

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WANTAGE AND GROVE
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD IN WANTAGE CIVIC HALL, PORTWAY,
WANTAGE ON THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00 PM**

Present:	Grove Parish Council	Councillors W Evans, C Phillips and Ms H Webb
	Wantage Town Council	Councillors Mrs J Hannaby (Chairman) and Dr ICE Turcu
	Oxfordshire County Council	Councillor Mrs Z Patrick
	Oxfordshire County Council Officer	Mr P Ronald (Engineer), Ms J Cox and Ms C Browning (Transport Policy Planners)
	Vale of White Horse District Council Officer	Mr G Willcox (Engineer)
	Thames Valley Police	Mr C Hulme and Ms S Harris (PCSO)
	Deputy Clerk	Mrs H Kell
	Others present	Councillor Mrs P Brundle

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors E Goldsmith (Wantage Town Council) and Mrs J Stock (Grove Parish Council)

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 June 2008

The minutes were approved and signed.

A request was made that the minutes be circulated as soon as possible after the meeting.

Action: Deputy Clerk

4. Southern Central Oxfordshire Transport Strategy (SCOTS)

Ms Cox updated the meeting on the current status of the Southern Central Oxfordshire Transport Strategy. The final report was to be presented to the County Council's Cabinet for endorsement within the next three months. Grove Parish and Wantage Town Councillors expressed their dismay that neither Council had been consulted before the final report had been produced. Ms Cox advised that she was now the principal transport planner for SCOTS and introduced Kathy Browning as the senior officer to liaise with for both the Vale and South Oxfordshire Councils' consultations. Halcrow had been commissioned to develop the transport strategy.

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It was reported that the Wantage Eastern Bypass was not the complete solution for providing transport to and from the Harwell campus or Milton Park. A number of safety issues had to be considered and currently the main recommendation for the transport strategy was for improvement to public transport.

The Chairman thanked Ms Cox for her report.

In reply to a question concerning the Grove transport strategy, it was noted that the Local Development Framework policy remained the preferred option. The major road strategy for the county up to 2016, does not include any road development in Grove.

5. Questions from the Public

None

6. Matters Arising

(a) Undercroft car park on the Limborough Road development -Mr Willcox said that there was no further information available.

(b) Willow Walk Cycle track – Mr Willcox said that survey work was being undertaken. The portfolio member and officers would determine their preferred option and then put forward a planning application.

7. Report of Director of Environment and Economy

The attached report of the Director of Environment and Economy was received and noted.

Mr Ronald reported that he had been approached by Glanville's with regard to refurbishment plans for Wantage Market Place. The Chairman reported that Wantage Town Council had been planning a refurbishment of its Market Place for a number of years.

8. District Council Officer's Report

Mr G Willcox reported that the District Council had approved the road closure order for the Dickensian Evening on 5 December and the District Council's free Christmas parking would be on Saturday 6 December.

9. General correspondence

a) The Committee noted a letter from St Katherine's House regarding obstructions to footpaths and steps by brambles and bushes. Mr Ronald reported that Oxfordshire County Council had advised residents that additional work was being undertaken.

b) Speeding in Ormond Road. A letter had been received regarding the speed of traffic in Ormond Road. Mr Ronald reported that a survey would be undertaken and if speeding was a problem, staggered parking could be introduced to help alleviate some of this.

Action: Ronald

c) Request for a drop kerb in Mill Street, Mr Ronald suggested that a request be made to the County Council for a drop kerb to be included in the next financial year's work.

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10. Any other business

a) Speeding vehicles around the airfield in Grove. Following a report from Grove Parish Council it was agreed that a survey of speed around the area be undertaken.

Action: Ronald

b) Pedestrian crossing at Sainsbury's, Limborough Road. A request for a pedestrian crossing will be referred to the District Council for consideration. The provision of crossing had been included in the original planning application for Limborough Road. **Action: Deputy Clerk**

11. Date of next meeting

15 January 2009 at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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