

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 16 November 2023 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 11.11 am

Present:

Voting Members: – in the Chair

Councillor Andrew Gant

**Other Members in
Attendance:**

Councillor Ian Corkin (for Agenda Item 5)
Councillor Tim Bearder (for Agenda item 8)
Councillor Andy Graham (for Agenda item 9)

Officers:

Whole of meeting Keith Stenning (Head of Network Management),
Cathy Champion (Operational Manager - Civil
Enforcement),
Jim Whiting (Parking Schemes and Traffic Orders Team
Leader MCIHT),
Geoff Barrell (Developer Schemes Coordinator
& 20 Limits Project Manager),
Cameron Rae (Traffic and Traffic Schemes Officer),
Mike Wasley (Principal Officer – Traffic Schemes),
Sharon Keenlyside (Interim Committee Officer)

The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, 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 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 1)

There were none.

2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 2)

There were none.

3 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 3)

The following speakers addressed the meeting:

Item 5	Chesterton - Little Chesterton – proposed prohibition of motor vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Ian Corkin (OCC)
Item 6	Lyneham – proposed 20mph speed limits and associated speed limit buffers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Frost, Chair of Lyneham Parish Council (Written Statement)
Item 8	Tiddington – proposed 20mph speed limits and associated speed limit buffers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Tim Bearder
Item 9	Tackley – proposed 20mph speed limits and associated speed buffers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Holland-Oakes, Tackley Parish Council • Cllr Andy Graham (OCC)
Item 16	Caversfield – 20mph speed limit proposals and associated speed limit buffers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lieutenant Colonel Gerard Hennigan, Garrison Commander

The Chair stated that his job title had changed and any references in the agenda to the previous title of Cabinet Member for Highway Management should be read as Cabinet Member for Transport Management.

4 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** (Agenda No. 4)

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2023 subject to all references to Cabinet Member for Highway Management be changed to Cabinet Member for Transport Management.

5 **CHESTERTON - LITTLE CHESTERTON - PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES (PART DEFERRED FROM SEPTEMBER)** (Agenda No. 5)

The report presented responses to the statutory consultation on the proposed 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicles' gate on the unnamed road running through Little Chesterton at the point of the proposed speed 20mph limit change.

Councillor Ian Corkin addressed the meeting and spoke in favour of the proposal.

The Chair asked officers to elaborate on how the gate would enable access to emergency vehicles. Officers explained that the only exemptions would be emergency services and removable bollards would potentially be the best solution for emergency vehicle access. The details of the proposal were yet to be established.

The Chair highlighted paragraph 16 of the report which stated that emergency services were based in Bicester and their quickest route to Little Chesterton would still be via Chesterton village itself.

The Chair requested that officers reviewed the most effective physical barrier at the closure point to achieve the objectives of the report.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the following as advertised:

- a. 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicles' gate on the unnamed road running through Little Chesterton at the point of the proposed speed 20mph limit change.

6 LYNEHAM - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS

(Agenda No. 6)

The report considered responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Lyneham.

The Chair drew attention to an error on the agenda front sheet regarding the item title which should be "Lyneham – proposed 20mph speed limits" and not "Lyneham – proposed 20mph speed limits and associated buffers".

The Chair read out a written statement from Peter Frost, Chair of Lyneham Parish Meeting who was in favour of the proposal.

The Chair commented that the item was deferred from the last meeting to obtain clarity from Lyneham Parish Meeting as to their position on the proposal and thanked them for their written statement of support.

The Chair noted that on page 29 of the report, respondent 2 was Lyneham Parish Meeting not Lyneham Parish Council.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Lyneham as amended from the advertised proposals to now exclude the through road in accordance with community wishes.

7 UPPER HEYFORD - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS

(Agenda No. 7)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Upper Heyford.

The Chair commented that the proposal was a very clear application of the Councils' policy.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Upper Heyford as advertised.

8 TIDDINGTON - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFIERS
(Agenda No. 8)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Tiddington.

Councillor Tim Bearder addressed the meeting and spoke in favour of the proposal but would like the 20mph speed limit extended to include the A418. This mirrored the views of the Parish Council.

The Chair asked officers to elaborate on their comments in the report regarding the Parish Councils request to reduce the speed limit on the A40 through Milton Common. Officers informed the Chair that there may be a case to reduce the speed limit, but any proposal would have to re-consulted on.

Officers explained to the Chair that the bus companies would most likely object to a proposed 20mph speed limit on the A418. Houses were mainly set back from the road and it was a major arterial, strategic road. Officers said they would recommend that the speed limit stayed at 30mph as recommended in the report.

The Chair discussed with officers deferring the current proposal and re-consulting to include the reduction of speed limits on the A418 and possibly the A40 through Milton Common. Officers pointed out that deferring could save on signing costs if the speed limits were extended.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **DEFERRED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Tiddington as advertised.

9 TACKLEY: PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS
(Agenda No. 9)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Tackley.

Richard Holland-Oakes, Tackley Parish Council addressed the meeting and supported the proposal but felt that the 20mph speed limit should be extended to include Church Hill on the south-western approach to the village.

Councillor Andy Graham addressed the meeting and supported the view of the Parish Council.

Officers commented that Church Hill did not have a bad accident record and reiterated the comments in paragraph 11 of the report; the area was predominantly rural and a 20mph limit on Church Hill would dilute the effect within the village and remove the potential of a strong gateway feature at the entrance to the main village.

The Chair asked that officers continue an active discussion on the speed limit on Church Hill and requested to see in writing the response from the bus companies.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Tackley as advertised.

10 RAMSDEN - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS

(Agenda No. 10)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Ramsden.

The Chair commented that this proposal was a clear application of the Council's policy.

The Chair asked officers to comment on the response from Ramsden Parish Council requesting an extension of the 20mph zone on to Skippet Lane.

Officers explained that the current proposals encompassed the core village at logical locations on each approach and that there would be no benefit in extending the speed limit.

The Chair asked officers to keep the proposal under review and to respond to the Parish Councils request to omit the repeater sign B7 on Wilcote Lane.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Ramsden as advertised.

11 MINSTER LOVELL - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS

(Agenda No. 11)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Minster Lovell.

The Chair commented that safety was the principal reason for the scheme and the policy.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Minster Lovell as advertised.

12 MILTON (ABINGDON) - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS

(Agenda No. 12)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Milton (Abingdon).

The Chair noted that there was an error in paragraph 11 of the report and there were four objectors in total, not one.

The Chair commented that he was grateful to the responders for taking the time to respond.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Milton as advertised.

13 LEAFIELD - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS
(Agenda No. 13)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Leaffield.

The Chair welcomed the numerous responses to the consultation.

The Chair considered the objections and commented that there were numerous studies and reports which showed that reducing the speed limit to 20mph improved safety.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Leaffield as advertised.

14 NORTH NEWINGTON - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS
(Agenda No. 14)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in North Newington.

The Chair welcomed the large number of responses to the consultation.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in North Newington as advertised.

15 ENSTONE: PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS
(Agenda No. 15)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph and 30mph speed limits in Enstone and 20mph speed limits in Cleveley, Gagingwell, Lidstone, and Radford.

The Chair referenced the map of Enstone on page 147 of the report and asked officers to clarify why they had put the 20mph zones where they had. Officers explained that the proposed 20mph speed limit was where the through road was at its most narrow and constricted. Further to the north, the road was more open and flowing with few properties, further to the South there were properties, but the road was of a higher quality. The 20mph zone was in the centre of the village where it was most needed. The proposal had the support of the Parish Council.

The Chair noted that there were no objections from bus companies and highlighted an objection from a local coach company. Officers commented that in the proposed 20mph zone, traffic rarely went above 20mph and officers believed that the proposals would not make a significant difference to the coach companies' timetables.

The Chair asked that the coach company continue to engage with officers and keep them informed if they were to experience difficulty with the timetabling. The scheme would be kept under review.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the following proposals as advertised:

- a. 20mph speed limits within the parish of Enstone, including the hamlets of: Cleveley, Gagingwell, Lidstone, and Radford, and
- b. 30mph speed limits on the southern end of Cox's Lane, and extended south-westwards on the B4022 to Charlbury.

16 CAVERSFIELD - 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT PROPOSALS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS

(Agenda No. 16)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of a 20mph speed limit on Thompson Drive and Old School Close and also 30mph speed limits on Fringford Road & Aunt Ems Lane in Caversfield.

Lieutenant Colonel Gerard Hennigan, Garrison Commander addressed the meeting, spoke in favour of the scheme but requested additional traffic calming measures and extension of the speed limit zone.

The Chair thanked the speaker for his comments and commented that traffic calming measures were beyond the scope of the recommendation but would be kept under review. The Chair asked the speaker to write to the Council with specific proposals for consideration and requested that officers contacted the Town Council regarding any measures they would like the Council to consider.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the following proposals as advertised:

- a. 20mph speed limit within Caversfield, and
- b. 30mph speed limits on parts of Aunt Ems Lane & Fringford Road.

17 ASHBURY - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS

(Agenda No. 17)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Ashbury.

The Chair welcomed the large number of responses to the consultation.

The Chair noted that the Parish Council sought more extensive limits and thanked them for their detailed local input and asked that they keep in touch and as always, the scheme would be kept under review.

The Chair commented that officers had applied the policy consistently.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Ashbury and Idstone as advertised.

18 FINSTOCK - PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMITS AND ASSOCIATED SPEED LIMIT BUFFERS
(Agenda No. 18)

The report presented responses to a statutory consultation on the proposed introduction of 20mph speed limits in Finstock.

The Chair commented that this proposal was a clear application of policy.

The Cabinet Member for Transport Management **APPROVED** the introduction of 20mph speed limits in Finstock as advertised.

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