

**MEETING OF THE WITNEY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Held on Tuesday 4 June 2019  
At 2.30 p.m. Burwell Hall, Witney**

**Present**

Councillor J S King (Chair)

**Representatives**

Cllr J Aitman	Witney Town Council
Cllr V Gwatkin	Witney Town Council
Cllr T License	Witney Town Council
Cllr L Price	Oxfordshire County Council
Mike Wasley	Oxfordshire County Council
Maria Wheatley	West Oxfordshire District Council
Andrew Lyon	West Oxfordshire Community Transport

**Officers**

Adam Clapton	Witney Town Council
Nicky Cayley	Witney Town Council

**T708 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for their absence were received from Cllr Coles, Morris and Fenton and John Croxton from Thames Valley Police, and Trevor Bayliss from Stagecoach.

**T709 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present for this item.

**T710 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**T711 ACTION PLAN**

T631 – Baffle barriers – Cllr Price reported that she was checking some for accessibility. She asked that the report on Baffle Barriers be circulated to new members.

**Action: Leave on action plan in the event that any budget was identified. Circulate report to new members.**

T631 – Traffic concerns at Ducklington Lane. This issue was still with officers at the County Council. The junction required modelling before any changes could be considered and there was no budget for this.

**Action: leave on the action plan. Awaiting OCC budget allocation for modelling.**

T631 – Shores Green Junction. No current update.

**Action: leave on the action plan.**

T643 – Marriott’s Walk Crossing – this item was discussed at length later on the agenda.

**Action: Leave on the action plan.**

T652 – Request for bus stop at Windrush Cemetery – this was still ongoing,

**Action: leave on action plan.**

T663 - Request for yellow lines at Compton Way and Judds Close. This was still an ongoing issue.

**Action: leave on action plan.**

T665 - Renewal of white line markings across the town. – Cllr Price suggested that a sub committee could be set up to work on priorities. Mike Wasley commented that it was a “live” rolling list and once it was put out to contractors they decided where and when to carryout the lining. There was a discussion on paint quality and Mike Wasley confirmed that high resistance paint was used in some areas and Cllr Price asked if the group could ask for that in certain areas. Mike Wasley replied that they could but it was generally only used on areas needing better traffic management such as roundabouts – it was used sparingly due to cost.

It was agreed that Town Council Officer should circulate the list of lining so that members could feed their priorities into it.

**Action: leave on action plan, circulate list to members via e-mail for prioritising.**

T681a – Parking at Highworth Place – Mike Wasley confirmed that action would be taken on this by OCC but it would be wrapped up with other works.

**Action: leave on plan and Cllr Price/Mike Wasley to update.**

T683 – Roundabout signage and lighting at Downs Road junction of A40 – Mike Wasley confirmed that dialogue between OCC and the developers was ongoing and the signage etc had not been handed over.

**Action: leave on plan.**

T701 – Parking in service road at Welch Way – awaiting for this to be done by OCC.

**Action: leave on plan.**

T712 **ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE TOWN CLERK**

Crossing at Richmond Village

This item had been raised by Witney Town Councillor Thomas Ashby. Cllr Price explained that this was being paid for by Richmond Village and therefore they were prioritising where it was sited. However, the proposed siting was not where many other residents who had campaigned for a crossing wanted it to go.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the item be noted.

T713 **REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER – TRAFFIC SCHEMES, AREA OPERATIONS(NORTH)**

The Committee received and considered the report of the Principal Officer (Traffic Schemes) which was circulated at the meeting. The Committee spent time discussing various issues in Corn Street.

There was also some confusion over which side of Market Square the additional bus shelter was going to be positioned. The Town Council's Officer Manager agreed to check this after the meeting. There was also discussion about additional timetable cases. The Office Manager stated that he recalled that OCC had identified a budget for this, so again he would follow this up after the meeting.

Cllr Price asked if there was any way to re-open discussions about the proposed crossing at Thorney Leys. She felt that crossings were not always in the right place. Mike Wasley suggested that she should speak to Jeff Barrel at OCC.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the update be noted.

T714 **MINUTES FROM THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL LOCALITIES MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2019**

The Committee received and considered minutes and notes from Oxfordshire County Council localities meetings.

Cllr Price stated that she felt the Committee needed a top-level strategy for movement around the town. She felt that the Committee should form a response to the Local Transport Plan 5 which was not yet out for consultation. This should go on the next agenda and Cllr Price would investigate what the best consultation would be to respond to.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the minutes be noted and a response to a local transport plan be put on the next meeting's agenda.

T715 **PLANTERS AT MARRIOTS WALK CROSSING**

The Committee received and considered the report of Witney Town Council's Operations and Estates Officer, who had detailed reasons why he felt planters were not a good idea. Members agreed with this and agreed that planters should not be put at the crossing.

Whilst Mike Wasley had earlier reported that the tree obscuring one of the lighting beacons at the crossing was about to be imminently removed, Cllr Price raised objections to it. She felt that it was up to drivers and pedestrians to proceed with caution. Other members agreed that the tree should stay. Mike Wasley said that he would contact the contractors but it may be too late to stop the work.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the report be noted, that no planters are sited at the crossing and that the tree should not be removed.

T716 **ITEMS RAISED BY MEMBERS AT THE MEETING**

a) **Late night activity at The Leys**

Cllr Harvey had asked the Chairman to circulate a letter from Willowbank and Buttercross residents about late night activity at The Leys.

Cllr Price reported that she had received similar complaints and had spoken to the police. The police had agreed that more CCTV would be good but of course there was

a funding issue. She had discussed the fact that she had phoned 101 but had been unable to get through and the police had advised that if a resident saw a crime happening it was acceptable to ring 999. In the long run this may help to direct police resources.

Cllr Price added that if the Town Council proceeded with plans for a Youth Worker, then a press release could be issued to state that the Council was aware of these issues.

The Committee also asked Mike Wasley to price up putting speed bumps on The Leys top road.

**RECOMMENDED:** that the correspondence be noted and Mike Wasley brings back a price to install speedbumps on The Leys Road.

b) Parking at the Corn Exchange

A member asked if parking down the side of the Corn exchange was permitted. The Office Manager explained that the road/right of way was owned by the Town Council and staff members and people unloading for events were allowed to park in that area, close to the building.

**RECOMMENDED:** that this be noted.

c) Right Turn from Welch Way into Woodford Way

A member complained about traffic backing up along Welch Way whilst the lead car was waiting to turn right into Woodford Way as there was only one lane. Mike Wasley said that he would pass this to the safety team to look into.

**RECOMMENDED:** that Mike Wasley passes this to the safety team to look into.

T717 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be 24 September 2019.

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The meeting closed at 3.50pm.

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