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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the Extra Environment Affairs meeting
held on Monday 19th December 2011
at Shire Hall Monmouth
for the purpose of transacting the following business**

PRESENT: Chair Councillor Mrs B Smith

Cllr R Bond
Cllr G Bright
Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst
Cllr J Fletcher

Cllr Mrs A Were
Cllr Mrs J Gunter
Cllr C Munslow
Cllr Mrs S Chivers

AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.	To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda None received	
2.	To receive apologies for absence Apologies received from Cllr R Hayward, Cllr T Christopher, Cllr Mrs A Were	
3.	To agree letter of support for MDCTC Interpretation panel at banks of the Wye Full details of the proposed panels had been previously circulated to all members. The Committee agreed to send a letter of support for MDCTC Interpretation panel on banks of the Wye at the Quay. Proposed : Cllr Mrs A Dewhurst, Seconded: Cllr G Bright Unanimous in favour. Chair to draft letter.	
4.	To agree comments/questions for MCC consultation on Hereford Road at Osbaston Road junction proposed zebra crossing Each member of the committee gave his or her opinion of the proposal in turn. Everyone stated that the crossing should go ahead, but there were some concerns: a. Proximity of the Osbaston Road Junction, b. Narrowness of the Osbaston Road opening	

	<p>c. Unnecessary felling of one very slim lime tree at Monkswell Road/Hereford Road.</p> <p>d. The present outcrop from the pavement on the Parade side of the crossing.</p> <p>Suggestions to deal with the above concerns were:</p> <p>a. The crossing could be moved one or two metres down the Hereford Road.</p> <p>b. A 1.5 m tip of the elongated strip of grass and paving North of the junction could be removed. This would have the effect of distancing the Osbaston Road traffic from the zebra. Vehicles would meet the Hereford Road at right angles and stop, instead of trying to merge with the main road. Vehicles entering Osbaston Road from Hereford Road would have more room. If necessary a small section of the wide pavement could be scooped out to give these vehicles more space as they take the corner into the Osbaston Road. Standard zig-zag road markings at a zebra crossing should be painted on the Osbaston Road as well as the Hereford Road.</p> <p>Standing Orders were lifted so that Mrs Debbie Mather, who first requested the crossing, could speak.</p> <p><i>Mrs Mather stated that the crossing, in its present form, is dangerous. Her 10 year old daughter still has to venture out into the traffic, round parked cars, to get a clear view before her mother on a mobility scooter can escort her to school.</i></p> <p><i>Children from Osbaston have been advised against using it. However, a full zebra crossing will have huge value in controlling speeding traffic, while not hindering flow during peak school times, when traffic is virtually static. The survey made during last winter gave evidence that a safer means of crossing the Hereford Road is essential for a large number of Primary pupils. Wide support was given by local residents in letters to MCC.</i></p> <p>It was proposed that 'the zebra crossing is given the Committee's support on the understanding that efforts are made to extend the distance between the crossing and the junction'.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr R Bond, Seconded: Cllr Mrs S Chivers</p> <p>For: 7, Against: 1</p> <p>Cllr G Bright voted against as he wished to see the zebra installed as soon as possible, without conditions.</p> <p>Chair to write letter to Mark Youngman summarising the Committee's views.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>To confirm date of the next meeting: Monday 9th January 2012</p>	

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6pm.