

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL – ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON ZOOM ON TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2020 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor Martin Rye; Parish Councillors Rod Head and Ann Lyons.
Jonathan White and Steven Cox (non-voting co-opted members of the Committee).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), Mike Wasley from Oxfordshire County Council, Karina Jacoby and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES: None

1/20 Appointment of Chairman 2020/2021 – The Chairman asked for nominations for the position of Chairman for 2020/2021. Councillor Martin Rye was proposed and seconded.

Resolved that Councillor Martin Rye be appointed as Chairman for 2020/2021.

2/20 Appointment of Vice-Chairman 2020/2021 – The Chairman asked for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman for 2020/2021.

Resolved that there be no appointment to the position of Vice-Chairman for 2020/2021.

3/20 Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.

4/20 Minutes – Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the meeting held 5 May 2020 had been circulated to the Committee.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2020 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

5/20 Matters Arising – There were no matters arising.

5/20 Open Forum – The resident did not wish to address the Committee.

6/20 Traffic Calming – Jonathan White reported that the road marking schedule had been completed and issued to Mike Wasley at Oxfordshire County Council. The proposals for chicanes on Milton Road and Berryhill Road had also been completed and issued to Mr Wasley. The proposals for the closure of the western arm of the oak tree junction were being worked on and meetings with the relevant bus companies were being arranged to ensure that the buses could turn towards Bloxham using the eastern arm of the junction. If this was possible, then the proposals would be forwarded to Mike Wasley to progress.

Jonathan also reported that the Oxford Road gateways were still to be progressed and he would action this.

In addition, Jonathan also reported that West Adderbury Residents Association had been asked what type of additional signage it would like on Hornhill Road and High Street, but no reply had been received.

Jonathan felt that the new signs on around the village had been effective, but it was difficult to judge due to the lockdown and what the impact had been on traffic movements. However, now the signage was clear, it could be enforced.

Karina Jacoby felt that 'Twenty is Plenty' signage could be used on Hornhill Road and High Street because it was less aggressive and gave drivers a friendly reminder to slow down.

Jonathan felt that this could be installed as 'green on white sign' which was advisory. Mike Wasley was unsure that a 'Twenty is plenty' sign could be used in a 30mph zone, even in an advisory capacity because it gave a false message. Denise Mobbs who was in attendance at the meeting and as a member of WARA, would raise this issue with the Committee at their meeting the following week.

Mike Wasley reported that the road markings were in the County Council's schedule and would be delivered in due course and the cost would be covered by the County Council.

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With regard to the chicanes on Milton Road and Berryhill Road, Mike had received these instructions from the Parish Council and these now needed to be moved to the design stage. Resources at the County Council were tight at the moment but they would be progressed as soon as possible.

Jonathan thanked Mike for covering the cost of design and Mike confirmed that the Parish Council would have to cover the cost of the consultation and legal fees.

Mike noted the Parish Council's progress with the proposal for the closure of the western arm of oak tree corner and reminded the meeting that the kerb stones could not be moved due to the underground services. Jonathan reported that there might be a need for double yellows by the Royal Mail post box and possibly also a relocation of the post box too. Mike advised that all of this work would need to be funded by the Parish Council.

The Chairman reported that Adderbury Speedwatch could not be re-started yet due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, but more volunteers could be recruited to support the initiative. The limitation at the moment, was the processing of the data by volunteers who had received the background checks. The Chairman reported that so far, over 100 drivers had been caught speeding the majority were local or lived in surrounding villages. Some drivers had been caught speeding two or three times.

The Clerk was asked to contact PC Daniel Madden with regard to the Thames Valley enforcement van and if were happy with the intended locations.

During the discussions, a number of actions were agreed.

Recommended that the actions, as detailed below, be approved:

	Action	Whom
1.	Installation of the Oxford Road gateways be progressed.	JW
2.	The proposal for the closure of the western arm of the Milton Road/Hornhill Road Junction (oak tree junction) be forwarded to MW once the relevant bus companies had considered the proposal and had approved it.	TG/GJ
3.	It be noted that the County Council will cover the design costs of the chicanes on Berryhill Road and Milton Road, but other costs would have to be met by the Parish Council.	ALL
4.	Residents be invited to join the Adderbury Speedwatch volunteer group.	TG
5.	PC Daniel Madden be contacted about the necessity for a hardstanding for the Thames Valley Police enforcement van to enable the van to be located in other areas of the village, other than Aynho Road.	TG
5.	PC Daniel Madden be contacted with regard to the progress of the background checks for the volunteers processing the data for Adderbury Speedwatch.	TG

7/20 Drainage – Jonathan White reported that Nicholas Watson from the County Council had advised that according to their records, the gully on Oxford Road had been cleaned on 28 February 2020, but not the main drainage run, therefore he would ask a colleague to physically check and confirm the findings.

Mr Watson had not yet received the estimates for the kerbing and patching. He agreed to follow this up with Skanska, but also advised that with personnel moves at Skanska, together with the Covid-19 issue, there were some continuity issues.

Steven Cox advised that the drains on the A4260, opposite The Rise, looked better and he would continue to monitor them.

Recommended that the report be noted.

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8/20 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 11 August 2020 at 730pm.

(Meeting closed at 8.05pm)

Chairman