

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Woodstock Traffic Advisory Committee on Thursday
September 30th at 16:00 hrs, in the Town Hall, Woodstock.**

Present: C/Cllr Graham
D/ Cllr Julian Cooper
D/Cllr Elizabeth Poskitt
T/Cllr John Bleakley
T/Cllrs Mathew Parkinson
James- Spencer Churchill (Duke of Marlborough)
Cllr Jo Lamb (representing Heart of Woodstock)
Cllr Gwyn Bevan (Bladon Parish Council)
Mike Wasley OCC, Traffic and Road Safety
Natalie Moore OCC, Transport Planner
Dennis Allen, Wake up to Woodstock.
Colin Carritt, Sustainable Woodstock & Windrush Valley Traffic Action Group
Heather Carter, Operations Director Blenheim Estates
Roy Cox, Estate Director Blenheim Estates
William Barton, Business Development Officer, WODC
Mike Wasley, Principal Officer – Traffic scheme Area operations (North)
James Whiting, OCC officer
Alison Matthews ,Heart of Woodstock
Marzia Sellitti, Town Clerk

1/2/21 Apologies for absence

T/Cllr. Manby-Brown, Maria Wheatley, Paul Wilson, T/Cllr. Sharone Parnes,

2/2/21 Introduction of attendees

Chair welcomed members to the first physical meeting, followed by introduction of new attendees.

3/2/21 Declarations of interest

None

4/2/21 Minutes of meeting of June 30th 2021

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th June as correct record.

It was NOTED that a draft version of TOR for this committee has been shared with OCC and WODC before approval of the TAC members at the next TAC meeting.

At this point the Chair proposed to move Item 6 and 7 in the agenda for discussion into item 14.

5/2/21 Chair's report

The chair informed members on several progresses and discussed these under items 10 and 11.

6/2/21 Report from VTN (Village Traffic Network)

Members NOTED a report from Windrush Valley Traffic Action Group on matters rising including 20 mph speed limit, active travel routes across Blenheim with potential solution to not disturb the rural environment. WVTAG will look at possible schemes with a view to holding a demonstration progress.

It was NOTED that WTC will be consulted and there will be a Meeting with Blenheim and all villages surrounding to welcome their input in the scheme.

The VTN could be a model to be replicated, with connectivity routes to be potentially explored in Woodstock, to be facilitated and supported. The key partnership for Woodstock will be of course Blenheim.

7/2/21 Parking in Woodstock:

A County Officer gave an overview of the Parking scheme to be possibly introduced in Woodstock. A map of the scheme was circulated to all members.

The scheme will be based on a mixed dual use of parking for resident permits and general public. The use of charged parking will be only limited to 2 hrs time to ensure a turnaround of traffic and consequentially footfall in the town which would be more beneficial to businesses.

A member enquired about resident parking and permit holder for further clarification. It was observed that similarities with the parking scheme in Oxford City Council could be brought to Woodstock where relevant and possible.

Members spoke about the importance of a fair balance between business and residents permit holders and if 3 hrs permit could be more efficient than 2 hrs.

It was recognised that the introduction of a parking scheme would at last address long standing issues of parking in Woodstock.

Members NOTED that enforcement will be the key for this scheme to work.

It was further NOTED that WTC would need to officially consider a proposal of a new parking scheme from OCC and to agree for a public consultation to be carried out in regards to the new parking scheme once the town council had approved the revised scheme which would now be worked on based on comments received.

8/2/21 A44 Oxford Street, Woodstock: Pedestrian safety enhancement measures

It was NOTED that Town, District Councillors and County Councillor walked the spine of the A44 with a county highways officer to determine signs and other measures so that a scheme can be finalised. It was NOTED that this could entail a 2-stage process and that a 20mph reducing traffic speed could also be incorporated in this process.

It was NOTED that a report was issued to the Town Council, where the Town Council will need to consider if it wishes to move this project further.

9/2/21 Burford Bridge Banning Orders

Members NOTED an update from the Burford Experimental Weight Restriction.

Further traffic monitoring to take place in Autumn 2021 using camera technology to provide greater detail the movement of the classification of 2 axle heavy good vehicles.

Note the Burford ETRO will be returned to Cabinet Member Decisions in January/February 2022 for a final decision on the scheme.

10/2/21 Safety barriers at A44 the Causeway/Black Prince pub

It was further NOTED that investigative work (trial bores) to the Black Prince bridge area would commence on 8th of October.

11/2/21 Highway repairs update

Members NOTED a report from Highways, including Planned Works on carriageway.

It was further NOTED that the lining programme has now been completed for this year and next year's programme would welcome requests for any site in need of refreshing.

12/2/21 Report from Blenheim

Members noted the latest report on Blenheim's events and their impact on traffic in Woodstock. It was NOTED that the numbers of attendance for the horse trial event were predictable and the pre-sale did not indicate any signs for high challenge presented by

Saturday. Concerned was expressed by members of the gridlock which was not acceptable.

It was reported that the team worked hard to ensure appropriate shifts at the gate to monitor traffic, whilst acknowledging the difficulties caused by the event.

Going forward it was NOTED that there will several entrances into the estate to calm the traffic down and improve traffic management, including more parking solutions allowed in an allocated space near the airport.

A further meeting with the County Council was due to take place the following week and an update would be provided.

13/2/21 Date of next meeting

17th January 2022 11 am

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