



# ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

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## **Traffic Advisory Committee Wednesday 9 February 2022 Draft minutes**

### **Present**

#### **Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council:**

Cllr Andy Foulsham  
Cllr Jim Halliday  
Cllr Eric de la Harpe

#### **Oxfordshire County Council:**

Cllr Neil Fawcett  
Cllr Dr Nathan Ley

#### **Vale of White Horse District Council:**

Cllr Cheryl Briggs  
Cllr Max Thompson – Vice Chair

#### **Thames Valley Police:**

Mr Chris Hulme

#### **Principal Officer, Traffic Schemes – Area Operations South, OCC:**

Mr Lee Turner

### **In attendance**

Nigel Warner

Town Clerk (Clerk to the meeting)

**Cllr Thompson took the Chair in Cllr Coveney's absence**

T22 **Apologies**

Cllr Andrew Coveney, Cllr Alison Rooke, Cllr Mike Pighills

T23 **Declarations of interest**

None

T24 **Minutes and matters arising**

The draft minutes of the meeting of 3 November 2021 were agreed.

T25 **Matters arising**

To be combined with the Actions list. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

The ongoing actions list was reviewed and an updated version has been published with these minutes.

It was agreed that the green items be removed after review at every following meeting.

Cllr Halliday asked the following,

1. The town council have not seen anyone from the Abingdon Chamber of Commerce at meetings. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the Chamber to see if there was an issue, with a view to their attendance.
2. Members were asked to make suggestions re civil enforcement areas back in November, deadline January, the Town Clerk advised that he had received one comment. The Chair advised that civil enforcement was an agenda item 6.1.
3. For information – Cllr de la Harpe and Cllr Halliday attended a working party on 20mph speeding limits which Mr Hulme and Mr Turner had also attended along with another county officer and a member of the public who was a traffic expert. The Council had decided to request a blanket 20mph limit across Abingdon and a 30mph limit on the peripheral roads – Audlett Drive, Twelve Acre Drive, Dunmore Road, Copenhagen Drive and Colwell Drive. Should the County Council have queries on the application then the notes of this meeting were available.

T26 **Public participation**

None.

**T27 Items submitted to the Town Clerk by members or residents / public ahead of the meeting**

**Councillors and Officers**

**1. Civil Parking Enforcement**

Cllr Halliday read out that suggestions from Cllr Clifton regarding possible restrictions for Northcourt Lane and Northcourt Road parking with the suggestion of double yellow lines on both sides of the road. Cllr Briggs was concerned that double yellow lines could lead to more parking on grass verges. Cllr Ley advised a Northcourt Lane residents survey should be undertaken if this was to be progressed.

The Chair stated that not many councillors had responded with regards to problem areas and these should now be emailed in. Cllr Fawcett advised that suggestions can be made via the County website by members of the public. Cllr Halliday suggested that, if possible, a small piece be inserted in the Town Crier so residents are aware of this facility, the current edition is about to go to press.

The Chair stated that the committee would be in a better position to discuss this matter at the next meeting in June and it was suggested that James Whiting the Parking Officer for the County be invited. ACTION – The Town Clerk to extend the invite to Mr Whiting.

**Residents/public**

**1. Judith Payne re North Abingdon housing development**

Judith Payne had written to express concern that David Wilson Homes have been required to complete the footpath on the east of the Wootton Road from Mallams auctioneers to the Wootton Road roundabout. She noted that there is a crossing with a pedestrian refuge on the Wootton Road between Long Tow and the roundabout. Mrs Payne had written to the Town Council asking that a pedestrian crossing be installed by Mallams to allow safe crossing, pointing out that there have accidents and a fatality in this area.

It was confirmed that this was outside of the town boundary and in the parish of St Helen Without.

ACTION – The Town Clerk to forward to the appropriate District Councillor and to make contact with Ms Payne to advise that due consideration had been given to her concerns and advise that it has been forwarded to the District Councillor.

**T28 Application for 20 mph zone in Abingdon – update from the Town Council**

This agenda item had already been discussed under Matters Arising, action list review.

**T29 Report from the Principal Officer, Traffic Scheme South Team, Oxfordshire County Council**

Mr Lee Turner updated the committee on the following:

1. Northcourt Road zebra crossing outside Dunmore School – Mr Turner showed the committee the proposals for this crossing – this to go to consultation soon. The consultation will run for 28 days.
2. At the last meeting the issue of the Caldecott Road crossing point was raised – this is now being looked at with a view to improving this.

Cllr Foulsham thanked Mr Turner and his team for moving these matters forward.

**T30 AOB**

1. Cllr Halliday advised the committee that there was a conflict between cyclists on the cycle path at Boxhill Walk and the pedestrians on the path in Boxhill woods and asked if Cllr Ley could do look at this. Cllr Ley advised that officers had made an assessment of the area and the metal hoops had to be removed but the 'cyclist dismount' sign was still there. Cllr Ley to forward an email explaining the rational on this so members of the public could be advised when/if required.
2. Cllr Fawcett asked if it would be useful for the committee to see the report on the work of the LCWIP (Abingdon Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan), work has now starting on this. It was suggested that the County Officer dealing with this should be invited to the meeting in June. ACTION – The Town Clerk to extend the invite to this officer.

**T31 Date of next meeting**

This was noted as follows:

Wednesday 8 June 2022 to include Civil Parking Enforcement update.

It was agreed that the Action document should be forwarded to committee members at the beginning of April by way of an update on the orange items.

The dates for the remaining meetings during 2022/23 would be agreed by the Town Council at its meeting on 30 March 2022.

The meeting rose at 2000hrs