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WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 12 January 2021

At 2.30 pm in the Virtual Meeting Room via Zoom

Present:

Councillor A Coles (Chair)

Councillors:	J Aitman L Duncan	D Enright
Other Members:	J Croxton K Hickman A Lyon T Bayliss	Thames Valley Police Windrush Bike Project West Oxfordshire Community Transport Stagecoach
Officers:	Odele Parsons Mike Wasley Maria Wheatley Nicky Cayley Adam Clapton	Oxfordshire County Council Officer Oxfordshire County Council Officer Project Officer Deputy Town Clerk
Others:	1 member of the public.	

T755 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

As the Chair of the Committee, Cllr Price had sent her apologies, the Committee was required to elect a Chair for the meeting. Cllr Coles was proposed, seconded and duly elected.

RECOMMENDED: that Cllr Coles be elected Chair for the meeting,

T756 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllrs Price, Constance, King, and Morris.

T757 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee adjourned to receive public participation from Mr Damian Holland who addressed the Committee about the possibility of having speed bumps installed on Cogges Hill Road.

After his address, the Committee reconvened.

T758 **ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK**

This item was moved up the agenda with the express permission of the Chair so that the member of the public present could hear the debate.

Members had a lengthy discussion on the possibility of installing speed bumps but funding would be an issue. The County Council could not fund it and may not even be able to fund an assessment. Mike Wasley was happy to look at it from an engineering point of view.

Two members pointed out that if the speed limit though the town was reduced to 20mph this should help.

Odele Parsons reported that the County Council was still in discussions with the developer for the Witney East development and had asked for three crossings along the road so this may help with speed reduction.

It was agreed to add it to the action plan for members to continue to investigate.

RECOMMENDED: that the possibility of Speedbumps on Cogges Hill Road be looked at further by members.

T759 **MINUTES**

The Committee received and considered the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020.

RECOMMENDED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2020 be agreed as a correct record with the following amendments:

K Hickman and A Lyon are removed from the list of Councillors and Trevor Bayliss to be added to attendees.

T760 **TAC 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.

T761 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

There was no update for this meeting.

T762 **REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER - TRAFFIC SCHEMES AREA OPERATIONS (NORTH) - OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

The Committee received and considered a report from the Principal Officer - Traffic Schemes Area Operations (North). There were updates on the Active Travel Grant, new crossings for West Witney (in addition to the Range Road one) and the crossing at Sainsbury's.

Odele Parsons explained that the cycle signs that had been painted on the roads around town had been incorrectly placed too near to the kerbs. She asked the committee if they would like them repositioned correctly or removed altogether. Mr Croxton commented that all road signs

should come from the Traffic Signs Manual and this sign was not included. After discussion, members felt there was little value in retaining them and agreed that they should be removed.

Cllr Fenton also raised concerns about the new road layout at the Ducklington roundabout, which had been complicated by the entrance to the new Lidl Store and the new hotel and Costa Drive through. He asked for his concerns to be minuted and the Chair asked that it be added to the action plan.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted and that the cycle signs be removed.

T763 **WEST WITNEY BUS SERVICE ALLOCATION**

The Committee received and considered a report from Mr David Miles, the Town's Independent Parish Transport Representative. He had expressed particular concern about money being pooled meaning that Witney may miss out on significant funding for public transport/infrastructure, primarily at the West Witney housing development. It was agreed to put David Miles in touch with Odele Parsons so that he could have a direct discussion about this with her.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted and that the Town Council puts David Miles in touch with Odele Parsons with particular reference to his concern that the County Council has decided to pool together all the strategic sites in the vicinity of the A40, which may well mean that hundreds of thousands of pounds earmarked specifically for the benefit of Witney could disappear elsewhere.

T764 **UPDATE FROM OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ON ACTIVE TRAVEL GRANT**

The Committee received and considered an update on the Active Travel Grant.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted.

T765 **ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS AT THE MEETING.**

Mr Hickman asked if a member of the Oxfordshire Association of the Blind could attend meetings and become a member of the Committee. Following support from members, the Office Manager advised that it was the association itself which would need to be added to the Committee constitution and it in turn would be free to choose a representative. If the association in question could make a formal request to the Town Council, the request and change to the constitution could be added to the next meeting agenda for consideration.

RECOMMENDED: that the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind writes to the Town Council requesting a seat on the Committee.

T766 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next scheduled meeting was 23 March 2021.

The meeting closed at: 4.00 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.	Odele Parsons	To push forward we need OCC advice and a commitment to not signing off developments without barriers being correct. Odele Parsons confirmed this report had arrived and the team were starting to look at active travel. This would go on the work plan and she would give a rough timescale at the next meeting in March.	
T700	Shores Green Junction	Preliminary surveys complete; topographical surveys due later this month; engagement taking place with utilities; initial strategic and local traffic modelling complete; 3 short listed option to be assessed further; Scheduled to meet East Witney SDA developers mid October; view to public conulation in late 202/early 2021	Mike Wasley/Odele Parsons	Scheme had 50% funding & other 50% should be from developer. Public consultation would begin in a few months. The preferred option design was the next major step.	
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	Currently underway.	
T700	Request for yellow lines at Compton Way and Judds Close	Ongoing issue. County Councillors looking into funding for this.	Mike Wasley	James Wright due to meet Cllr Bartington on site with a view to implementation.	

ACTION PLAN

T760	Parking at top end of Corn Street	Members to look into how this could be alleviated, with the active travel coming on line.	All members?		
T762	Concerns on Ducklington Roundabout	Members to look into possibly dangerous issues on Ducklington roundabout	All members?		