

Whiteley Parish Council

Highways and Transport Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 16th November 2011 at 7pm.

Parish Council Committee members present: Roland Diffey (Chairman), Pat Wright (Vice-Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Mike Evans, Peter Inman.

Parish Councillor Vivian Achwal, three members of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence** David Jenkins, Pat Thew.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Residents Rachel and Jason Gibbons advised that they were interested in resolving dangerous parking and resulting traffic problems in Leafy Lane.
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items**

4.1 To progress proposals within the adopted 'Safer Access to Schools' paper
4.1.1 To receive update on surface improvements to the Gull Coppice footpath. **The Chairman and Clerk have inspected the footpath in poor weather and are happy the work is satisfactory. Action Clerk to advise HCC it can be signed off.**

4.2 To receive update on the yellow line review regarding the parking issues in Parkway and elsewhere. **It was noted that there had been no consultation with the Parish Council on the proposed yellow lines for the junction of Rookery Avenue with Yew Tree Drive. Cllr Achwal to chase up.**

4.3 To receive update on the campaign to pursue provision of an emergency route out of Whiteley (for the Winchester side of Whiteley) should Whiteley Way be blocked between the north entrance to Parkway and the R2 roundabout. **HCC has advised that an initial study for the Marjoram Way link should be available by the end of the month.**

4.4 To receive update on progress of the school travel plan and the campaign to pursue a controlled crossing for Yew Tree Drive (Cllr Achwal). **Cllr Achwal advised that the first draft of the plan has been produced. There is no funding for the crossing at present.**

4.5 To progress campaign for Yew Tree Drive to be open to all traffic. **No progress, is likely only to be resolved through development of North Whiteley.**

4.6 To progress campaign for improvements to Leafy Lane to reduce use by business park traffic, to pursue request for residents only parking.

The Chairman advised that WCC will not consider residents only parking as it has to be self funding and residents are unlikely to take up the scheme when they have off road parking. WCC is planning to consult residents in Leafy Lane on proposals for double yellow or single yellow lines to prevent dangerous parking. The Chairman asked whether he could see a copy of the draft consultation letter before it goes out. Cllr Achwal to pursue.

Improvements to Leafy Lane have been included in WCC/HCC's adopted list of Local Transport Schemes to be funded through developers' contributions; signalling R1 roundabout and a controlled crossing in Yew Tree Drive have also been included. These were all highlighted in the Council's Highways Strategy.

4.7 To receive update on requests to HCC/Police Road Safety Unit including maintenance requests **PCSO Owen Reeves has been asked to monitor dangerous parking and driving in Leafy Lane at peak times. He has not witnessed any problems to date. The Parish Council has asked him to keep the area as a priority.**

- 5. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.
- 6. Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** List of projects in WCC/HCC's adopted Local Transport Schemes to be publicised in the Whiteley Voice.
- 7. Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 8.08pm