

## Appeals Sub-Committee (School Transport)

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**MINUTES OF THE APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (SCHOOL TRANSPORT)  
MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2025 AT COMMITTEE ROOM C - COUNCIL  
OFFICES, MONKTON PARK, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 1ER.**

**Present:**

Cllr Adrian Foster, Cllr Tony Jackson and Cllr George Jeans

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**1 Election of Chairman**

Cllr Tony Jackson was elected as Chairman for this appeal only.

**Cllr Tony Jackson in the Chair.**

**2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3 Minutes**

The minutes from the previous School Transport Appeal held on 21 October 2024 were presented. After which, it was;

**Resolved:**

**To approve and sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2024.**

**4 Meeting Procedure**

The Chairman outlined the meeting procedure as detailed in the agenda.

**5 Exclusion of the press and public**

The panel considered whether to hold the meeting in closed session and it was:

**Resolved:**

**To exclude members of the press and public for the business specified in Item no. 6 in accordance with section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, (paragraph 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act).**

## 6 **School Transport Appeal**

The panel heard representations and replies from the Transport Officer and the appellant and asked questions of the parties involved. After which, the following decision was made:

**The Panel accepted the Officer's report and that there is no lawful obligation to provide free home to school transport to Sheldon School.**

**Recognising the issues raised by the Appellant's case, the Panel considered the information presented by the Appellant in regard to possible exceptional circumstances arising and decided that in this case there was no reason to provide door to door transport.**

**The Panel, taking account of the child's working Autism diagnosis and the information as provided decided, as per paragraph 42 of the Officer's Report (which indicated that there was no cost to provide a space on the public bus to Sheldon School), to offer a space on this existing public bus route in Colerne to and from Sheldon School at no cost.**

(Duration of meeting: 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm)

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