

***MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2017***

PRESENT: Councillors Harvey, Horner, Jones, Marshall, O'Brien, Payne, Walsby and Monks

OFFICER: Stephen Hedges.

T&P29/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Ms Doman and Varrall

T&P30/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

T&P31/17 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were two members of the public present.

A local resident wished to raise concerns regarding the traffic implication of the upcoming planning application for Claires Court School. The traffic assessment from applications relating to Foundation Park (2014) was referred to, and traffic flows highlighted. It was noted that the current traffic flows were already reaching the higher forecasted figures as identified by an informal survey undertaken.

Discussion about current situation, flows and impacts. Also infrastructure requirements of the potential development and the current deficit.

It was agreed to pass on the relevant information to the Planning Committee at the appropriate juncture.

The Chairman thanked the Members of the Public for their attendance and the issues raised.

T&P32/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED: THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2017 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

T&P33/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no items raised.

T&P34/17 ITEMS DELEGATED BY FULL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REFERRALS

i) Traffic congestion around schools

Cllr Harvey updated the meeting with regards to the investigation into the potential for creating additional parking on the Cox Green School site (off Elizabeth Hawkes Way). Maidenhead Housing Association had kindly assisted with establishing the level of preliminary costs that would be involved. It was noted that such a scheme would cost in the region of £500,000 and was therefore considered as unlikely to be progressed. The Committee expressed its appreciation to the Housing Association for its assistance.

Discussion took place regarding how to take this matter forward, points raised included:

- Acknowledgement that the schools have a fundamental lack of power to enforce some of the issues especially those outside of school gates
- The perception that the needs of the local community were not adequately considered and therefore community involvement was required in any solution
- The requirement for a holistic and cooperative approach

Members suggested that in order to gain a better understanding of the factors associated with this issue a survey of pupil travel arrangements would assist.

Agreed: To contact the Heads of the schools to seek their cooperation with a travel survey.

It was also highlighted that the infrastructure requirements would need to be adequately identified as well in order to assess any barriers to alternative travel options.

ii) **Neighbourhood Plan.**

Members were reminded to send requests to the Office for collation.

T&P35/17 **TRANSPORTATION**

i) **Public Transport**

Ockwells loop (trial) appears to have become permanent with installation of official stops and timetables. It was noted that the Council was in communication with the bus company and would ask about the trial and any feedback.

- ii) It was reported that the Woodlands Park Road stop was currently out of action due to road works and it was highlighted that there appeared to be some confusion over the highways license in relation to bus company issues. An issue had been identified regarding lack of footway access which was being followed up with the appropriate agency.

T&P36/17 **FOOTWAYS**

i) **Overhanging Vegetation Report & Condition**

There was no report given.

ii) **Potholes and General Condition**

It was reported that the footway alongside Shoppenhangers Road was suffering from tree root heave and coupled with being covered in leaves may pose a safety risk. It was agreed to inform RBWM of the problems, highlighting that this Council had received reports of residents slipping on the path.

T&P37/17 **HIGHWAYS**

i) **Issues List**

No report.

ii) **Road Traffic Incident Report**

Woodlands Park Road – it was noted that an accident had recently occurred (a car had gone into a fence). Enquiries would be made with RBWM and the Police. It was suggested that the extension of the speed limit along this stretch should be revisited.

iii) **Portholes and General Condition (including street furniture)**

It was reported that Lock Lane appeared to be suffering from subsidence and therefore it would be reported to the Highways Department.

It was suggested that resurfacing works were required on Lowbrook/Bissley Drive and Farmers Way.

It was suggested that the latest survey results for parish should be obtained.

iv) **Salt Bins/roads**

It was suggested that as the bus network had been expanded that Ockwells Road should be added to the primary salting routes.

T&P38/17 **ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

i) There were no items put forward.

T&P39/17 **BUS SHELTERS**

It was reported that the Real Time Information display had been installed in the Wessex Way shelter.

Following the installation of the new shelters it was suggested that the Committee obtain quotes for a shelter cleaning service for consideration.

T&P40/17 **COMMITTEE BUDGET (2018/19)**

The Committee's budgetary requirements were reviewed and finalised. It was agreed to recommend the findings to the budget meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.

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