Minutes of Kidlington Traffic Advisory Committee
Held at Exeter Hall, Kidlington
on Thursday 15 February at 10am via Zoom call.

Present: Cllr Alan Graham, Cllr David Thurling, Cllr Ian Middleton/OCC councillor, Chris Hulme, Traffic Management Officer/TVP, Rachel Faulkner/KPC Clerk.
Paul Madely and Peter Kinyata, Stagecoach

Apologies for absence: Mike Wasley (OCC engineer), Cllr David Betts, Cllr Nigel Simpson/OCC Councillor, Cllr Clive Stayt – Chairman G&WE,

Minutes of meeting: 26 October 2024 were agreed and approved

1. **Bicester Road Cycle Lane** – Cllr Middleton reported that there was no further update on the installation of a cycle lane. This may be affected by Gosford Hill's school proposal to reinstate a pedestrian access to the school from Bicester Road. Cllr Middleton explained that a National Active Travel Grant would be used for this project.

2. **Rosie's Roundabout (Sainsburys)** – extensive works ongoing to improve cycle and bus routes around the roundabout. Members raised some concerns about the width of the lanes and that the bus lane seems to disappear. Cllr Middleton to approach Milestone the contractors to discuss line/lane priority signage.

3. **OCC Super User** - Cllr Graham reported that since Cllr Prestidge's resignation from the council we do not have an OCC Super User who is able to report problems and commission work directly with the contractor to OCC.

4. **S106 funds** – request to ask Cllr Simpson for a report from OCC

5. **OCC User Group** - Cllr Graham had attended the OCC user group meeting which had about 40 attendees but the bulk of the issues were concerned with individual routes.

6. **Bus Operation – report from Stagecoach**
   Punctuality improved by 70% on main routes to and from Kidlington and further work needed on bunching of services.
   Concerns about time taken to on board passengers at Park and Ride due to complicated instructions and options. Stagecoach encourage customers to use the app to pre purchase tickets.
   Concerns about electronic real time information boards being inaccurate.
   Concerns about queue control and management.
   Stagecoach recognise these problems and are working on solutions. They suspect that the excessive traffic works in the area is contributing to the problems.
   They are considering having a controller on site at the P&R to assist with ticketing and manage queues.

   There will be a new timetable from 10 March for the S7.

It was reported that the signage regarding spaces in the P&R car park is inaccurate and should be changed to include Sundays. Cllr Middleton to enquire why information about number of spaces available it no longer supplied. It was acknowledged that the Park and Ride is under used currently and has plenty of capacity.

7. **OCC Double Yellow Lines**
   Cllr Middleton to discuss with Gosford and Water Eaton the installation of lines on main Bicester Road to understand the delay.

   The committee discussed the recent requests for installation of lines in various locations around the village. It was understood that the system suggests the Parish Council pays for consultation and the County Council will pay for installation if suitable. It was felt that it was not appropriate for the Parish Council to use its funds for this kind of ad hoc consultation although they would support a full scale consultation when required.

   The committee discussed the law regarding parking on verges. Chris Hulme explained that the law states a vehicle must be causing an unnecessary obstruction or parked in a dangerous position in order for the police to act. If a person can pass then it is not considered an obstruction.

8. **Blenheim Road junction with Bicester Road** – the council has been considering installing a tree and some knee rail fencing around the grass area to prevent vehicles from parking on the verge. The cost would be around £2k which KPC could fund from their Highways Earmarked reserve. Policy and Finance committee would be asked to consider at their next meeting.

9. **Introduction of 20mph limits** – the committee recognised that there has been a mixed response to these new limits from residents but felt that it had been effective in slowing traffic down despite the lack of enforcement. Chris Hulme (TVP) recommended that the Council consider introducing Community Speedwatch so that residents can get involved. It was suggested that this might be a good article for the KPC newsletter. The Clerk to familiarise herself with the process and write an article.

10. **Rising Bollard** – Cllr Middleton had not heard anything back from the OCC officer, Keith Stenning who was looking into the introduction of ANPR as an alternative to the rising bollard which has not been effective since its introduction. Cllr Middleton to continue to seek clarification on what is possible to decrease the numbers of vehicles driving through the High Street in peak times.

Date of Next Meeting: 16 or 23 May 2024