

BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee held at The Town Hall, Banbury on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 at 2.00pm.

Present: Cllr Colin Clarke Cherwell District Council (Chairman)
Cllr Rebecca Biegel Banbury Town Council
Cllr Fiaz Ahmed Banbury Town Council
Peter Monk Banbury Civic Society
Chris Hulme T.V. Police
Robert Wingrove BADI

Officers: Mark Hassall Banbury Town Council
Robert Duxbury Banbury Town Council
Martyn Surfleet Banbury Town Council
Jacqui Cox Oxfordshire County Council
Mike Wasley Oxfordshire County Council
Ian Connick Oxfordshire County Council

22/22 Apologies

Cllr Kieron Mallon Banbury Town Council

23/22 Declarations of Interest

None.

24/22 Minutes

IT WAS AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30 Nov 2022 be received.

25/22 Oxfordshire County Council – Combined Report on Transport Policy/Strategy & Area Operations

Lining Planned Works

We are beginning to compile the lining programme for the next financial year, below is what is programmed so far, if there are any specific sites that you feel need to be on this list for next year's programme then your input would be appreciated.

Old Parr road	All Markings	Q1 / Q2
Southam Road	All Markings	Q1 / Q2
Ruscote Avenue	All Markings	Q1 / Q2
Junction of Park Rd / Hill Rd	Refresh junction markings	Q1 / Q2
M40 Junc. 9	Road Markings	Q1

Traffic and Road Safety Current Project/s

- Vegetation cut-back on Hennef Way and Concord Avenue is 90% complete. Sign cleaning still to be done: -
 - Still outstanding, Milestone have been instructed to do this work.
- There is scope to improve the signage on the A361 north approach to include a lane board to match the carriageway markings; we have yet to design and to establish the likely costs.
 - The new 40mph speed limit has recently been introduced and we will be designing new Informatory signage to suit for implementation in the new year.
 - Replacement of the damaged direction sign at the exit to A361 north has been instructed.

- There are issues with the way the speed limits on the Northamptonshire side of the county boundary have been signposted and we are seeking to have this corrected.
- Funding has been confirmed for the installation of 3 new vehicle-activated speed signs in Middleton Road, this work will shortly be instructed, however as we only have confirmed funding for single-display units (i.e. not variable ones) these units will be ordered once the proposed 20mph speed limit has been consulted on and approved.
- Related to this a proposed 20mph scheme for Grimsbury has been sent to the Localities team so S106 funding can be confirmed. This funding is now confirmed, and the scheme is now with the legal team to be advertised shortly.
- A proposal for Birds mouth fencing and double yellow lines in Bloxham Road Service Road has been sent to the Localities team so S106 funding can be confirmed.
 - We are still waiting for confirmation of this funding.
- Additional 40mph repeaters have been instructed for Oxford Road, plus the cleaning of existing repeaters.
 - This work is not yet complete.
- New 'Pedestrians Crossing' warning signs have been ordered for Bankside following concerns raised by residents.
 - This work is not yet complete.
- A handful of locations have been identified in Edmunds Road where waiting restrictions could be removed to provide more residents' parking. These proposals will be advertised once funding has been identified.
- A proposal is under consideration to introduce waiting restrictions in Dukes Meadow Drive to prevent damage to verges caused by inappropriate parking.
- New box junction markings have been introduced at the entrance to Amazon off Southam Road to prevent delivery vehicles blocking access to adjacent residential properties. Amazon will be asked to remove the temporary water-filled plastic barriers.
- Works to tidy Up / rework existing signage on the Hennef way / Concord Avenue Roundabout will be undertaken in the new fiscal year.

IT WAS AGREED that the report be noted.

26/22 Matters Raised by Members

Peter Monk – Banbury Civic Society

Q - Signal Phasing – Bridge St / Merton St, Oxford Rd / Windsor St, Oxford Rd / Farmfield Rd.

A - We have with the checked Traffic Signals Team and there are no current faults at these locations. These junctions do operate at over capacity during peak times resulting in queues. To note Bridge St does suffer from exit blocking from the junction downstream which also operates at over capacity for long periods of the day.

Q - Residents Parking Zones

A - The position at the moment is there is no budget available to fund new CPZs in Cherwell – we are exploring the options for this, but there is no CIL we can tap into.

The recently approved scheme for central west (Cllr Reeves patch) was funded through councillor empowerment, so we can consider new schemes if the design, TRO and works costs are covered by third party funding.

Q - 20mph Zones

A - There is currently a resource issue to undertake the volume of work to deliver a project of this scale, there is still an aspiration to complete by this time next year and we've been assured staff to undertake the work have been secured.

Q - Redundant information and direction signs

A - Can these signs / locations be forwarded to us, and we will review them.

Q - Longford Park – mini roundabout markings

A - Assuming this query refers to Hobby / Song thrush / Longford junction, and lack of a mini roundabout there, currently not Highway, but have asked colleagues who inform me that there are no plans for a mini roundabout on this section. However, I understand a Road Safety Audit is to be requested of the area.

IT WAS AGREED that the Vice-Chairman will liaise with Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council regarding the adoption of the land at Longford park, and that a report be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED that a consultation regarding resident parking zones be added to the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

27/22 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

Members were briefed on the resulting comments compiled by the Planning Officer on behalf of Banbury Town Council, at which point members discussed the proposals at length adding additional points to the comments.

O.C.C Officers answered several questions from members clarifying the aims and vision of the project and stressed that this is a 10+ year vision for cycling and walking infrastructure for Banbury and that further consultation with key stakeholders will be necessary

IT WAS AGREED to request that officers from Oxfordshire County Council consult the committee on the next phase of the consultation.

28/22 Banbury Bus Shelter Review

Members were briefed on the minutes of the meeting of key stakeholders regarding Bus Shelters within Banbury with the aim of introducing Real Time Information (RTI) and Living "Green" Roofs to shelters on arterial routes throughout the town.

IT WAS AGREED that the report be noted and that an update on the progress of the project be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

29/22 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 2pm

The Meeting ended at 3.43pm.