

Full Council 13th October 2025

Travel and Transport Committee – Report

1. Speed surveys: £900 budget agreed at June Council. The survey has been postponed because of the school holiday period, followed by road works in Wallingford Road affecting speeds and traffic movements across the Village. The survey will now be carried out in December

2. Community Speed Watch: Volunteers have been trained and sites approved by the Police. Speed Watch sessions have taken place. A request to Council for funding the cost of three signs to go on lampposts in the village and a mobile sign to put out when and where a Speed Watch session is going on is on the Agenda.

3. Actions to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility:

The Committee has identified a number of sites (listed below) where improvements could be made.

(i) Manor Rd/High Street Junction: Installing a pedestrian refuge..

(ii) High St/Red Cross Rd junction to the Social Club: An informal crossing is proposed.

(iii) High St raised table: An informal crossing could be provided on the existing raised table.

(iv) Pavement outside Pierrepont's café: To investigate the possibility of a 'parklet' (a boarded extension to the pavement) being created, using one of the existing parking spaces, to provide more space for pedestrians wheelchairs and pushchairs.

(v) Reading Rd/Farm Rd footpath: The footpath narrows at the junction with Fairfield Rd on a bend where the Reading Road narrows and is unsafe. Steps from the footpath on to the road do not coincide with the pavement on the opposite side of the road.

The next step will be to scope the work and an item requesting £725 for a site visit by a transport engineer, discussion and professional visualisation of the five schemes above is on the Agenda.

4. Ferry Lane: The proposal is for an accessible, wheelchair friendly route linking Ferry Lane and the Thames Path. The path will follow the route of an existing restricted byway on the south side of the open space and will be surfaced in a permeable material. The path would enable an accessible circular route from the Wheel Orchard carpark via Ferry Lane and the Thames Path back into the Village. A request for a budget of £20,000 to meet the cost of the path, any measures to avoid damage to tree roots and providing an accessible link to the Thames Path running north to the bridge. Is on the Agenda.

5. Parking Enforcement: The current contractors, Trellint, will be ceasing parking enforcement and OCC, together with Reading will be looking for a new contractor. The Committee intend to use this opportunity to explore options and agree with OCC arrangements for more effective enforcement of parking restrictions.

6. Other matters: The Committee have been engaged with the RC church request for a directional sign and are planning placing a sign at the exit of the Wheel Orchard carpark warning of pedestrians on the new pedestrian lane on Station Road.