

Minutes of the Highways & Transport Committee meeting of
BRADFORD ON AVON TOWN COUNCIL held at St. Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon on
Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 7.00p.m.

Attendance – Town Council

Cllr E Franklin
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie
Cllr D Newton (Leader of the Council)
Cllr S Plummer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr M Roberts (Chairman)
Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Non-councillor members at this committee

Cllr Sarah Gibson (Unitary Councillor)
Simon Kay
Malcolm Walsh – Footpaths Advisor

Apologies: Cllr D Garwood, Cllr T Lomax

Members of the Public Tom Hutchinson and Yvonne Bennett from Trading Standards, Inspector James Brain, Jeremy Wire, Gordon Finch, Richard Cottle, Jonathan Brown, Stephanie Ridout, Beryl Turner, Joyce Shaw, Anne Riley, John Baker from Wiltshire Times, Trevor Bedeman Gordon Finch and 6 others.

32. Declarations of interest

Cllr Newton declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item at Whitehill as he was a resident.

33. Lorry Watch

Leanne Homeward from Wiltshire Police explained that the trained lorry watch volunteers stood either side of the town bridge and record overweight lorries going over the bridge. Her team find the registered keeper and a letter was sent to the owner. Leanne said that quarterly reports were sent to Steph Ridout. She said that the scheme had been operating in this way for three years. If the same company re-offend a second time, then the next stage in the process was activated onto Trading Standards. She reported that there had been 200 successful prosecutions to date. Tom from Trading Standards explained how they interviewed the keeper under caution in writing. They identify the driver under caution and Wiltshire Council solicitors then become involved with prosecutions. Quite a few of the lorry watch volunteers were present at the meeting and they wanted to know why no prosecutions had taken place in recent months. Inspector Brain explained that this was due to legal reasons which could not be discussed in a public meeting. Inspector Brain said that the lorry watch scheme was not about enforcement but prevention and that the media could help get that message out. After some discussion a meeting was arranged for 24th January 2018 at 2pm in the Town Council offices to discuss this matter further.

34. Minutes

After a small amendment was made, it was proposed by Cllr Plummer seconded by Cllr Franklin and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th November 2017 be signed as a correct record.

35. Action Log Review

The action log was up-dated and this was attached to these minutes.

36. Waiting Restrictions

- (i) Chairman explained that a list will be compiled of potential areas for double yellow lines for the next phase in two or three years time.
- (ii) Part of the Kingston Road area in Kingston Mills had recently become adopted by Wiltshire Council and this was causing problems because the road could not be painted properly with double yellow lines due to parked cars.

37. Speeding Issues

- (i) Chairman reported that he would be attending with other volunteers training this week on Speedwatch.
- (ii) Chairman explained the results from the metro counts in Winsley Road and Bath Road and said that in both areas the speed of the traffic did not warrant having Speed watch.
- (iii) Chairman reported that metro counts had been asked for at Whitehill and Churches.

38. 20mph Scheme

Chairman said that he had visited Churchacre with Cllr Plummer and met residents who had signed a petition with 30 to 40 people to remove the new 20mph sign there and re position it elsewhere. Apart from Churchacre the Chairman reported that the Town Council had received good feedback on the 20mph scheme in other areas in the town.

39. Public Consultation on Great Western Rail Franchise

The Great Western Rail Franchise consultation was noted.

40. Highways Signage Project

After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie, seconded by Cllr Plummer and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED:** That up to £1,500 be spent in 50:50 partnership with the Area Board for new signage to promote coach friendly status.

41. Portfolio Holder for Highways at Wiltshire Council - Councillor Bridget Wayman

Cllr Newton read out what was agreed at a recent Full Council meeting "To re-balance the use of our roads to improve the health, well-being of residents and economic viability of the town." Chairman reported that some data on air quality and near misses was being collated now together with a survey from residents. After some discussion, Cllr Gibson agreed to set up a meeting with Town Councillors to discuss this with the Portfolio Holder for Highways, Bridget Wayman. She will prepare an agenda for the meeting too. Cllr McNeill-Ritchie requested information on the Priority for People exercise carried out many years ago.

42. Road Closure Training

Chairman explained that this was still being explored with Wiltshire Police.

43. Footpaths

Malcolm reported that last year, all our 92 recorded Rights of Way footpaths were walked or attempted to be walked. Of these 88 have been completely walked and were satisfactory and clear. BRAD08A is the only path completely obstructed but there was a perfectly good alternative route of equal length suitable for use and just as convenient. For the remaining 3:- 20 was no longer in existence, 21 though marked as a Right of Way was no longer in existence across the north east and over the Jones House and adjacent property. 56 was a dead end leading down from Leigh Park toward "Northover".

Malcolm reported that this year 32 footpaths have been completely walked and a further 13 partly walked. At footpath 68 Culver Close field on the north-east border this was overgrown with shrubbery. He asked the Clerk to report this before the nesting season starts. Malcolm had not received any complaints regarding Rights of Way this year.

44. Budget

It was noted that the budget needed amending to add £1500 for the coach signage agreed at this meeting.

45. New issues for next agenda

- (i) Frome Road metro count needed from the Westwood end before the pinch point where the cars park on the left-hand side.
- (ii) Narrow section in Holt Road need clearance of leaves and gullies.

46. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting had been arranged for 13th March 2018 at 7pm in St. Margaret's Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

Appendix 1

Members of the Public who spoke at the Highways and Transport Committee meeting on the 16th January 2018

1. Jeremy Wire requested speed watch for Frome Road. He also asked that Bailey's Barn car parking be signposted more appropriately.
2. Beryl Turner asked how the crossing at Station Approach was proceeding? Chairman advised that the preliminary study had been done and this matter would be discussed at CATG (Community Area Transport Group) on the 19th February 2018.
3. Charlotte Tomlinson from Bath Road asked for the results of the recent metro count and requested that another one be done outside 136 Bath Road. Chairman read out the results in both the 40mph and 30mph zones. Neither area had average speeds fast enough to warrant having speed watch. He agreed to go and do a site visit as well as ask CATG for another metro count.
4. Gordon Finch reported that while he had been doing Lorry Watch he said the entrance in and out of Lamb Yard was very dangerous for pedestrians. He suggested that a couple of sign be placed either side of the road in Lamb Yard to remind pedestrians to look left and right before crossing.