

Banbury Town Council

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Date: 22 August 2023

To: All Members of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee.

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of the **BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE** to be held at The Town Hall, Bridge Street, BANBURY on **Wednesday, 30 August 2023** at 2.00pm, for the transaction of the following business:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Hassall'.

Mark Hassall
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BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1 Apologies

Contact Martyn Surfleet (01295 250340).

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the Banbury Town Council Code of Conduct and Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Please refer to the notes at the end of Agenda).

3 Minutes of the last Meeting

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 May 2023 (**Enclosed**)

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

To consider a combined report including transport policy and strategy updates, along with information on traffic updates and defects in the Banbury area. (**To Follow**)

5 Items raised by Members

Cllr Rebecca Biegel – Banbury Town Council

1. *Speeding on Fairway/Cromwell Road*
2. *Illegal parking on Britannia Road*
3. *E-scooters being ridden dangerously on pavements - are there any suggestions for greater awareness campaigns/signs*
4. *HGV overnight parking on Thorpe way industrial estate*
5. *Progression on signage to stop HGVs going down Daventry Road.*
6. *Progression on lane markings and surface repairs on the M40 junction 11 roundabout.*

Robert Wingrove – BADI

1. *I can see from previous minutes that the council have scheduled to relining of the M40 J11 roundabout. Could I please ask when the work will be done at the latest date?*
2. *There has been a few RTC's on the gateway roundabout . What is the plans going forward regarding this junction?*
3. *Any news on getting the road surface sorted at Longford park primary school junction?*
4. *The sign on the Oxford road for the Army Reserve centre blocks the green traffic light on the left. Can this be moved to give clear line of sight on approach?*
5. *Flooding regularly happens outside the Morrisons fuel station.*
6. *Does the council have any knowledge if this is being looked into?*

Peter Monk – Banbury Civic Society

1. *Middleton Rd / Merton Str - signal phasing.*
2. *Signal phasing at other locations.*
3. *Hennef Way - foliage and signs.*
4. *Broughton Rd. - traffic conditions.*
5. *Southam Rd. (Tesco) roundabout - Traffic management.*
6. *Broad Str. / Marlborough Rd. - Signage and priority markings.*
7. *Developer's direction signs on traffic signals and other street furniture.*
8. *20mph - Policy*
9. *Bus service - Consultation*

6 Date of the next Meeting

Wednesday, 29 November 2023 at 2.00pm in the Town Hall.

Notes on declaration of interest

- (i) Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests as necessary as soon as practicable after their arrival even if the item in question has been considered;*
- (ii) In such circumstances, the Member must withdraw from the meeting room, and should inform the Chairman accordingly.*

It is not practical to offer detailed advice during the meeting.

Recording of Meeting

- (iii) Please be aware that an audio recording of the meeting may be made, as an aide-memoire for the purposes of the Clerk to ensure minutes reflect the overall tone and content of meetings, and will be deleted following the first approval of minutes.*

BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee held at The Town Hall, Banbury on Wednesday, 24 May 2023 at 2.00pm.

Present:	Cllr Kieron Mallon	Banbury Town Council (Chairman)
	Cllr Rebecca Biegel	Banbury Town Council
	Cllr Fiaz Ahmed	Banbury Town Council
	Edward Henley-Burns	Stagecoach
Officers:	Mark Hassall	Banbury Town Council
	Martyn Surfleet	Banbury Town Council
	Jacqui Cox	Oxfordshire County Council
	Mike Wasley	Oxfordshire County Council

01/23 Apologies

Peter Monk	Banbury Civic Society
Chris Hulme	T.V. Police
Robert Duxbury	Banbury Town Council

02/23 Declarations of Interest

None.

03/23 Minutes

IT WAS AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 22 Feb 2023 be received.

04/23 Banbury Town Council - Bus Shelters – Verbal Update

With the initial Bus Shelter Survey completed consultation has begun with O.C.C, Clear Channel and Stagecoach to push forward with the introduction of Real Time Information boards on bus stops in Banbury, as well as the introduction of “green” living roofs on shelters situated on arterial routes within the town. The survey has highlighted intended stops may require updated electrical circuits to allow for the addition of real time information boards, this is to be discussed further with Clear Channel on shelters within their ownership.

A further meeting is required and the results will be brought to the committee for the next meeting in August.

05/23 Residential Parking Zones

The committee was verbally updated that a consultation regarding resident parking zones within Banbury, and namely in the vicinity of Bear Garden Road is underway. The chairman has requested and **IT WAS AGREED** that an update be brought to the committee by a representative of O.C.C at the next meeting in August 2023.

05/23 Oxfordshire County Council – Combined Report on Transport Policy/Strategy & Area Operations

Local Walking and Cycling Improvement Plan (LCWIP)

The consultation on the Banbury LCWIP closed on 26 February. Officers have analysed all the responses registered online, sent via email correspondence and voiced to officers at the drop-in session at the Town Hall. Amendments are being made to the document to respond to the areas of concern or objection. The final document will go to Cabinet Member Decisions on 20 July 2023.

Local Transport & Connectivity Plan - area travel plans

An initial introductory session was held with businesses at the Chamber of Commerce's breakfast meeting in January, with some helpful discussion and input. Approval of an LCWIP for the town, work on bus service improvements, the schemes mentioned below, and work with the district council on the town centre vision will all feed into the development of the area travel plan.

Tramway Road accessibility improvements

The detailed design contract for the scheme started on 20 March and trial holes commenced the week after with one left to complete. Hazardous materials were found through this work and the pedestrian link between Tramway Road and Station Approach had to be closed while these were removed. The contractors have moved quickly with this work and should have cleared before the TAC meeting.

OCC has commissioned an independent inspection of the bridge over the river that connects to the station forecourt following concerns raised by OCC's Asset Team.

The delivery team are continuing with land discussions and engaging with other stakeholders as the scheme progresses towards construction.

Cherwell Street bus measures

Oxfordshire's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) deal with DfT includes identifying bus service improvement measures along Cherwell Street to overcome some of the issues that the bus services have with accessing the town centre.

The project team for this work is just being formed and the options assessed ahead of the design stage. Officers will engage with local Members, the district and town council, the bus operators as well as other stakeholders throughout the project. This will need to link in with the wider projects including the town centre vision and wider bus service improvements.

Active Travel Options Work

OCC has been awarded revenue funding to assess the options and develop concept designs for two active travel corridors in Banbury, in line with the emerging LCWIP.

(i) The first is to consider active travel access to and from the north east along Overthorpe Road (including access to the villages to the east of the M40), connecting westwards to Bridge Street, via the Bridge Street Park to Spiceball Park and north out of the town. This is part of a regional greenway being developed with Buckinghamshire and South Northants.

(ii) The second is a western corridor route including Ruscote Avenue, part of Warwick Road, Orchard Way, Queensway to the two secondary schools on Springfield Avenue.

Along the western corridor route, there is some s106 funding towards the Warwick Road roundabouts and the A361 junctions with Queensway and Springfield Avenue. Work looking at these junctions will also be undertaken so there is a complete picture for this corridor, although delivery may need to be in phases depending on funding opportunities.

Public Transport

The Banbury bus network has recovered well in patronage terms following the pandemic, however prior to Covid it was one of Stagecoach's worst 10 performing depots in the UK and costs have risen substantially in the last few years.

A number of service changes are taking place on 4th June:

- Service 200 (Banbury – Daventry): Minor timetable changes to improve reliability.

- Service 500 (Banbury – Brackley): Service extended to Bicester, replacing service 505. New route in Brackley. Evening service extended to Brackley (previously terminated at Middleton Cheney).
- Service B9 (Banbury Gateway – Hardwick): Minor timetable changes to improve reliability. Buses towards Banbury Gateway depart from Banbury Bus Station, not Bridge Street.
- Service S4 (Banbury – Oxford): Timetable changes throughout. Evening service diverted via Oxford Airport.

All of these services are supported in whole or part by Oxfordshire County Council. Since 2nd May the Council has also been financially supporting KATS community bus services B7A, B7B and B8 for journeys after 1300.

Stagecoach have proposed timetable and route changes to services 488/489, to operate via Bloxham Road instead of New Road in Milcombe, via The Bourne rather than High Street in Hook Norton and to omit Over Norton. These changes are for punctuality reasons and are under consideration.

The contracts for services B3, B4, B5 and B9 expire in November 2023. The Council will shortly be undertaking a consultation to identify what if any changes should be made to the bus network, including better coverage of employment areas, longer operating hours and/or changes to routes and frequencies.

The Council has set aside funding for new rural bus services (£800k), better bus information (£100k) and community transport grants (£250k outside Oxford) in its 2023/24 budget. Officers are currently considering what measures might be taken with the available funding, with schemes previously identified in the BSIP as the priority.

Nationally, the £2 fare cap will now continue until October 2023 at which point it will be increased to £2.50 until November 2024. The Government have announced that English local authorities will receive a share of £160m over the next two financial years for service support; further details are awaited. Operators will receive a share of £140m over the same period.

A new timetable for Chiltern Railways starts on 21st May. All train times have been changed, with a more consistent service pattern of up to two trains per hour between Birmingham Moor Street, Banbury and London Marylebone.

Lining Planned Works

Below is what is programmed so far, if there are any specific sites that you feel need to be on this programme then your input would be appreciated.

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Banbury cross roundabout up to the junction with the A361	All Markings	Q2

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: -
 - o 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.

- o The new 40mph speed limit has recently been introduced and we will be designing new Informatory signage to suit for meanwhile a substantial vegetation cut-back has been instructed so that the existing signage can be properly seen.
- o Replacement of the damaged direction sign at the exit to A361 north has been instructed. However, this is yet to be complete owing to contractor resource difficulties.
- o 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. We have been asked by TVP to correct the speed limit signage and have now undertaken a technical survey, including the signs in Northamptonshire, and this work will be instructed shortly.
- 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. Consultation for this scheme is now complete, objections have been received, so will need to be presented at Cabinet Members Decision.
- A proposal for Birds mouth fencing and double yellow lines in Bloxham Road Service Road – consultation for the double yellow lines will shortly take place, however funding is still to be confirmed for the fencing.
- Additional 40mph repeaters have been instructed for Oxford Road, plus the cleaning of existing repeaters.
 - o This is not yet complete owing to contractor resource difficulties.
- New 'Pedestrians Crossing' warning signs have been ordered for Bankside following concerns raised by residents.
 - o This is not yet complete owing to contractor resource difficulties.
- 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. This is now with legal team to be advertised.
- 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, once cleared a request for parking enforcement will be made.
- Works to tidy Up / rework existing signage on the Hennef way / Concord Avenue Roundabout will be undertaken in the new fiscal year. We are aware of a number of damaged signs at this junction which will be dealt with together as part of a scheme. A technical survey has been carried out and works will be instructed once funding has been confirmed.
- Funding has been identified to remove half of the chicane at the top of Bretch Hill so that buses can get through safely. This work has been designed and will be instructed shortly.
- New vehicle-activated speed signs have been ordered for the 20mph speed limit on Stratford Road.

IT WAS AGREED that the report be noted.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED that officers from O.C.C will liaise with the committee on matters regarding the LCWIP and Local Connectivity plan.

06/23 Matters Raised by Members

Cllr Fiaz Ahmed – Banbury Town Council

Q. Request for Queens Road in Neithrop to be a One-Way street.

A. Residents have been consulted in previously on the matter of one-way systems in the area, but the feedback was inconclusive, and so a non-starter.

Q. I would like to know how to improve the Road Hump on the pelican crossing after the Daventry Road junction that I believe is always damaged.

A. Partial repair works have been completed, but a **full evaluation of the site is needed.**

Cllr Rebecca Biegel – Banbury Town Council

Q. Parking on pavements where insufficient access is left for wheelchairs pushchairs etc. is it possible to have a targeted crackdown.

A. Cars parked on pavements causing obstruction are a matter for the Police, please advise effected residents to contact Thames Valley Police via their website or by calling 101.

Q. Vehicle volume monitoring in Nethercote were traffic going the wrong way through the village from A422? Suggestions for assessing the problem.

A. **A full evaluation is required Officers will look into this matter and report back to the committee.**

Q. Extra Litter bins in needed in key areas e.g. Middleton Road / Causeway. How can we initiate a highways survey to see assess suitable locations?

A. Waste Bins are a matter for Cherwell District Council, further bins should be able to be installed as long as they do not obstruct lines of sight for vehicles. Please contact Ed Potter at Cherwell District Council for further information.

Q. Speed limiting measures needed in Warwick road due to large no of collisions in area between Belgrave Cres and Orchard Way. Are there proposals to consider extension of 20 mph zone to this stretch of Warwick Road.

A. A workshop regarding 20mph zones is underway and the whole scheme is under review. This matter also feeds into the Local Connectivity Plan and LCWIP so further work is needed to establish most effective routes.

Q. Lack of dropped pavements for crossing Dukes Meadow drive in the vicinity of Nicking road roundabout and Winter Gardens Way roundabout. When and how can this long-standing issue be addressed! Also speeding is an issue in this area to be noted.

A. Due to changes in landscape due to new housing developments, this area will require review from O.C.C officers to identify solutions as well as identify possible funding routes for works.

IT WAS AGREED by the Chairman that officers from O.C.C will liaise with both Cllr Ahmed and Cllr Biegel to review matters in relation to the issues raised above, and feed back to the committee on the results.

07/23 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 30 August 2023 at 2pm

The Meeting ended at 3.22pm.

Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee 30 August 2023

Oxfordshire County Council Report on Transport Strategy & Area Operations

Transport Policy/Strategy Update

Local Walking and Cycling Improvement Plan (LCWIP)

1. The LCWIP was approved by the council's Cabinet Member for Highway Management at a meeting on 20 July 2023. The next steps will be detailed consideration and prioritisation of routes, which will include local county and district councillors, members of this group and other interested parties.

Tramway Road accessibility improvements

2. The detailed design work started at the end of March 2023, as did trial holes. The issue over the bridge over the river outside the station forecourt has been resolved.
3. The impact of the asbestos on the delivery costs and timescales is being assessed. A round of engagement with stakeholders is underway. The final design and cost estimate is still being worked on.

Cherwell Street bus improvement scheme

4. Study and design work for bus service improvement measures along Cherwell Street are about to get underway. The scheme is being funded through the Bus Service Improvement Plan from DfT and aims to save around two minutes per journey and improve bus journey time reliability as part of measures to support bus services post-lockdown and encourage more sustainable journey choices in the town.
5. The project team has finalised a brief for consultants and will engage with local Members, the district and town council as well as other stakeholders in the next couple of months. This will need to link in with other projects including the town centre vision and wider bus service improvements.

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Canal Towpath to Station Approach steps

9. The 'muddy bank' linking the canal towpath to Station Approach is being investigated with a view to constructing steps and potentially a ramp to enable formal access between the station and the town centre without the need to cross any roads.
10. Difficulties with identifying the landowners have been overcome, and officers have engaged with the Canal & River Trust and Chiltern Railways. The next stage will be to engage with Network Rail and initiate negotiations with the landowners. There is s106 funding available for the design and construction of the scheme, although total costs are yet to be established.

Public Transport

11. Bus service changes from 3rd September:

500: Banbury – Middleton Cheney – Brackley - Bicester

The 0555 Banbury to Bicester and 0720 Bicester to Banbury journeys will run 5 and 10 minutes earlier respectively to allow school children more time to get to school. On school days, the Bicester to Banbury journey will also continue to Banbury and Bicester College to provide a new transport link for students.

S4: Banbury – Deddington – Kidlington - Oxford

There will be a new express route (X4) on weekday mornings and afternoons, providing fast links between Banbury, Oxford City Centre and Oxford Rail Station. Route X4 journeys will not serve Adderbury, Deddington Market Place, Steeple Aston or Tackley.

Additionally, existing S4 journeys at 0555 from Banbury to Oxford and 0725 from Oxford to Banbury will run 10 minutes earlier so that school children arrive in good time to start their day.

These X4 journeys are being funded by OCC using BSIP+ funds (more on this below).

12. BSIP+

Many local transport authorities have been allocated revenue funding from DfT for this and the next financial year, to cover the cost of service withdrawals resulting from the reduction in pandemic related financial support that bus

operators were receiving directly from DfT. Excess funding is to be used for revenue priorities in our BSIP. Oxfordshire's allocation is £963,741.

Banbury Town Bus Survey

The bus service consultation received nearly 400 responses which we are working through. In order to give us more time to consider these matters, we have decided to delay introduction of any revised services until February 2024 and instead have requested prices for continuation of the existing network until then.

The consultation outcomes report will be published and available on the Let's Talk Oxfordshire portal when it is available.

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Highways and Drainage, Area Ops Team

Planned Works

An interactive and continually updated map of the major maintenance programmes is always available on the County Council's website, via following the link; [Map \(highway-iams.uk\)](http://highway-iams.uk)

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