



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Traffic Advisory Committee

Wednesday 21 February 2024

Actions Register

26 November 2020

T16/20	<u>Items submitted to the Town Clerk by members or residents ahead of the meeting</u>
	<p><u>Speeding traffic and Ock Street</u></p> <p>Community Speedwatch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organise a group of volunteers• Purchase equipment, estimated to cost £120-£150• Training - <i>CommunitySpeedwatch.org to register an interest</i>• Chose sites. The sites will need to be risk assessed by the police. <p>Speed survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All speed survey requests for various sites in the town could be ordered together. A speed survey averages at about £150 per site if requesting two/three survey sites.• Officer to contact for Oxfordshire County Council speed survey is Richard Bowman (Richard.bowman@oxfordshire.gov.uk) <p>Recommended to the Finance and General Purposes Committee to undertake a speed survey in Ock Street. Lee Turner advised that the Town Council should decide where to undertake speed surveys given local knowledge. He advised that it would be less expensive if the Town Council undertook multiple speed surveys at the same time. Several locations were discussed and local residents had made a number of recommendations. Volunteers would be available to help with speed surveys. The Town Council was asked to prepare a priority list of locations.</p> <p><u>16.6.21:</u> The Town Clerk had contacted Richard Bowman at the County Council about this. The County Council had requested advice from local members on precise locations for the monitoring equipment. Suggestions were provided as follows:</p> <p><u>Ock Street</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Where Conduit Road joins Ock Street, on the east side of the junction.- The junction with Victoria Road: it was noted that cars speed through green traffic

lights at night. It was agreed that this may be the best location.

Copenhagen Drive

- Beyond Mons Way: it was noted that the 30mph limit had been extended from the Wootton Road roundabout to beyond Mons Way. Lee Turner recommended letting the new speed limit get established before undertaking a speeding survey. This would therefore be deferred to the next meeting.

Oxford Road

- Cllr Lonergan suggested adjacent to layby halfway along, location to be advised.

It was agreed to ask the Finance and General Purposes Committee to recommend to the Urgency Committee that a speedwatch survey on Oxford Road be funded. Cllr Lonergan would advise on the precise location in consultation with Nathan Ley.

October 2021: Speed device for Speedwatch group has been obtained. Chair of group has changed and so awaiting details of new contact.

Orders for speed surveys placed June 2021 – dates to be obtained with a view to an update at the November meeting.

3.11.21: speedwatch on Ock Street has stalled because the person heading it has stepped down. Cameras are ready but it is not being taken forward by an individual. A meeting of the speedwatch group will be held shortly. **Town Council to update TAC at a future meeting.**

No requirement for police involvement with speedwatch, now led by residents. ATC has a speed gun. Ock Street supposed to be a speedwatch site, update needed.

There is no requirement for a prior speed monitoring scheme (boxes on lampposts) before a speedwatch scheme (cameras) is conducted.

Action: Town Clerk to advise if the speed surveys have been completed.

Cllr Halliday asked if there was any update on this – No further update.

Action: Town Clerk to chase.

8.2.23 – Speedwatch group is no longer meeting. Lee Turner: if the application from the town council is agreed by the county council, Ock Street will have a new 20mph street. There is little point in undertaking a speed survey until this new speed limit is confirmed. The application will be considered by the County Council Cabinet member on 23 Feb 2023. This item will be deferred until the new speed limits are determined.

7.6.23: Agreed to defer until June 2024, add to agenda.

8.11.23: no update

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TA6/22

Speed indicator signs

A budget for speed indicator signs had been agreed by the town council. A query has arisen over whether town councils have the power to install these signs. It is understood that this power rests with the county council, although it can be delegated to town and parish council. The county council has a small third party support budget to provide match funding for town and parish councils and to help with the installation of sign posts and moving signs between posts.

ACTION: It was proposed by Cllr Halliday, seconded by Cllr Lonergan and agreed that the town council would liaise with Lee Turner over speed indicator signs and the installation of sign posts and the town council would identify some potential sites through its Town Infrastructure Committee.

9.3.23 – Town Infrastructure Committee asked officers to email town councillors to request suggestions for locations to site speed indicator signs and to liaise with the Chair of the Town Infrastructure Committee and the county council on these proposed locations so that the town council is prepared for the installation of signs.

22.3.23 - Town Clerk emailed councillors to request suggestions for locations. One reply received to date (1.6.23).

7.6.23: Suggestions were made for locations and an email sent to town councillors (15.6.23) to request any further suggestions.

Dear councillors, the traffic advisory committee on 7 June 2023 considered a previous decision to introduce speed indicator signs in the town to encourage safe driving. These signs would be funded by the town council – for which there is a budget (town council 26.1.22, item C85) - and managed by town council staff. Posts will be installed at various locations and the signs rotated between them. Locations which have been suggested to date are:

Opposite Lucca Drive.

Audlett Drive, for south-bound traffic before the junction with Eason Drive (30mph)

Preston Road, for west-bound traffic (20 mph),

Top of Wootton Road

Copenhagen Drive

Drayton Road

Oxford Road

Dunmore Road

If you have any suggestions for locations please email me by Friday 23 June 2023.

LT: the county council has a parish support budget to provide 50:50 match funding with parish and town councils. Councils purchase equipment, OCC installs posts. OCC may have spare funds after introducing 20mph limit. If the town council wishes to proceed, email LT and a county council officer can undertake a site visit and advise on the type of units needed.

	<p>26.10.23 – discussed by the town council Town Infrastructure Committee (minute IF52/23).</p> <p>8.11.23: working party set up by the town council to progress this project. OCC is offering 50% match funding. LT advised the town council to speak to Mark Francis at the county council. The county council match funding budget for the current year has been used so this would need to commence from April 2024.</p> <p>AR noted some speeding on Audlett Drive and Twelve Acre Drive: the county council would address this with temporary signs.</p> <p>15.2.24 – this matter has been taken forward by the working group and discussions have progressed positively with the county council.</p> <p>It is recommended that this item is marked as complete as the advisory committee does not need to consider it further.</p>
TA6/22	<p><u>Civil parking enforcement</u></p> <p>Cllr Halliday asked for an extension of residents' parking in the town centre to be considered, in particular on Bath Street between Stratton Way and Letcombe Avenue. This would help to address pressure on parking in the area which has become worse with the partial closure of the Charter car park.</p> <p>Action: Cllr Halliday would liaise with town council officers, county councillors and James Whiting at the county council to request this.</p> <p>7.6.23: JH has spoken to officers but this remains ongoing.</p> <p>8.11.23: no update. Several members of the meeting noted problems with parking across Abingdon. Committee members were recommended to follow this up with John Charlton at OCC (see below). LT noted that James Whiting is Team Leader for Traffic Regulation and Schemes. The Enforcement Team Leader is John Charlton. The committee resolved to ask the county council how to address parking issues outside schools. 'School Streets' restrictions can be introduced but these have to be requested by the schools.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NF to speak to county council member for highways re school parking 2. County councillors to speak to schools to advise them of the school streets option
TA6/22	<p><u>Maintenance and sponsorship of roundabouts in Abingdon – MONK</u></p> <p>The issue of Abingdon roundabouts has been in the news recently, in particular with reference to the Abingdon Monk sculpture on the Marcham Road roundabout, which has fallen into disrepair. A local company has offered to refurbish the monk. Issues were identified with the ability of the county council to take action on this matter which LT would seek to resolve with colleagues.</p> <p>ACTION: LT would work with Cllr Foulsham to seek to identify a process for carrying out the work on the monk, in consultation with the Town Clerk and the county council. LT offered to provide traffic management for the removal of the monk but traffic management consultant does not want to be responsible for the removal of the monk</p>

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TA15/23	<p><u>Wootton Road roundabout road markings</u></p> <p>Pedestrian access from the Wootton Road Aldi store into Abingdon, crossing over Copenhagen Drive is difficult due to the traffic and hazards such as vehicles not correctly indicating. The junction is a hazard for pedestrians, cyclists and motor vehicles. Cllr Giddins asked if it would be possible to add lane markings onto the roundabout to help with lane discipline and make it safer for motorists.</p> <p>Lee Turner would review the current layout at the roundabout and report back to the committee. Further action may be considered for the next financial year.</p>
TA15/23	<p><u>20mph speed limits</u></p> <p>Mr Dickenson enquired about the new speed limits in relation to amendments made in consultation with Oxford Bus Company to limit speed restrictions on some parts of the bus routes in Abingdon.</p> <p>LT noted that he had reviewed the comments made with colleagues at the county council regarding discussions with Oxford Bus Company, whose concerns were taken into account, with changes made to ensure the continued provision of existing public transport services.</p> <p>The Chair of the committee would respond to the resident and LT would forward comments across to inform this response.</p> <p>(Note: after the meeting, Mr Turner shared the comments of his colleague at Oxfordshire County Council as follows: 'Following strong concerns from Oxford Bus Company (OBC) we met on Teams going through each route giving rise to timetabling concerns and discussed each section until agreement was reached. Both sides compromised but the background was a real possibility of OBC reducing services. These relaxations of the original proposals were then agreed with Cllr Gant. I believe ATC had always made clear that their preference was for all roads within the ring road to be 20 mph. To be honest I don't think any notes were made / retained as unfortunately the pace of the project hasn't enabled such logging – but if we had they would have just reflected the changes as finally implemented.')</p>

Updated 15 February 2024