

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 16th September 2015 at 8pm.

Committee members present Malcolm Butler (Chairman), Brenda Hatch, (Vice-Chairman), John Butter, Hazel Croft-Phillips, David Jenkins, Tasmin Smith.

Parish Councillor Pat Thew, one member of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1. To appoint a vice-chairman for the ensuing year** Brenda Hatch elected.
- 2. To receive apologies for absence** Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Mike Evans.
- 3. To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
- 4. To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
Cllr Pat Thew asked the Committee to reconsider the acceptance of HCC's decision not to open Marjoram Way. Ways to prevent Thyme Avenue being used to bypass the shopping centre were also requested. **The Chairman noted the comments.**
- 5. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items**

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

5.2 To review parking issues in Whiteley **WCC is working with the Town Council to look at possible further parking restrictions including roads off Leafy Lane, Caraway, Marjoram Way, Lovage, Bluebell Way, Silver Birch Way and Maple Rise, Thyme Avenue/Rowan Close, Thyme Avenue/Meadowside crossing.**

WCC is also working with land agents to see if there are sites that could be used for parking, WCC has advised the Business Forum that planning applications for car parks will be viewed favourably in conjunction with measures to reduce vehicle use.

Cllr Jenkins advised that data from HSBC indicated that 250 employees are using coaches daily. Coaches are covering 1180 miles a week.

5.3 To review public and community transport issues in Whiteley
Request from a resident for shuttle bus to Locks Heath
Ongoing request from a resident for improved bus services

Discussions are being held between Business Forum members to provide bus links for employees. North Whiteley proposes significant improvements in bus services in the longer term.

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

Individuals can report road problems on this link

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems> or ring 0300 555 1388

- 6. To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.
- 7. 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.
- 8. Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee**

At the North Whiteley Planning meeting on 10th September the Town Council's representation delivered by the Chairman Cllr Evans made it clear that the early extension of Bluebell Way and Whiteley Way was not enough and work to improve existing roads should also be prioritised.

As a minimum R1 roundabout should be signalised and improvements made to the Parkway North junction.

The involvement of the Town Council and businesses in agreeing priorities was requested and further meetings are due to be held.

Highways England has posted an update on the website indicating improvements to Junction 9 are on hold until April 2017. Full Council to discuss the possibility of taking the issue to the MP.

10th September Whiteley Business Forum TC Chairman, Highways Chairman and Clerk attended – minutes will be circulated.

Meeting closed 8.47pm