

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2016**

PRESENT: Councillors Walsby (Chairman), Ms Doman, Harvey, Horner, Jones and Payne

OFFICER: Stephen Hedges.

T&P16/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Marshall and O'Brien

T&P17/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

T&P18/16 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

T&P19/16 MINUTES

Deferred

T&P20/16 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No matters were raised.

T&P21/16 ITEMS DELEGATED BY FULL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REFERRALS

i) Traffic congestion around schools

It was reported that the Environment Committee's project with regards to overhanging vegetation was progressing and that a meeting with the Borough's Rights of Way Officer had taken place. That meeting had discussed a coordinated approach to dealing with overhanging vegetation in terms of identification, reporting and where necessary enforcement.

Members agreed that in order to encourage more walking to schools, the footways to the schools needed to be clear and ensuring that overgrowth was cut back would be the starting position. It was accepted that this would be the first stage in an overall strategy.

T&P22/16 TRANSPORTATION

i) Public Transport

It was noted that the issue of timetables would be raised at the same meeting with the bus company representative when bus shelters were to be looked at.

ii) Traffic & Pedestrian Safety Review

Members were asked to send to the Office any items they wished to be considered for inclusion within the review document.

Discussion took place regarding the pedestrian usage of Ockwells Road, it was suggested that consideration may be given to a pedestrian priority on the road.

T&P23/16 FOOTWAYS

i) Overhanging Vegetation Report & Condition

This had been largely dealt with during the item above (T&P21/16).

ii) Potholes and General Condition

It was reported that a meeting had taken place with a Borough Highways Officer which summarised the Highways Tender process currently being put together. It was noted that the documents would be sent to the Office once the technical method was resolved (as the documents were extremely large). It was agreed that Councillors Harvey and Walsby together with the Clerk would arrange to meet to undertake a review of the documents.

It was noted that the Clerk and Council Chairman had recently met with the Borough Council regarding the Borough's Highways tender as part of the devolution menu. It was reported that this Council's input into how it would be operated and whether this Council wished to control various elements of the contract including budgets was discussed. The meeting was informed that the comprehensive tender documents were awaited and it was agreed that once received Councillors Walsby, Harvey and the Clerk should undertake the review.

T&P24/16 HIGHWAYS

i) Issues List

No additional information was presented.

ii) Road Traffic Incident Report

Cannon Lane – lorry accident. Discussion about increase in HGV traffic in the area.

iii) Potholes and General Condition (including street furniture)

Grit Bin – It was reported that a request had been made for a grit bin to be located in Stratford Gardens. It was agreed to consider the request when next looking at grit bin installations.

T&P25/16 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Walsby explained background. It was suggested that the recent traffic chaos may have been caused by a lack of gully cleaning which resulted in flooding issues. It was noted that many of the gulleys on the motorway required clearing of silt build up and weeds. It was agreed to contact the Highways Agency to express concern at the lack of clearances.

It was further suggested that a similar problem existed with the local roads and that the Highways Department of the Borough Council should similarly be contacted to encourage more gully clearances.

T&P26/16 RBWM – DELEGATION MENU

Covered earlier. Highways contract meeting held and details awaited.

T&P27/16 ROADSIDE VERGES

i) Damaged Verges

No issues had been reported.

ii) Parking

It was reported that vehicles were being parked on Housing Association land, and that Councillors Ms Doman. Jones would raise the issue at the next Housing Association meeting.

T&P28/16 **BUS SHELTERS**

The meeting was informed that this item was being chased up.

The meeting concluded at 8.20 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the meeting
Councillor Walsby, Chairman.