



# CHIPPING NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

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22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

### **SUMMONS TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE**

TO: All Members of the Traffic Advisory Sub-Committee

VENUE: The Council Chamber, Chipping Norton Town Hall

DATE: Thursday 29th June 2023

TIME: 2pm

Luci Ashbourne  
Town Clerk

#### Recording of Meetings

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 the council's public meetings may be recorded, which includes filming, audio-recording as well as photography.

### A G E N D A

#### **1. Election of Chair**

To receive nominations for and elect the Chair of the Traffic Advisory Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2023/24

#### **2. Election of Vice-Chair**

To receive nominations for and elect the Vice-Chair of the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2023/24

#### **3. Apologies for absence.**

To consider apologies for absence.

Committee members who are unable to attend the meeting should notify the Town Clerk ([townclerk@chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk)) prior to the meeting, stating the reason for absence.

#### **4. Declaration of interests.**

Members are reminded to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in any of the items under consideration at this meeting in accordance with the Town Council's code of conduct

#### **5. Minutes**

To approve the Minutes from the sub-committee meeting held on the 27th April 2023.

**6. Public Participation**

The meeting will adjourn for this item

Members of the public may speak for a maximum of five minutes each during the period of public participation.

**7. County Officer's Report**

To receive a report from Oxfordshire County Council.

**8. District Officer's Report**

To receive a report from West Oxfordshire District Council

**9. Update from Cllr Saul on OCC Highways matters including the HGV working group**

To receive a progress report from Cllr Saul.

**10. Cycling**

To receive an update on cycling related matters.

**11. Road Safety**

a. To receive a verbal update on road safety related matters.

b. To receive a report following consultation with residents regarding the potential installation of a speed indicator device on Churchill Road.

**12. LCWIP**

To receive an update

**13. White lining**

To note and report areas where white lining needs re painting.

**14. Correspondence**

**15. Any other business**

**16. Date of the next meeting – Thursday 28th September, 6:30pm via Zoom**

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Minutes of the **Traffic Advisory Sub-Committee** held in Chipping Norton Town Hall on the **27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 2pm**

The following members were present:

Cllr Mark Walker (Chair)

Cllr Sandra Coleman

Cllr Geoff Saul (member for OCC and WODC)

Mike Dixon (Public Transport Users Representative)

Mike Wasley (OCC Officer)

Cllr Steve Akers

Cllr Jo Graves (arrived at 2:10pm)

Also in attendance:

Katherine Jang – Deputy Town Clerk

4 members of the public

<b>TAC26</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies were received from Maria Wheatley (WODC Officer), Marcus Simmons (Transition Chipping Norton), and Natalie Moore (OCC).
<b>TAC27</b>	<b>Declaration of interests</b> No declarations of interest were received.
<b>TAC28</b>	<b>Minutes</b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Minutes from the 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 were approved and signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.
<b>TAC29</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> Members received correspondence from a member of the public speaking about difficulties navigating the town centre in a mobility scooter (TAC36).
<b>TAC30</b>	<b>County Officer's Report</b> Members received a verbal update from Mike Wasley on behalf of OCC Officer Natalie Moore.  Mike Wasley presented a report about ongoing lining works taking place in the upcoming 2023/2024 municipal year. Albion Street crossing works in hand and ongoing works for detailed designs are being drawn up.  Members queried if the New St crossing is in progress. Mike reported from OCC Officer Natalie Moore – That officers have met and the trial scheme would cost similar to a permanent scheme. Due to pressures on staff resources a trial is unable this financial year. Some funding and feasibility study will take place this financial year. Design works will be taking place the following year and the year after (2025) will be final implementation.

	<p>Members queried the lining works set out for Churchill Rd roundabout – Mike reported that this is on the schedule, indicative dates for July 2024.</p> <p>Members queried who was responsible for traffic management for felling trees on the A44 – Mike Wasley reported that this would be Andy Ledo (Arboricultural Team Leader). Members reported concerns of Ash dieback near the A44.</p>
<b>TAC31</b>	<p><b>District Officer’s Report</b></p> <p>There was no report to consider.</p>
<b>TAC32</b>	<p><b>Update from Cllr Saul on OCC Highways matters including the HGV working group</b></p> <p>Members received a verbal report from Cllr Saul regarding OCC Highways matters and the HGV working group.</p> <p>Local transport plan adopted last July – including active travel and freight and logistics strategy. Freight and Logistics report due May 2023. Cllr Saul mentioned that these weight-based restrictions could impact HGV traffic through Chipping Norton.</p> <p>Area and corridor plan study due back soon – to meet the LTCP objectives regarding A44. Ongoing work with local walking and cycling infrastructure plans. Chipping Norton’s plan is next to be completed after Abingdon and Witney’s plans are completed.</p> <p>Walking and cycling routes strategy due with public consultation in May 2023. Public transport - £2 fare offer currently, ending in June 2023 not expecting it to be extended. The bus recovery grant was extended to June 2023 but not expected to be extended after that deadline.</p> <p>Planned works scheme 2023-24, patching and repair works to Burford Rd. Members agreed for Cllr Saul to look into active travel routes connecting Chipping Norton to other towns, and to understand where these routes are planned.</p> <p>Cllr Saul reported that the 20mph zone for Chipping Norton has been scheduled for this FY.</p> <p>Members queried verge and verge management litter maintenance? Cllr Saul to ask Paul Wilson at OCC.</p> <p>Members queried the S106 funding, and if this budget is monitored and the process for ensuring that it is spent. Mike Wasley stated that Geoff Barrell is the S106 Officer and is also managing the 20mph programme.  <b>RESOLVED:</b> For the Town Clerk to invite Geoff Barrell to the next TAC meeting in June, or to ask for a written update to be shared with TAC.</p>
<b>TAC33</b>	<p><b>Cycling</b></p> <p>The Chair reported that there was enthusiasm for cycling after the Women’s Tour came to Chipping Norton last year.</p> <p>Upcoming works include installing the cycle repair stands and pumps in Town Centre and Leisure Centre on Burford Rd (May 2023).</p> <p>Cllrs to enquire if schools still offer cycling proficiency classes. The Chair said that students are taught in Y6/7.</p>

<b>TAC34</b>	<p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p>a. Road safety related matters Members raised that there is a Road Safety (Brake) event occurring at the end of the year and Walk to School Days in May and June. For the TC to contact the schools raise awareness of these upcoming events.</p> <p>Members raised the issue of a broken dry stone wall along the Charlbury Rd next to the WF Allotments, and whether the officers could advise blocking the desire path or making a gate/opening. OCC Officers had a view that this is a landowner issue. Primarily, that the carriageway could be a dangerous place to cross and this is not a recognized crossing point. Officer advised putting up signage (not a recognized crossing point and therefore not safe to cross, cross at own risk).</p> <p>b. Speed Indicator Advice – Churchill Road <b>RESOLVED:</b> Members agreed to continue with consultation with residents in the area as proposed by the Town Clerk.</p>
<b>TAC35</b>	<p><b>LCWIP</b></p> <p>Members received a verbal update from Mike Wasley on behalf of OCC Officer Natalie Moore.</p> <p>There has been a delay in progress with LCWIP. Currently key routes for active travel and cycle routes have been identified. Over the next coming weeks there will be meetings with working groups, organizing site visits, and identifying project costs.</p> <p>Members thanked Natalie Moore for her written report and requested that any updates are shared at the next TAC meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</p>
<b>TAC36</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Members noted correspondence from a resident regarding difficulties navigating the town centre in a mobility scooter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The member of public reported that there is no parking on West St in front of the Methodist Church due to roadworks. Cllr Saul agreed to follow up with the County Officer regarding this issue.</li> <li>• The member of public raised that the dropped kerb near Aldi and the Chipping Norton Hospital needs re-engineering. Members reported that this is private property and that they will have a casual chat with the manager at Aldi to raise this issue.</li> </ul>
<b>TAC37</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>None to discuss.</p>
<b>TAC38</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 2pm.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 3:17pm.</p>

### **Agenda item 11b – Speed Indicator consultation for Churchill Road**

The consultation questionnaire was delivered by hand to 40 residents living nearest to the proposed site for the speed indicator device.

We received 16 responses. In summary:

Based on the feedback received regarding the issue of speeding on Churchill Road, there is a general consensus that the installation of a speed indicator device (SID) would be supported by the majority of respondents. Many expressed concerns about the high speeds of vehicles and the potential for accidents, citing incidents involving pets and the general safety of residents, particularly children and the elderly. Some suggested additional locations for SIDs, such as near The Leys and Lords Piece Road, to address speeding in both directions. A few residents questioned the proposed location and recommended alternative placements or the use of rumble strips. Overall, the feedback highlights the need for measures to address speeding and improve safety on Churchill Road. Additionally, comments were made regarding the impact of parked cars and the possibility of implementing speed bumps or width restrictions as more effective solutions.

All of the consultation responses are detailed below.

The Town Clerk contacted the highways officer who confirmed that there are two potential locations that the SID could be installed in the area. One in the location proposed



And the other on the grass verge near the Tilsley Road junction:



It is possible to purchase a SID that can be turned to alert traffic coming in different directions in order to try to mitigate speeding going into and out of Chipping Norton.

**Recommendation:**

1. That the sub-committee consider which location would be most appropriate
2. The quotes for a Speed Indicator Device are obtained and taken to a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee to consider.
3. That the contents of the consultation are sent to highways in order that they're aware of the extent of the issue and may be able to plan in some speed reduction infrastructure in the future.

Speed indicator consultation responses:

<b>Q1. Have you noticed speeding on your street</b>	<b>Yes</b>	16
	<b>No</b>	0
<b>Q2. Have you or anyone you know been involved in a car accident on your street?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	9
	<b>No</b>	6
<b>Q3. Would you support the installation of a speed indicator device on Churchill Road</b>	<b>Yes</b>	14
	<b>No</b>	
	<b>Undecided</b>	1
<b>Q4. How do you think the installation of a SID could impact on safety in your street?</b>	<b>Positively</b>	14
	<b>Negatively</b>	0
	<b>No impact</b>	1
	<b>Not sure</b>	1

<b>Q5. Do you have any concerns or suggestions regarding the installation of a SID at the proposed location?</b>
Anything that can potentially help reduce speed is very welcome. Although I am not personally aware of any accidents, we have had a cat killed by the road between the proposed indicator and the junction of Tilsley Road. I am aware of four other cats having been killed at this stretch due to speed. It is frightening as a parent and to elderly neighbours. The constant acceleration of cars <u>in</u> and <u>out</u> of town is also an unpleasant noise pollution.
I think the spot is suitable with good sight lines
Yes, I think there should be another speed indicator device for traffic going out of Chipping Norton installed somewhere near the top of The Leys as cars speed from that point all down the hill and past Lords Piece Road. There are always cars parked on the road outside Edward Stone Rose so cars race on the offside (right hand side). I have witnessed in excess of 60mph.
It was (an accident) a while ago. One day there will be a nasty accident for sure.
Something must be done. 1. Turning into my driveway v/often car nearly rear-ended by a hurried driver behind who fails to notice indicator and my pumping the brakes. Happens often. 2. Cars easily doing 60&70mph. Sports and roadsters and commuters. 3. Lorries, trucks and also speeding. 4. Parked cars on road encouraging speeding as helps waiting cars get back on their road. So something must be done about parked cars. 5. People parking cars too close - and sometimes overhanging our drive so I have had to stop, back up and take another run to get into my driveway. p.s Most owners of parked cars do not use their garages. No need for so many to be there.
Not only coming into town but also leaving can be a problem.



I don't much understand your proposed location idea. Why not 15-20 yards back where the speed restriction is as cars will still be doing too much speed in this area where there are people likely to be hurt. They will only slow before hitting bottom of Hailey Road otherwise. It also needs one coming the other way as from the bottom of Hailey Road going out of town people think they are out of town and put their foot down so are doing 50mph going out of town.

A few comments/questions: 1. Is it reversable? Quite a few drivers exiting the town towards Churchill will speed up when they reach Hailey Road. 2. Is it portable? Could it be relocated on the utility poles around the Churchill Place area? Quire a few speeding drivers are local and have an over-familiarity with the area and I've noticed many speeding vehicles in this area as it's a short straight stretch. 3/ Are rumble strips in the photo under consideration?

I don't think this will work to slow people down. People speed up to get round the parked cars on the other side of the road to the red mark on your map above. They also speed along the layby to get past on coming traffic that should be waiting to pass. This is dangerous. A flashing smile face won't stop the dangerous driving down the road.

We agree with the proposed action to install a speed indicator device. We would also propose a "Welcome to Chipping Norton" sign, or similar, at the same location, or further down the road - like the yellow signs at the top entrance to town to clearly indicate entering a 30 residential zone.

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The location is good, it will catch people speeding coming into Chippy. Unfortunately just as many (possibly more) cars speed leaving Chippy. Often speeding just after the turn for Lord's Piece Road.

As the S.I.D would be on the grass outside our home I would be grateful if it could be placed at the edge of the grass making cutting easier.

**Q6. Do you have any other comments or feedback regarding the issue of speeding on your street?**

The amount of kerb-side parking impacts the speed that vehicles travel along Churchill Road. Particularly between Edward Stone Drive and going out towards Churchill. Vehicles accelerate park parked vehicles causing problems for the residents along this part.

There are many incidents of high speed in both directions past our houses. The signs don't seem to have any effect. A gentleman used to park a sign indicator here frequently when I was younger but that hasn't happened over the past 5-10 years. It used to seem to slow those coming into town so a permanent one would be welcome but nearer the speed sign would work better.

I find the traffic parked alongside the road is more of a nuisance as cars belonging to these residents should be parked off road behind their house in which they were intended. Speed bumps would be another way to slow down traffic such as lorries to which these roads were not intended for.

Thank you for taking the time to ask and for someone to finally get to grips with his issue. I'm not in favour of speedbumps as they only create more pollution and noise. A speed indicator device with a smiley (or otherwise) more effective. A plain number just irritates people and will be ignored.

Have lived in Churchill Road for 50 years and of course noticed the increase of traffic and speed. There have been many accidents over the years, some fatal, and anything with can be done to help with speeding would be good.

Traffic leaving Chipping Norton is also an issue for speed. Drivers often accelerate before the junction of Hailey Road when heading towards Churchill. It does not matter whether it is daytime or evening! It makes Churchill Road very dangerous to cross. I have young children, as do some neighbours and there are many elderly neighbours who will not use our local shop due to the dangers of crossing here. It is my opinion that a width restriction or speed humps would be far more effective measure before someone is seriously hurt or killed.

This is an important issue, glad it's being addressed.

Think it should start further away - i.e. before any houses on way into Churchill Road.

Don't waste our money! Put in speed humps or give way signs or better yet close the road to traffic! Put in proper speed reducing systems and fix the potholes!!!

It is good to know that the issue of speeding on Churchill Road is being addressed. We have a particular problem with high calibre cars - BMW, Range Rover, etc and large skip lorries, both into and out of Chippy. At the moment when entering Chippy from Churchill direction there is a 50 mph sign, followed by a 30mph sign about 100m after it. Would it be possible to make the 50mph sign further away from town?

There are two problems. One is cars going into Chippy. The S.I.D will have a direct impact on those. The other problem is people going out of Chippy. Once they get to Hailey Road the accelerator does down and they speed. Could we consider moving the speed limit signs further out of Chippy?

### Agenda item 13 – White lining

Councillors have raised some locations where white lining on the roads is particularly poor.

These are :

- West Street
- The corner by Sainsbury's
- The double mini roundabouts by the old Police Station.