

## Minutes of Stratford-upon-Avon Town Transport Group meeting at the Town Hall, 10am Wednesday 3 August 2016

**Present:** Ian Andrew [IA], Joe Baconnet [JB], Elizabeth Dixon [ED], Ian Fradgley [IF], Richard Freer-Hewish [RF], Ian Heggie [IH], David Miller [DM], Adrian Purchase [AP], Kate Rolfe [KR], Robin Sankey Vice Chairman, [RS], Juliet Short, Mayor [JS].

**Shakespeare Birthplace Trust:** Mark Armstrong [MA], Becky Cundy [BC]

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including Joe Baconnet the new Stratforward Director.

- 1. Henley Street Bollards:** MA and BC spoke about their report, circulated to members giving facts about visitor numbers, the hours over 2 days when the bollards were raised rather than should be raised between 11am-6pm as per the TRO and a supporting email from Warwickshire Police, Counter Terrorism Security Advisor. The reasons for their failure since at least November 2014 was discussed and it was agreed that KR would email WCC to seek an early, permanent solution [*done*]. Mark and Becky then left the meeting. KR
- 2. Resident & Visitor Parking Permits:** Adrian Purchase explained work done by Civil Enforcement Officers when monitoring permits, and said that misuse of them is taken seriously and will be acted upon if appropriate. Improvements to the system are always considered by NSL who are under contract to WCC until 2019. Anyone who believes there is misuse should inform WCC. There was a suggestion to change the colour of the VP permits or insert a large 'V' so they were more obvious which AP will investigate. AP
- 3. Apologies:** John Deegan [JD], Jenny Fradgley [JF], Keith Lloyd [KL], Mike Peet [MP], Theresa Parker [TP] for Nadhim Zahawi [NZ].
- 4. Minutes** of 27 April 2016 were agreed after an amendment was agreed to insert '*existing users*' in line 8 of the Avon Rail Link note.
- 5. Matters arising: Honeybourne Line** - A reply from SDC says, they are currently seeking funding from other sources to pay for a more detailed study into the economic case for and environmental impact of reopening the line. Such a study is likely to cost in the region of £0.5m. Should this study show that the capital costs of reinstating the line, providing rolling stock and operating it are viable based on expected income from patronage, the rail industry may decide the project is worth pursuing. No prospect of local authorities or other agencies contributing to the construction or operation of the railway as things stand". It was agreed to continue to reserve any detailed consideration of the merits until the scheme is shown to be financially viable IH
- 6. Annual Report:** An 'Annual Report' has not been produced for some time but general reports are prepared for Stratford Society several times a year, which are also sent to our other sponsors, Stratforward and the Town Council. Agreed that these would be available on our web site instead of an annual report.
- 7. Stratford Transport Strategy:** There has been no news since Adrian Hart WCC said on 16 May, "*that work to develop the strategy has been progressing, with the intention for a draft to be presented to the Project Board in July. We will then be looking to engage with you and the other key stakeholders in the* ED / KR

*town to seek views on the draft strategy over the Summer. We will also be engaging with the relevant County and District Council members for the Stratford area. Please be assured therefore that there will be further opportunity for you and others to input to the development of the Stratford Transport Strategy before it is shared more widely with the public.”* Agreed to ask about progress and who is participating in preparing the draft document.

8. **Neighbourhood Plan:** The NDP is almost ready for submitting to SDC for Examination now that the Core Strategy has been adopted with the team tying up all the loose ends and preparing several appendices, a glossary and selecting photographs.
  
9. **Members Reports:**
  - Blue Badge users** - NSL will be undertaking an enforcement programme with Blue Badge Investigations. ED
  - County Council** - pavement repairs will be undertaken in High Street and Bridge Street. KR
  - Stratford Society** - new chairman is carrying out a review of the Society structure to move it forwards. IF
  - Town Council** - TC support an application to re-locate loading bay on Waterside to allow outside seating for new restaurant. This would remove dropped kerb which should be replaced. 16/02060/FUL refers. IF
  
- 10 **Any Other Business:** Some questions about drop kerbs around town and will speak to ED first and then if necessary to WCC. JS

**Next meeting 10am, Wednesday 14 September 2016**