

Whitchurch-on-Thames

Traffic & Pavements Advisory Group (TAPAG)

Note of Meeting on Wed 19th October 2011 at Chiltern House

Present: Peter Hawley, John Southey, Richard Wingfield. Apologies: Harry Butterworth

- 1. Lower Narrows.** OCC's scheme of realigned white lines and textured imprint was completed on 17th October. This results from a long campaign to the authorities by TAPAG and is a welcome improvement. However stronger measures are still needed when further budget is available (raised pavements or bollards and yellow backing to northbound give-way sign). PH will write to thank Dave Sexon and Keith Stenning and mention TAPAG's hopes for more.
- 2. Bridge reconstruction pedestrian safety.** An emailed response from OCC Cabinet Member for Highways Rodney Rose to Dave Sexon had just arrived with Harry B. Surprisingly and disappointingly, Mr Rose said he did not support the view of the PC and TAPAG that the bridge must be made safer for pedestrians during the forthcoming reconstruction. This was despite acknowledging that the bridge does need to be made safer for pedestrians. PH will write to DS conveying disappointment and re-stating the three areas where action is badly needed (Berks embankment, surgery bend drainage, toll booth crossing).
- 3. Bridge reconstruction car parking and traffic diversion.** Discussed and agreed that the matter of parking during the bridge closure is for the PC in general rather than TAPAG. Over the next year the county highways authorities are expected to be working on their traffic diversion plans.
- 4. Inspection of roads and pavements.** JS and RMW had walked the whole village on 13th October and JS's illustrated report of defects was studied item by item. Action to be taken on each item was agreed. JS has developed a spreadsheet and will continue to use the OCC website to report defects and obtain registration numbers for follow-up. It was noted that, partly as a result of requests by TAPAG, many defects have been repaired since the previous inspection: white lines repainted, potholes filled in, blocked gullies rebuilt, granite setts replaced, pavement repair done. However plenty remains to be done.
- 5. Gas pipeline collateral damage.** Damage to kerbs and pavements in Hardwick Road and Swanston Field has been reported to OCC who have said they will make sure that SGN makes good.

RMW, 24.10.11