

CHOLSEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee of Cholsey Parish Council duly convened and held on Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Cholsey

Present were Cllr. J. Collins (Chair), Cllr S. Schäfer, T. Bedeman, H. Cooke (until 8.25pm), R. Ford, R. Schmucki, D. Whelan (until 8.25pm); one member of the public (until 7.45pm)

Officers present were C. Bird (Clerk), V. Beardall Richards (Environment Coordinator; from 8pm)

Start time: 7.30pm; End time: 9.30pm

T8. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr J. Finch.

T9. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2024 (Appendix A) and receive update on any Minute items

It was **resolved** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2024 and they were signed by Cllr Collins.

T10. To receive Declarations of Personal and Pecuniary Interest for any agenda items (*note, this does not preclude later declarations*)

There were none.

T11. To hear questions or comments from members of the public concerning topics on the agenda (limited to 10 mins)

A member of the public attended to raise concerns about resident parking issues on Station Road.

T12. To review and discuss the following projects:

a. Cholsey Station accessibility and renovation

H. Cooke has begun drafting a position paper to pursue the aim of an accessible station, with useful input from a resident involved in the Goring Station accessibility campaign. He and Cllr Finch have also met with MP Olly Glover who has offered his support. The Committee discussed whether a community survey and/or a petition would be helpful.

Regarding station refurbishment, Cllr Collins reported that GWR have completed a condition report for the station but this has not been shared with the Parish Council. An update on the temporary closure of the ticket office due to mould/damp will be sought.

The Committee thanked H. Cooke for his work so far.

b. 20mph implementation and Community Speedwatch update

The changes to the speed limits following an Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) consultation in 2024 are now being implemented – all new signage should be in place soon.

The Environment Coordinator reported that a number of volunteers have started Community Speedwatch training for Cholsey and suggested locations have been submitted to Thames Valley Police for approval.

The Committee discussed an invitation from OCC to provide input on speed limit changes to the A4074 and A4130. Cllr Collins will propose a response to the Parish Council meeting on 19th February.

c. A329 Puffin crossing

Cllr Collins continues to pursue this project with OCC. Currently there is a funding shortfall which we hope will be resolved for 2025/2026.

d. Cycling and walking infrastructure

The Environment Coordinator reported on the Wallingford hub Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) update meeting held by OCC on 12th February. The final report with recommendations is expected to be completed in the Autumn.

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e. All-weather Recreation Ground path

A revised route for the proposed Recreation Ground path was approved by the Parish Council at its December 2024 meeting, based on a review of desire lines and advice from a countryside access consultant. The next stage is to apply for pre-planning advice. Cllr Collins and the Clerk are meeting on 26th February with a resident who works in the construction industry and is interested in helping with the project.

f. Bus improvements

R. Schmucki had circulated a review of bus times and how they coincide with the current train timetable. Cllr Collins will look at the data and explore a conversation with Thames Travel.

T13. Items for report or inclusion on next agenda

The flashing beacons on the zebra crossing are now operational.

Parking restriction changes (and refurbishment of existing lining) resulting from an OCC consultation in 2024 should be implemented soon.

OCC will be carrying out footway improvement works on Reading Road in March. The Wallingford Road footway has recently been worked on.

Cllr Kyn Pomlett is now a Fix-My-Street Super User for Cholsey.

T14. To agree next meeting date

Proposed June 24th 2024