

8th November 2019

To: All Members of the Abingdon-on-Thames Traffic Advisory Committee

Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council: Cllrs Andrew Coveney, Eric de la Harpe, Andy Foulsham, Jeanette Halliday and Patrick Lonergan.

Oxfordshire County Council: Cllrs Neil Fawcett, Alison Rooke, Emily Smith.

Vale of White Horse District Council: Cllrs Cheryl Briggs (Vice-Chair), Mike Pighills, Max Thompson.

Abingdon-on-Thames Chamber of Commerce: Mr Paul Townsend.

Thames Valley Police: Mr Chris Hulme.

Dear Member,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Abingdon-on-Thames Traffic Advisory Committee to be held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Old Magistrates' Court, Guildhall, Bridge Street, Abingdon.

Should you have any queries regarding any matters relating to the agenda, please contact Nigel Warner on 01235 522642.

Yours sincerely

N E Warner
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. Election of Chair

To elect a Chair of the Traffic Advisory Committee for the municipal year 2019/20. Note that under Item 4.2 of the Terms of Reference, the Chair must be an elected member of Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council.

2. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in relation to any items to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Local Code of Conduct or the Code of Conduct in relation to their authority, as applicable.

4. Public participation

At the discretion of the Chair, Members of the public or representatives of organisations may address the Advisory Committee. The address shall be in the form of a statement lasting not more than three minutes. The person giving the address shall not be permitted to participate in any subsequent debate by the Advisory Committee on the matter in question.

Notice of intention to make a statement must be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk no later than 5pm on Tuesday 12th November 2019. This may either be by letter delivered to the reception counter at the address above or by e-mail to enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk, with a copy to nigel.warner@abingdon.gov.uk.

5. Minutes and matters arising

To receive and consider the draft minutes of the meeting of 18th June 2019. (Attached, pages 5-19)

Matters arising

To consider any matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Minute T6 – matters arising, Parking

Please see attached report from the Chamber of Commerce regarding areas in the town which they have identified as having parking problems. (Page 20)

6. Items submitted to the Town Clerk by members or residents/ public ahead of the meeting (in order of date of submission)

Members

Parking – Abingdon School

The minutes of the Town Council Planning, Highways and Consultations Committee of 4th November 2019 state:

The Chair of the Committee, Cllr Jeanette Halliday, gave a verbal report on the recent visit to Abingdon School on 28th October 2019.

Cllr Halliday also had also expressed to the School the Council's continuing concerns regarding parking by students on local roads. Unfortunately they do not possess adequate on-site parking to accommodate all their staff and students. She reported that Abingdon School would be prepared to pay for double yellow lines on the junction of Larkhill Road with Faringdon Road which may assist in alleviating the problem of parking too close to the main road. She requested that this offer be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Traffic Advisory Committee.

Residents/ public

(a) Traffic speeds in Wootton Road

I would like to bring to you and attention some data collected after a speedwatch was conducted by our local PCSO.

Final figures are as follows:

Out of 240 vehicles monitored, 206 speeding (over 35 mph) – this represents a rate of 86% of drivers speeding.

The average (mean) speed recorded was 40.24 mph, in a 30-mph zone.

This highest recorded speed was 55 mph, followed by 51 and 49 mph as the next 3 top speeds.

The percentages of speeds recorded by speeding drivers are as follows:

36-40 mph – 116 drivers, 56.3%

41-44 mph – 74 drivers, 35.9%

45 mph+ – 16 drivers, 7.8%

The survey was carried out between 1845-2030 hours, on Wootton Road, just before the junction with Beverly Close as you drive into Abingdon.

As you have read, the data is quite shocking and happens on a regular basis.

(b) Traffic congestion- Fairacres

I was wondering if Abingdon town council has a plan to relieve the traffic congestion that regularly occurs of an evening (4 to 6pm ish). Trying to leave this estate has now become a lottery and can take up to a quarter of an hour (one third of my journey home (25 miles)). As more retail units are planned for this estate this situation can only get worse. Many of us working on this estate can see simple changes that would or could help to relieve this situation. For instance removal of or rush hour opening of the barriers in Blacklands way, no parking on the main estate road (Nuffield way), rush hour or permanent traffic control lights at the Oxford road/Marcham road roundabout, and with the new retail units in mind, new access from the Marcham road into the retail park parking area. I would like to hear what your plans are and when you intend to address this problem?

(c) Parking – Bridge Street

A complaint has been received regarding parking enforcement:

There are very often cars parked on the clearly marked double yellow line which cause a clear traffic hazard. While I do understand there is a row of shops and a barber's shop which do from time to time need vehicles to load and unload goods, cars seem to be illegally parked there for a long time.

7. Report from the Principal Officer, Traffic Scheme South Team, Oxfordshire County Council

Mr Lee Turner to report at the meeting.

8. Calendar of meetings for 2019/20

The remaining meeting for 2019/20 will take place on Wednesday 18th March 2019 in the Old Magistrates Court.