

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2017**

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

OFFICER: Stephen Hedges.

T&P16/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Marshall and Varrall

T&P17/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

T&P18/17 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present.

T&P19/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED: THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2017 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

T&P20/17 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Walsby reported on the McGraw Hill site after the site entrance was widened, it was noted that the company had done a good job widening but a lorry had recently gone over the verge. It was suggested that this be monitored to see if a problem started to persist.

T&P21/17 ITEMS DELEGATED BY FULL COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REFERRALS

i) Traffic congestion around schools

Drawings were presented at the meeting regarding the investigation into the parking on the Cox Green Centre site. The basis was the possible provision of additional parking on site which could be used by the school during the day and the leisure centre at all other times thereby freeing up space for the rest of the site.

It was reported that the investigation into this was ongoing as a result of a request from the Community Centre to look at possible solutions alongside the Parish Councils safer routes to school investigation.

Discussion took place regarding package of measures including parking, safe routes by widening paths and no parking zones as well as encouraging walking.

It was noted that the onsite parking issues were due to be discussed at a meeting of all site users including the school.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the planning application for the secondary school and its supporting documentation, particularly the potential irregularities between previously submitted information and the application's.

The Committee agreed the principle of continuing the investigation of the schemes presented.

- ii) **Neighbourhood Plan.**
Members were reminded to send requests to the Office for collation.

T&P22/17 **TRANSPORTATION**

i) **Public Transport**

With regards to the Ockwells Estate bus route trial it was reported that the buses were not running to the advised timetable. It was also stated that there appeared to be very little publicity regarding the trial which may impact usage. Discussion also took place concerning the locations of the stops, it was suggested that alternative locations could provide a greatly improved service. Members felt that by changing the route to include a stop at Ockwells Park and then into the estate, the service would be beneficial to more users.

It was agreed to convey these points to the Borough Council and to also ask about the timescale for the trial along with feedback as to its effectiveness.

T&P23/17 **FOOTWAYS**

i) **Overhanging Vegetation Report & Condition**

Cllr Harvey reported on the recent meeting with the Highways Officer regarding the scheme that this Council had instigated about overhanging vegetation notification process. It was agreed that the first contact scheme should be chased up.

ii) **Potholes and General Condition**

It was reported that the Wessex Way 'no entry' sign alongside the Wessex Way shops had been removed by the Parish as it was a hazard to pedestrians. A replacement by the Borough Council was awaited.

T&P24/17 **HIGHWAYS**

i) **Issues List**

No report.

ii) **Road Traffic Incident Report**

There were no incidents reported.

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

It was stated that the Shoppenhangers Road signs were both rusted and contained incorrect information, it was agreed to pass this report to RBWM to get rectify

T&P25/17 **ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were no items put forward.

T&P26/17 **RBWM – DELEGATION MENU**

It was noted that the Delegation menu would be raised during the upcoming meeting with Cllr Bateson.

T&P27/17 **ROADSIDE VERGES**

i) **Damaged Verges**

No items were reported.

ii) **Parking**

Members were asked to send any potential scheme suggestions to the office for collation.

T&P28/17

BUS SHELTERS

It was reported that the Shoppenhangers Road bus shelter installation had an issue with wires at the bottom being exposed. The contractor has been contacted to undertake the rectification.

The meeting was informed that since the new installations Councillors had been advised that some residents had raised the issue of being splashed by passing traffic whilst waiting at the stops. Discussion took place concerning possible remedies and it was agreed to investigate the cost of having the shelters turned around.

Wessex Way/Lock Lane shelter – it was reported that residents had requested the reinstatement of the removed shelter. The background was explained, it was noted that this shelter was originally a Borough shelter passed over during the refurbishment works. It was noted that there had been several complaints regarding anti-social behaviour over the years with this particular shelter. Furthermore during the scoping stage of the refurbishments, it was noted that due to the pavement width at this site a new shelter would have to be repositioned. Whilst consideration was given to a new location there were some technical issues that would need to be incorporated. The feedback received from the bus company was that this stop was not as widely used as other ‘shelter stops’, a decision was therefore taken not to replace this shelter at this time. It was agreed to reconsider the matter during the next review.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.

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