 Member of the Press

**13. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Sergeant P Hewett (Thames Valley Police), Mr P Fleming (Henley Branch User Group) and Mr D McEwen (Henley in Transition).

**14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

**16. TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES**

The notes of the meeting on 15 June 2016 were received, approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**17. PROGRESS**

Members received a report on progress and after the following observations noted the information contained therein.

**17.1 School Travel Issues**

**Pedestrian Crossing** - Discussion ranged once again around the issues surrounding a proposed crossing on Greys Road. A Member pointed out that loading and unloading was allowed on double yellow lines, but not on the zigzags either side of a zebra crossing. Double yellow lines apply to the edge of the property boundary including the pavement, whereas parking behind zigzags is permitted. If the Council are willing to fund the crossing, there will need to be a public consultation. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND**

**that Henley Town Council consider whether they are willing to fund a zebra crossing.**

*Councillor Sara Abey joined the meeting at 10.10am.*

**17.2 Weight Restriction Traffic Regulation Order**

The HGV sign at the Burchetts Green roundabout has still not been reinstated and the Cabinet Member at the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead had not been encouraging.

***Action: Councillor Nimmo Smith to keep pressing for reinstatement.***

**17.3 Signage – Line Painting**

Mr K Stenning reported that refreshment of the lines for the roads joining the Town Hall gyratory was on the list of work to be carried out once funds were available. Yellow flashes on the bend are also to be added to the list, though Mr Stenning advised that the paint does not adhere long term to the granite setts.

**17.4 Traffic in New Street**

Traffic surveys had shown that speeds were not excessive at this junction, despite issues with occasional drivers. The Chairman advised that the Transport Strategy was looking at crossings and yellow lines holistically and would be making proposals to OCC and SODC.

Item to be removed from Progress Report.

**17.5 Pavement in Mount View**

It has been ascertained that the pavements belong to OCC and will be assessed once the works on the hospital site are complete.

Item to be removed from Progress Report.

**17.6 Greys Road**

This will be considered as part of the Transport Strategy. Item to continue on the Progress Report.

**17.7 Bell Street**

The Chairman had contacted Whites Coaches, Arriva and Carousel regarding cutting their engines when waiting at bus stops. It had been advised that it was a road traffic offence to keep engines running unless queuing in traffic.

Item to be removed from Progress Report.

**17.8 Buses and the Entrance to St Mary's Court**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to Simon Cuthbert, Acting Principal of the Henley College and he was happy to come and talk generally about the college to Town and Community Committee.

***Action: Administrator for Town and Community Committee to arrange a date for Simon Cuthbert to come to a meeting.***

**17.9** Need from Traffic Calming on A4130

The whereabouts of the petition started by Councillor D Thomas was queried. Recommendations are to be taken to Transport Strategy Group.

Item to be removed from Progress Report.

**17.10** Sleeping Policemen on Kings Road

Mr K Stenning reported that a bend warning sign had been installed.

Item to be removed from Progress Report.

**17.11** Traffic Issues on Gravel Hill

Mr K Stenning stated that he had identified some residual Section 106 funding that could match fund the Town Council's funding for the proposed pinch point. This was the item that was thought to give the most benefit of the three items proposed at the June meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee. (Vehicle activated sign beyond the entrance to Ancastle Green; a pedestrian refuge level with Hop Gardens and a pinch point by the Old Basketmakers Arms.) The estimated build costs for the Pinch Point, excluding consultation and design fees, are £12,000. There will be an informal consultation carried out amongst neighbouring houses for the pinch point.

**17.12** Northfield End – Parking/Residents' Parking on Vicarage Road

The Chairman reported that he had contacted the Leader of SODC, who was not willing to introduce civil parking.

Item to be removed from Progress Report.

**17.13** Motorcycles parking on Falaise Square

This is an issue for the Town Council as it is private land.

Item to be removed from Progress Report.

**18.** **CROSSING ON NORTHFIELD END**

To be considered as part of the Transport Strategy.

***Action: Committee Administrator to add to items for consideration by the Transport Strategy Group.***

**19.** **TRAFFIC LIGHTS ON NORMAN AVENUE**

The Committee considered a letter from the Henley Society regarding pedestrians crossing the access to Norman Avenue. As this is a private road, it was advised that this does not come under OCC's administration.

***Action: Committee Administrator to reply to the Henley Society.***

**20. EXTENSION OF 30MPH ZONE ON GREYS ROAD TO ACCOMMODATE HIGHLANDS FARM DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee agreed that it would be desirable to reduce the speed limit on the Greys Road for the safety of pedestrians leaving the Highlands Farm site. Mr Stenning stated that it would be part of the Section 106 agreement reached with the developers.

**21. DATE & TIMING OF NEXT MEETINGS**

Meetings for 2016/2017:

10am Wednesday 14th December, 2016

10am Wednesday 15th March, 2017

The meeting closed at 11.10am

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Chairman