

Banbury Town Council

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To: All Members of the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee.

You are hereby requested to attend a Meeting of the **BANBURY TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE** to be held at The Town Hall, Bridge Street, BANBURY on **Wednesday 21 May 2025** at 2.00pm, for the transaction of the following business:

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Mark Hassall
Town Clerk & RFO

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. Apologies

Contact Helen Durkin (01295 250340).

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the Banbury Town Council Code of Conduct and Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Please refer to the notes at the end of Agenda).

3. Minutes of the last Meeting

To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 26 February 2025 (**Enclosed**)

4. Items Raised

Oxfordshire County Council

1. OCC Update (**Enclosed**)

Cllr Ian Harwood – Cherwell District Council

1. Longford Park Road and its junction with Hobby Road.
2. Entry to Longford Park Road (driving north) from Oxford Road.
3. Chatsworth Drive.
4. Wykham Park Academy.

Banbury Civic Society

1. Update re Tramway. What has happened to delay the work?
 - See OCC report. There has been a design change due to land availability. Comms to follow.
2. Can we have a report on the Cherwell Street Bus Scheme consultation please?
 - Yes, It has not been finalised yet however. It should be complete ASAP.
3. Can we have a report on the surface water difficulties in Cherwell Street by Morrison's filling station please?
 - The drains have been cleared, they were filled with silt. Cherwell St contractor to confirm via a CCTV survey.
4. Can we have a report on the apparent potentially misleading road markings at Southam Road / Hennef Way and at Wildmere roundabouts please?
 - Should be picked up in the Hennef Way corridor work.
5. Report on pot-hole repair programme.
 - Here is a link to our larger planned maintenance schemes for this year - https://oxfordshire.highway-iams.uk/Live/PBLC_ANON/PIP/?cg=scheme
6. Is there resurfacing scheduled for Southam Road, High Street / George Street and Bridge Street (West) at Cherwell street?
 - See link above.
7. What highway infrastructure improvements can we look forward to in the next 12 months?
 - Provided in OCC report.

Banbury Association of Driving Instructors (BADI)

1. M40 roundabout markings are confusing and incorrect.
Could they please be looked at and rectified . Especially Banbury to Brackley.
 - If this has been raised via Fixmystreet, a Cherwell officer will be picking this up and investigating in due course.
2. What pothole programme have OCC got in place for this year. Too holes many to count.
 - See link above.
3. What painting is scheduled this year. We have many keep clear and box junctions that need making visible again.
 - We wouldn't be able to confirm the full list of lining as Cherwell have over 70 areas of lining currently to be completed with locations being added daily. Faded lining would need to be reported to Fixmystreet to make us aware of the location that needs attention. We are unable to provide dates for lining work to be completed.
4. I asked for 2 arrows to be painted at the lower Cherwell/ bridge street junction, is this going to happen?
 - Will be picked up in Cherwell St Scheme if it goes ahead, along with resurfacing.
5. Middleton Road raised crossing, can it be repainted and repaired please.
 - Has been passed on, previous response in OCC report.
6. Hennef Way / Concord Avenue verges needs professional coppicing and not the surf trim so we can see the signage again.
 - Can be reported on Fixmystreet.

Cllr Rebecca Biegel – Banbury Town Council

1. On A361 Traffic Island near Waller Drive travelling from the traffic lights into town, the curbing and slight offset position is difficult to judge in poor lighting. Has this been noted or commented on?
 - Street lighting have assessed, they believe repainting the road signage would be the best intervention.
2. The bus stop on Middleton Road near the Grimsbury fish bar is poorly marked out and often cars are often parked over it, which means passengers have to go into the road to board the bus.
 - This has been accepted by the bus infrastructure team. They are currently assessing options.
3. Can anything be done to further improve the lighting on the Zebra Crossing on A361 near to the Easington Pub. It still seems very poorly light, even with the improved Belisha Beacons.
 - If this is the j/w Waller Drive and A361 then the lighting team have assessed. The junction is well lit and they have attended in February of this year to change the lanterns inside the bollards. There is no history of damage to either of the bollards here historically. Also no notes or comments on streetlighting.
4. Footpath / cycle way from Overthorpe Road (Linea Way) through to Middleton Road needs barriers or warnings either side of the Winchester Close crossing because many cyclists just shoot across here without looking.
 - Fixmystreet would help putting this on our radar, passed on to Highway/cycle maintenance.
5. Is the Traffic light sequencing at the junction of Oxford Road and Upper Windsor Street correct? The green filter light comes on allowing traffic to turn left into Upper Windsor Street whilst holding other traffic moving straight on under a red light, but this doesn't seem to be aligned with the left turn signal to allow traffic from Upper Windsor Street to turn left into Oxford Road?
 - Passed onto the signal team for review.
6. Have OCC received feedback / concerns from residents about the extra 8 parking spaces that were added in Beargarden Road near the junction with Kingsway? Have problems with the large number of vans parked on Beargarden Road been reported?
 - Could you confirm which bays you're referring to? Some bays were replaced with double yellow lines quite soon after going in as they were causing a safety issue. An Officer has gone on site to review.
7. The footpath approach to the Sainsbury's local from the north on the west side of Warwick Road is poor and ceases before the car park? Pedestrians have 'created' a path into the car park but what plans are scheduled to address this?
 - This was a FMS enquiry, the previous reply- "Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. firstly you will need to approach your Parish/ Town council and get this agreed with them and make them aware, Then the request should ideally come through them when support has been gathered" - Crossing scheme for Senior officer to investigate.

Banbury Active Travel Supporters (BATS)

1. Junction of Bath Road and Broughton Road. There is continuing local concern about the safety of this junction even though it now has a 20mph speed limit. It is especially dangerous for traffic exiting Bath Road due to reduced visibility and the speed of traffic coming down the hill. This matter has been raised with Paul Fermer and Anthony Kirkwood at OCC. Would it be possible to request additional signage or some other markings which would help reduce speed and improve safety?



- This is something Highway Maintenance can investigate, to see what extra signage/warnings maybe viable under the signs maintenance.
2. With regard to the reduction in speed limits in this busy, central part of town can the committee fully support the urgent introduction of a 20mph along North Bar especially in the light of coroner's recommendation in January 2025.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cz018vrmeemo>



- For discussion.

5. Rolling updates for existing items

OCC Officers were asked in past meetings to provide a full written update on all of the following issues in preparation for the next meeting.

1. Updates on feasibility study for a one-way traffic scheme on Queens Road and Easington Road.
 - [Has this been consulted with the Parish Council?](#)
2. What is the status of the planned pedestrian crossing opposite Bradley Arcade shops in Ruscote.
 - [More information needed.](#)
3. Speed issues in Dukes Meadow Drive, previously the poor speed signage when entering DMD from Warwick Road had been raised but how will this be addressed?
 - [The Parish Council would need review and approve if this is a request for new sign works and other related traffic calming measures. If it's a case of damaged road signs that need replacing, this can be reported via fixmystreet.](#)
4. What are the plans to properly repair the raised crossing on Middleton Road (between Priors Vale and Daventry Road junctions). This issue has been raised several times due to the crossing surface collapsing and potholes fixes quickly subsiding.
 - [Reply provided on OCC report.](#)
5. Has there been an update on waiting restrictions on Overthorpe Road near the entrance to the industrial estate?. The Parking of HGVs on Overthorpe Road is causing congestion and visibility problems for other traffic especially vehicles coming out of Westminster Way.
 - [Being assessed as part of Easter AT corridor.](#)
6. What has happened regarding the promised signage to deter HGVs from going along Daventry Road (to try access the Wildmere Road Industrial Estate) and then being forced to turn.
 - [This would need to be run through Fixmystreet for OCC Safety team to look at.](#)

Notes on declaration of interest

- (i) Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests as necessary as soon as practicable after their arrival even if the item in question has been considered;
- (ii) In such circumstances, the Member must withdraw from the meeting room, and should inform the Chairman accordingly.

It is not practical to offer detailed advice during the meeting.

Recording of Meeting

- (iii) Please be aware that an audio recording of the meeting may be made, as an aide-memoire for the purposes of the Clerk to ensure minutes reflect the overall tone and content of meetings, and will be deleted following the first approval of minutes.