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To: Members of the Witney Traffic Advisory - *L Price, J King, J Aitman, V Gwatkin, A Coles, T Morris, S Bartington, Yvonne Constance, Ted Fenton, J Croxton, K Hickman and A Lyon (and all other Town Councillors for information)*

You are hereby summonsed to a Meeting of the **Witney Traffic Advisory** Committee to be held in the Meeting Room, Burwell Hall, Witney on **Tuesday, 17th March, 2020 at 2.30 pm** for the transaction of the business stated below.

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AGENDA

All Council Meetings are open to the public and press, unless otherwise stated.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive and consider apologies for absence.

2. **Public Participation**

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. Any member of the public who so wishes may speak, at this point in the meeting, for a maximum of five minutes on any matter relating to an item on the agenda

3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)

a) To adopt and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2020;

b) Matters Arising from the Minutes.

4. **TAC Action Plan 17.03.2019** (Pages 7 - 8)

To receive and consider the action plan.

5. **Climate Emergency**

This is a standing item on the agenda to discuss how the Committee might support the Town Council, which has declared a Climate Emergency.

6. **Update from OCC Localities Committee**

To receive and consider correspondence from OCC's Localities Committee (to follow).

7. **Report of the Principle Officer - Traffic Schemes Area Operations (North) - Oxfordshire County Council**

To receive and consider the report of the Principle Officer – Traffic Schemes Area Operations (North) (to follow).

8. **Accident Data** (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive and consider a map of accident data as requested by Cllr Coles at the last meeting.

9. **Items submitted to the Town Clerk** (Pages 11 - 12)

- New pedestrian crossing request – Deer Park Road Roundabout

10. **Date of next meeting**

The dates of the next meetings are 2nd June 2020, 29th September 2020, 12th January 2021 and 23 March 2021 (tbc).



Town Clerk

Agenda Item 3

WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WITNEY TOWN COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday, 14 January 2020

At 2.30 pm in the Meeting Room, Burwell Hall, Witney

Present:

Councillor L Price (Chair)

Councillors:	J Aitman L Ashbourne	V Gwatkin
Other Members:	A Coles T Bayliss J Croxton K Hickman A Lyon	West Oxfordshire District Council Stagecoach Thames Valley Police Windrush Bike Project West Oxfordshire Community Transport
Officers:	Mike Wasley Nicky Cayley Adam Clapton	Oxfordshire County Council Officer Democratic Services Officer Office Manager
Others:	2 members of the public.	

T730 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllrs King and Fenton and the Town Clerk.

T731 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee adjourned for Mrs Diana Power to address the Committee on issues she had encountered in Welch Way cul de sac, after which the Committee reconvened.

T732 ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK

This item was moved up the agenda with the express permission of the Chair so that the public present could listen to the discussion.

RECOMMENDED:

1. that the Committee asks WODC to increase enforcement of the double yellow lines outside the shops that include Costs, Greggs, The Works etc;
2. that Highways should undertake a site visit, preferably with Maria Wheatly from WODC and that her help would be appreciated with identifying land ownership in the area;

3. that the Chair would speak to the CCG and the medical practice about the issue raised by the member of the public.

T733 **MINUTES**

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2019.

Matters Arising

The Chair referred to minute 721 b) and asked if there was an update on the speedbumps at The Leys. Cllr Ashbourne replied that it was going to the Town Council's Stronger Communities Committee. The Chair then recalled that there was in fact a site meeting on 22nd January.

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair with the following amendments:

That Trevor Bayliss and Andrew Lyons be added to the list of attendees

Minute 726, sentence 2: "by bringing in emission free buses" is deleted and replaced by "and the fleet had gone from Euro 5 to Euro 6".

T734 **ACTION PLAN**

The Committee received and considered the action plan from the last meeting and revised this where required. This is attached to the minutes.

T735 **REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS**

The Committee reviewed the Constitution, Terms of Reference and frequency of meetings. It was agreed to add Volunteer Link Up as an organisation which could send a representative. Cllr Ashbourne explained that she in fact filled that role as she was the Town Council's elected representative for Volunteer Link up. It was agreed to stay with 4 meetings per year, plus task and finish groups – these would not have officers' involvement.

RESOLVED:

1. that the Committee continues to have 4 meetings per year with additional "Task and Finish" groups to tackle specific issues – these would not require officer attendance;
2. that Volunteer Link Up be given a place on the Committee, with Cllr Ashbourne currently acting as their representative;
3. that the Committee constitution and terms of reference be approved.

T736 **CONSULTATION – A415 DUCKLINGTON LANE (WITNEY) - PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT EXTENSION AND PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES**

The Committee discussed this proposal and John Croxton explained that from his viewpoint, this may not be appropriate depending on the road's speed profile. The road should be designed to the speed that was desirable rather than just enforcing a speed limit on what might be a fast

stretch of road. Whilst members were in favour of lowering speed limits, this did give some cause for further discussion.

RESOLVED: that the following comment be sent as a response to the consultation: -

Whilst the Witney Traffic Advisory Committee is supportive of reducing speeds overall, it is not confident that the proposed layout on the A415 supports the proposed reduction to 30mph. The Committee would be interested to have further discussions with the developers of the Eastnor House site and Oxfordshire County Council Highways.

T737 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

There had been no feedback from the Town Council's Climate and Biodiversity Sub Committee but Cllr Aitman, who was a member agreed to raise the offer of assistance from the Witney Traffic Advisory Group at the next meeting.

The Chair proposed that a Task and Finish Group could look at a car free play street to feed into the Climate Emergency.

RESOLVED: that the Climate & Biodiversity Sub Committee be encourage to feed any relevant issues through to the Traffic Advisory Committee and that a Task and Finish Group be convened to identify places in Witney to close streets for a Street Play Day. The Chair, and Cllrs Coles and Gwatin would liaise with Thames Valley Police on this matter.

T738 **UPDATE ON CORN STREET ROAD SAFETY**

The Chair explained that there was currently remedial work happening on Corn Street

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

T739 **UPDATE ON CROSSING FOR STATION LANE**

Mike Wasley confirmed that funding had been found, and another traffic survey was needed to check on the mean speed for a zebra crossing which was 34mph.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

T740 **UPDATE FROM OCC LOCALITIES COMMITTEE**

The Committee received and considered the most recent minutes of the County Council's Localities Committee.

RESOLVED: that the update be noted.

T741 **REPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OFFICER - TRAFFIC SCHEMES AREA OPERATIONS (NORTH) - OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Principle Officer (Traffic Schemes Area Operations (North)), providing updates on the Highways works.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

T742 **ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS AT THE MEETING**

1. Newland Bus Stop

Officers from the Town Council raised a complaint by a resident who had contacted the Town Council about difficulties using the Newland Bus Stop with a wheelchair due to there not being a bus stop to pull into. If there was a bus stop the kerb was also too low to be DDA compliant. Mike Wasley had seen e-mails about this but it was a complex issue to solve. If funding became available something might be able to be done.

2. Community Speedwatch

The Chair had spoken to Inspector Hookham about this and a group of people was needed to do it, ideally overseen by the Town Council. The cost would be £2, 000 - £8, 000. She advised that it may need to wait until the new financial year for her to be able to access funding.

Another member asked if they could start signing people up, and the Chair replied that she could not see why not. She would continue to liaise with Inspector Hookham. Cllr Coles and Gwatkin volunteered to be on the Task and Finish group for this.

3. Accident Data

Cllr Coles asked if it would be possible to have the accident data for the town. Mike Wasley said that Anthony Kirkwood would be the person to contact at the County Council. Kevin Hickman commented that all the crash data was available at Crash Map on line, although it was about a year behind. It was the same data.

4. Task and Finish Group

The Chair proposed that another subject for the Task and Finish Group could be cycle networks.

T743 **FORWARD PLAN - FUTURE BUSINESS**

The Chair commented that this had been covered by other items in the meeting.

T744 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was 17 March 2020.

The meeting closed at: 4.45 pm

Chair

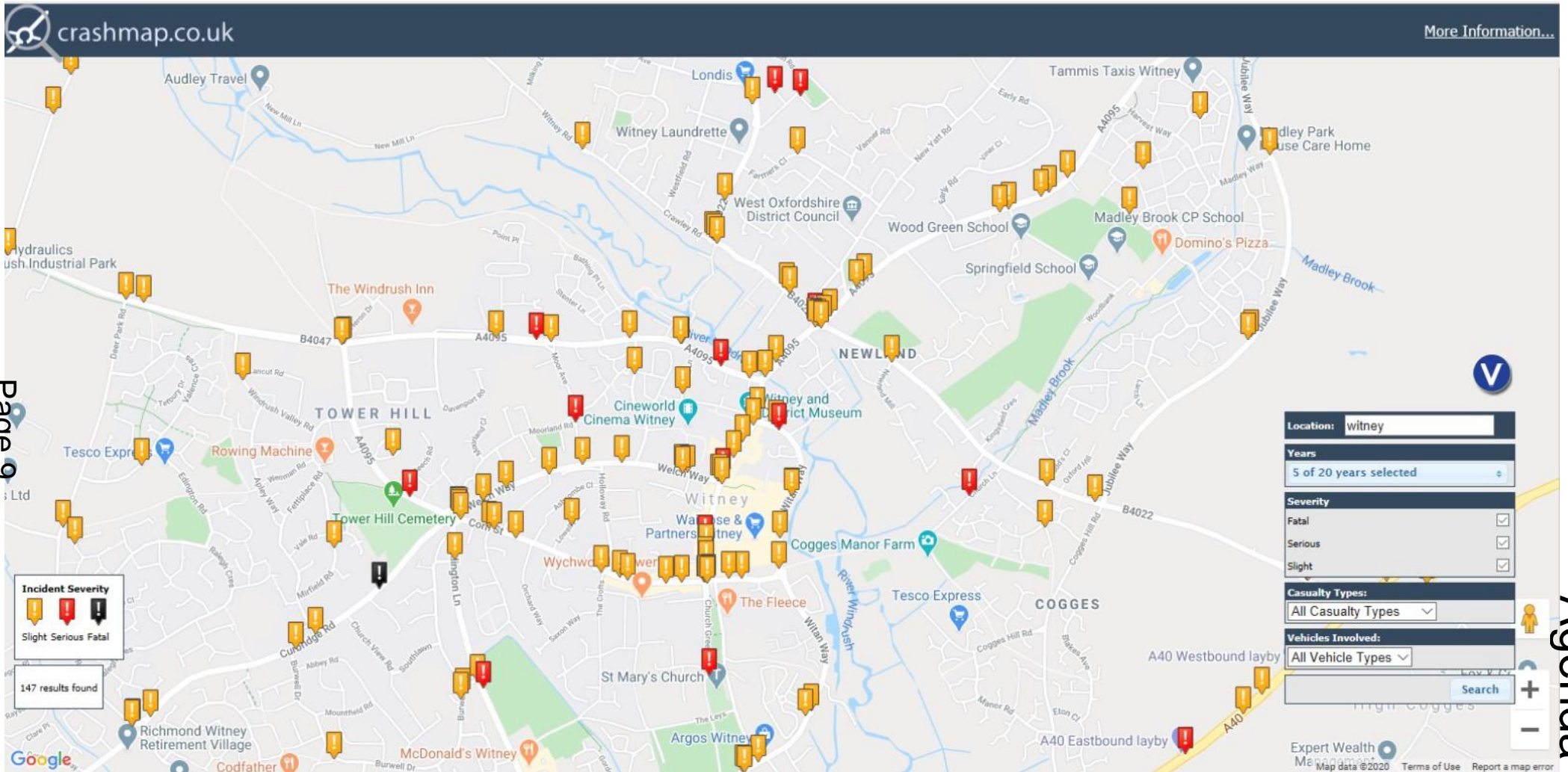
ACTION PLAN

Minute no.	Issue	Action	Responsible person	Further Action	Date complete
T700	Problems with 'Baffle Barriers' for mobility scooters	Kevin Hickman has now submitted comprehensive review doc to WTC. Only one barrier was owned by WODC. None were WTC's. Others either private developers or OCC.	N/A	Cllr Laura Price would speak to Paul Fermer re: standardisation of barriers	
T700	Traffic concerns at the Ducklington Lane junction	Request for a left turn arrow into Thorney Leys.	Mike Wasley	Awaiting funding for modelling of junction. This was an item for the OCC strategy team. Needs a lot of work. Mike Wasley to ask Jackie Cox to provide an update to the Committee/.	
T700	Shores Green Junction	Feasibility and optioneering work has commenced. Meeting been held with EWDA developer in December 2019 to discuss alternative routes for the proposed slip roads. Land referencing to begin in January. Programme and risk workshop to take place at end of January/early Feb.	Mike Wasley		
T700	Marriots Walk Crossing – barriers/controlled crossing	Lighting complete, tree removal not required, agreed planters are not suitable barriers and awaiting relining by OCC	Mike Wasley	OCC to reline existing area, before removing block paving and resurfacing with blacktop after April 2020.	
T700	Request for bus stop at Windrush Cemetery	OCC getting quotes for this.	Town Clerk/Trevor Bayliss/David Bellchamber/Mike Wasley	Quite received but OCC challenging them as they were too high. Mike Wasley to check with David Bellchamber re: footpath. No progress made. Committee	

ACTION PLAN

				request a summary note from County.	
T700	Request for yellow lines at Compton Way and Judds Close	Ongoing issue. County Councillors looking into funding for this.	Mike Wasley	Currently no time or money for this – maybe in April.	
T700	Renewal of white line markings across the town	Would start again in April. OCC would appreciate WTC input. Mike Wasley had circulated list as part of his report in June.	Mike Wasley/members of TAC via e-mail	Starting April 2020.	
T701	Parking in Service Road at Welch Way	No TRO so could not be enforced. OCC to repaint Keep Clear on turning circle	Mike Wasley	Update on timescale.	

Witney Accident Data 2014 – 2018 from www.crashmap.co.uk



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Agenda Item 9

Dear Nicky,

Re: New pedestrian crossing request – Deer Park Road Roundabout

Thanks for your reply; and huge apologies for the very long delay in replying. It's been a busy few months for me, so I've not been able to give this issue the attention I would have liked. However, this evening as I was crossing over the near the roundabout on Deer Park Road, a driver revved their engine at me aggressively as I was crossing, so it's given me new incentive.

It's just a terrible place to cross, but I have no option – there literally is no where else to cross over to get to the Deer Park amenities or the Deer Park Road cycle path. There is a new pedestrian crossing on Thorney Leys which benefits the residents on Richmond Village; but for Windrush Place/Spring Meadow residents to get to it, we need to cross over Curbridge Road. And if we want to get to Deer Park Road, then we'd need to cross back over Curbridge Road on the other side of the roundabout – so that's no good. (See the yellow route on the attached map).

So I use the more direct blue route as shown on my map. Crossing here is unpleasant for able-bodied adults, and I imagine terrifying for those with reduced mobility; or the very young, or anyone pushing a buggy or pram.

If I'm with my daughter on foot. I pick her up and run across the road, when there is a gap in the traffic. Drivers often forget to indicate, so it sometimes appears that they are going straight over the roundabout, then you realise they are turning into the road as you are crossing. They are also looking for traffic coming from their right, so they may not see a pedestrian until the last minute.

If not just the elderly residents of Richmond Village who need a pedestrian crossing on Thorney Leys; it's the residents of Windrush Place and Spring Meadows too who need one on Deer Park Road. If you could put it on the agenda for the next meeting, that would be hugely appreciated.

Your sincerely,

Tom Cole

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