REPORT OF MEETINGS UNDERTAKEN BY MEMBERS OF THE T&P WP 18.07.16.

12.07.16.

Cllrs Leech and Crathorne met with C.Cllr. Perry, the WCC Highways Safety Officers. We walked most of the High Street. We discovered that WCC was changing its policy over flashing signs and we would probably not qualify for installation. We agreed that the planned gateway by the Golf Club Entrance would not take place and the funds allocated to other safety measures such as a break out pavement at the refuge point by the Nags Head. Brighter LCD lights at the crossing by Barclays Bank. The parish council would be asked to pay for a traffic survey for seven days 24 hours to measure through put of vehicles and a speed check survey including training programme for a team of volunteer speed hand held devices to be deployed on the High Street in conjunction with the police. Meanwhile we would wait for the outcome of the change in policy by WCC to be announced in September 2016. Other matters relating to tidying up the High Street were discussed.

13.07.16

Meeting at the Railway Station attended by Cllrs Cornford and Crathorne with Victoria Mumford, Principal Transport Planner, Transport & Highways, Communities. The background to parking issues was outlined. There was a walk around the site to the council could add to this parking need to the 60 places identified for long term parking in the parish council recent survey. We visited the potential access road site, registering that this was privately owned. We acknowledged that the present council policy is to defend the greenbelt at all costs. These and other obstacles were mentioned. Vicky would be consulting colleagues and responding to us in more detail how WCC would view our ideas. She confirmed that WCC had identified Henley Station with one other in Warwickshire to be key transport hubs in the local Transport plan. The aim would be to set up a joint Working Party representing Network Rail, the franchisee, WCC and JPC to explore a cohesive plan to resolve all parties issues to the benefit of the town. This process will take a number of years.

It is proposed that the actions, outlined in this report, are approved for action by the Traffic and Parking Working Party.