

Whiteley Town Council

Highways and Transport Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Rooms at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 7.15pm.

Committee members present Malcolm Butler (Chairman), Andy Baker, Colin Bielckus, Hazel Croft-Phillips, Mike Evans, David Jenkins, Morene Pinder.

Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Nick Hurst, Pat Thew.
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items**
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items**

4.1 To consider the Department of Transport's consultation paper: *Proposals for the Creation of a Major Road Network* **The Chairman gave a short briefing on the contents of the paper which proposes the creation of a Major Road Network across England which would sit alongside the Strategic Road Network to work towards reducing congestion, supporting economic growth and housing delivery as well as supporting all road users. The Major Road Network, once defined through agreed criteria, would benefit from a more coordinated programme of investment.**

It was agreed that the Town Council should research the various bodies that currently plan and manage transport and highways in the region.

4.2 To review the Council's adopted Highways Strategy Paper **Ongoing.**

4.3 To review parking issues in Whiteley including: dangerous parking on the R1 to Whiteley Way slip roads, Strawberry Track / Meadowside crossing in Thyme Ave, and complaints from residents in Mollison Rise **The Chairman has been monitoring the various sites and has not found any issues of major concern.**

4.4 To review public and community transport issues in Whiteley

4.4.1 Requests from residents for shuttle bus to Locks Heath / for improved bus services **No further news.**

4.4.2 To consider partnership project with Whiteley Church to set up a community care transport scheme **Ongoing, no volunteers have been identified at present.**

4.5 To receive update on requests to HCC/Police Road Safety Unit including maintenance requests

Update on repairs to speed humps in Leafy Lane **Refer to next meeting. Work still outstanding.**

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** Continue to monitor.
7. **Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee** Meeting due to be held on 19th February to discuss North Whiteley highways issues with HCC, WCC and the North Whiteley Consortium.

A meeting was held prior the committees with Charles Burns from Rail Future a campaign group seeking improvements to rail services. Mr Burn advised of a feasibility study for a station at Welborne and also developer interests in providing further parking at Swanwick station. The inadequacy of the parking at Botley Station was discussed and the apparent lack of improvement plans for the station. Mr Burns will be speaking to Curdridge and Botley Parish Councils to gather further information.

Meeting closed 7.35pm