

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (INCLUDING TRANSPORT)

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 3 January 2013 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 10.25 am

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Rodney Rose – in the Chair

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor John Tanner (for Agenda Item 4)
Councillor John Sanders (for Agenda Item 5)
Councillor Michael Waine (for Agenda Item 6)

By Invitation:

Officers:

Whole of meeting G. Warrington (Law & Culture); M. Kemp (Environment & Economy)

Part of meeting

Agenda Item	Officer Attending
4,5,6 and 8	D. Tole (Environment & Economy)
7	K. Stenning (Environment & Economy)
9	J. Wright (Environment & Economy)

The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and decided as set out below. Except as insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda and reports, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

1/13 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Item</i>
Paul Sergeantson	7. Proposed 40 speed limit Howe Hill, Watlington
Ross Mattinson	9. Traffic Calming Measures in Crawley

2/13 PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSING B4495 WEIRS LANE, OXFORD

(Agenda No. 4)

The Deputy Leader considered objections and other comments received to a formal consultation for a proposed zebra crossing on the B4495 Weirs lane, Oxford funded under the area stewardship fund and responding to long standing requests for provision of a crossing at this point.

Councillor Tanner thanked the Deputy Leader for his consideration.

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before him, the representations made to him at this meeting and the further considerations set out above the Deputy Leader of the Council confirmed his decisions on this matter as follows:

to authorise implementation of the zebra crossing on Weirs Lane, Oxford as advertised.

Signed
Deputy Leader of the Council

Date

3/13 PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - ST LUKES ROAD, COWLEY AND ELM TREE CLOSE, LITTLEMORE

(Agenda No. 5)

The Deputy Leader considered measures to introduce new or amended parking restrictions in St Luke's Road, Cowley and Elm Tree Close, Littlemore. The measures were part of a package developed by the local councillor and funded through the area stewardship fund. There had been objections received to parts of the package of measures and these were being reported although other elements had not been objected to and had been implemented under delegated authority.

In response to a suggestion from the Deputy Leader Councillor Sanders had no objection to a reduction in the length of restriction in Elm Tree Close from 20 metres to 10. Officers raised no objection to that amendment.

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before him, the representations made to him at this meeting and the further considerations set out above the Deputy Leader of the Council confirmed his decisions on this matter as follows:

to approve the Oxfordshire County Council (Various Streets Cowley Area) (Traffic Regulation) Consolidation (Variation No.11) Order 20** as advertised and as amended in paragraph 10 of the report CMDDL5 and subject to reducing that length of restriction in Elm Tree Close from 20 metres to 10.

Signed
Deputy Leader of the Council

Date

4/13 PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AROUND BICESTER NORTH STATION

(Agenda No. 6)

The Deputy Leader considered objections received to a formal consultation on proposals to introduce new parking restrictions in various roads in the vicinity of Bicester North station funded through the area stewardship fund by the local councillor and promoted in response to local concerns regarding danger and congestion caused from parking by rail commuters.

Councillor Waine commended the proposals which responded to concerns expressed by large groups of people who suffered from the effects of commuter parking. He supported the conclusion that there were other issues in Woodfield Road and Blake Road, which was why that element of the scheme was not going ahead but he looked forward to working with officers to try and address the specific concerns which affected those areas.

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before him, the representations made to him at this meeting and the further considerations set out above the Deputy Leader of the Council confirmed his decisions on this matter as follows:

- (a) approve the parking restrictions in Balliol Drive, Cedar Drive, Magdalen Close and part of Bassett Avenue as advertised as part of the Oxfordshire County Council (Bicester) (Traffic Regulation) (Amendment No.2*) Order 20**;
- (b) not approve the parking restrictions in Woodfield Road and Blake Road as advertised.

Signed
Deputy leader of the Council

Date

5/13 PROPOSED 40 SPEED LIMIT HOWE HILL WATLINGTON

(Agenda No. 7)

The Deputy Leader considered objections and comments received to a consultation on a proposal to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on Howe Hill, Watlington. The proposal had been promoted by the local county councillor through the area stewardship fund and in response to concerns expressed by local residents regarding speed of vehicles which they perceived to be excessive for this particular location.

Mr Sargeantson raised a number of concerns regarding priority and cost particularly in the light of the expectation that the county council would be expected to make further savings of £77 million by 2017. he sought clarification regarding signage and further concern regarding the impact of that on the local countryside. He did not accept the assertion that speed was excessive and his own survey had suggested

that average speed was 38 mph and the lack of evidence of collisions suggested that this was not a particularly dangerous stretch of road. He had extensive local knowledge of this stretch of road and held a class 1 HGV licence and advanced driver qualifications and maintained this limit was unnecessary and asked that at the very least the proposal be deferred to allow for a professional review but preferably it be abandoned altogether.

Mr Stenning confirmed that the scheme had been sponsored through the area stewardship fund following a request by the local councillor and officers had proceeded on that basis. The cost of the scheme at £5,000 would cover the costs of the legal order, 2 sets of gateway signs and approximately 14 repeater signs.

The Deputy Leader appreciated concerns regarding signing but reiterated the legal minimum requirement which needed to be met but felt sure that consideration would be given where possible to minimising the impact. With regard to the scheme itself this had been developed as part of the localism initiative and even if the scheme did not proceed then the money could not be used as a future saving.

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before him, the representations made to him at this meeting and the further considerations set out above the Deputy Leader of the Council confirmed his decisions on this matter as follows:

to authorise the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order for a 40mph speed limit on Howe Hill, Watlington as advertised.

Signed
Deputy Leader of the Council

Date

6/13 PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - STATION ROAD, HAYDON ROAD AND EDMUNDS COURT, DIDCOT

(Agenda No. 8)

The Deputy Leader considered objections received to a formal consultation on proposals to introduce new or amended parking restrictions in Station Road, Haydon Road and Edmunds Court, Didcot. Two of the proposals had been developed in conjunction with the local county councillor and funded as part of the area stewardship fund initiative and the third in Edmunds Road through funding from a S106 agreement associated with an adjacent development.

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before him, the representations made to him at this meeting and the further considerations set out above the Deputy Leader of the Council confirmed his decisions on this matter as follows:

to approve the parking restrictions set out in this report and as advertised as the Oxfordshire County Council (Various Roads – South Oxfordshire) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Permitted Parking) (Variation No.6*) Order 20**

Signed
Deputy Leader of the Council

Date

7/13 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES IN CRAWLEY

(Agenda No. 9)

The Deputy Leader considered a proposal to introduce traffic calming in the form of two new kerbed build outs in the narrow stretch through the existing priority working section of Leafield Road north of the village. The scheme had been sponsored partly by the Parish Council (£4,000), Section 106 funding (£10,000) and area stewardship fund (£3,000).

The Deputy Leader noted further comments from Frank Thompson reiterating further concerns regarding the safety of the scheme and calling for deferral to allow for further consideration to be given and also a supplementary response from Thames Valley Police which stated that at this late stage and after the extensive consultation which had been carried out it would be wrong to do nothing. They felt the only way forward now was to implement the scheme but with strict monitoring and if the collision history should change dramatically then there would be an option to remove the scheme. They also supported the suggestion of a trial scheme using temporary blocks to gauge the effectiveness of the scheme before going to full construction.

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before him, the representations made to him at this meeting and the further considerations set out above the Deputy Leader of the Council confirmed his decisions on this matter as follows:

to authorise the implementation of the traffic calming measures in Leafield Road, Crawley as advertised.

Signed
Deputy Leader of the Council

Date