

AREA BOARD

for the Calne Community Area

Highways Working Group (CATG)

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 11th August 2015

Attendees: Christine Crisp - Wiltshire Council (CC), Ed Jones - Focus on Five Parish forum (EJ), Richard Tucker - Bremhill Parish Council (RT), Anne Henshaw - Calne Community Area Partnership (AH), Mark Stansby - Wiltshire Council, Senior Traffic Management Engineer (MS), Tom Rounds - Calne Town Council (TR) Jane Vaughan - Wiltshire Council, Calne Community Engagement Manager (JV), Sukh Kaur - Wiltshire Council, Business Support Officer (SK), Fiona Rae – Wiltshire Council, Democratic Services Officer (FR), Liz Creedy – Wiltshire Council, Head of Corporate Support

- 1. Apologies:** Spencer Drinkwater - Wiltshire Council Principal Transport Planner

Notes of this meeting - Jane Vaughan.

- 2. Review of CATG and Terms of Reference**

Christine Crisp explained that Cllr Philip Whitehead (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport) had held a meeting of CATG Chairs to discuss reviewing CATGs and their terms of reference. The group discussed points including the aspiration to identify only up to 4 or 5 priorities for action at one time and representation at the CATG meetings. It was felt that the current arrangement of the Calne CATG already worked to this model. Ed Jones representing the Parish Forum (Focus on Five) and Anne Henshaw representing the Community Area Partnership. It was felt it would be desirable to invite absent Parishes to select a representative to attend future meetings.

- 3. Update on existing/outstanding works and priorities**

- 3.1. Woodsage Way – Lickhill Road**

Woodsage Way – It was reported that initial works had not been constructed according to the designed scheme. The contractor had subsequently returned to the site and the correct scheme was implemented. Feedback from local residents suggested a local perception that vehicles continued to exceed the 20mph speed limit. JV reported she had been advised that the Police Authority had reviewed the Community Speedwatch Scheme and it may be possible for 20mph zones

ACTIONS

JV/SK/FR invite absent Parishes to elect a representative to future CATG meetings.

to be included within the scheme. JV was asked to contact the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator to ask for confirmation and to request a metro count to assess the area in line with Community Speedwatch criteria.

JV contact Speedwatch re. 20mph criteria.

Lickhill Road – MS reported that:

JV request metrocount.

- Build out 1 was complete
- Build out 2 - a local resident had expressed concern re. access to his property. It had been decided to create a temporary feature to enable the resident to experience the proposed scheme.
- Build out 3 – work undertaken to implement scheme had caused old gas mains to leak. Wales and West Gas were considering whether to replace the main. This had resulted in the scheme being delayed.

The group discussed issues around consultation with local residents following a feasibility study and prior to final designs being prepared. It was felt that, if a Town/Parish Council supports an issue, this should be based upon local residents understanding that work will be undertaken (especially where major works were being considered).

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The group believed that delays in this scheme could have been avoided if local people had been informed earlier in the process.

It was felt that, in future, the following process should be adopted where major schemes are to be implemented:

1. Following feasibility study Highways would provide a list of local residents to be consulted.
2. The CATG Town/Parish representative should take details back to the T/P Council.
3. The local unitary member should be informed of the details.
4. T/P Council and the relevant unitary member should be asked to promote the proposed scheme to local residents.
5. Plans of the scheme should be made available at the area board at which the scheme will be approved.

T&PC reps to report back to Town and Parish Councils

CC report to the area board, request adoption of this process.

3.2. Bentley Lane MS reported that this scheme was complete, however there had been similar issues to the Lickhill Rd scheme resulting from a lack of knowledge amongst local residents.

JV reported that positive feedback had been received at the

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3.3. Springfield School – Bus stop MS reported that construction of this scheme was due to start on 21st September 2015, it was anticipated this would last approximately 5 days.

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3.4. Springfield School – Crossing MS reported that this scheme was delayed due to pressures on staff resource.

Area Board note.

3.5. White Hart Junction road safety MS reported that a feasibility study had begun. A pedestrian count had been ordered, but would not take place until the start of the new school term.

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3.6. Anchor Road/Brewers Lane JV reported that support for a feasibility study had been received from Calne Town Council.

MS to progress.

3.7. 20mph speed limit at Cherhill village JV reported that support for this scheme had been received from Cherhill Parish Council, along with confirmation that a 20% contribution would be made by the PC (based upon the estimated total cost of £3,000). MS reported that this scheme would now go forward as a priority and the next action would be to prepare a schedule to advertise change in speed limit

MS to progress.

4. Other 20mph speed limits and zones

- School road area, Calne – JV reported that the Town Council did not feel it had enough information about the background to this issue to be able to support it or to make a 20% contribution towards implementation.

Area Board note.

It was noted that this proposal was initially raised by Town Councillor Martin Stebbing. Further information had been sent to the TC including the final report and the group was awaiting a further decision from the Town Council.

Request comments from Calne Town Council

- JV reported that Cherhill Parish Council had written to request information about the consideration of a 20mph speed limit scheme at Yatesbury. The group discussed this matter, which had initially been placed on a list of schemes for the 2015/16 year.

The group discussed that since last year charges for arrangements to assess 20 mph limits and zones were passed to the CATG (Highways working group), with no guarantee that a scheme would meet the criteria. It was felt that the group would need to request a substantial contribution from the Parish Council towards both an assessment (up to £2,500) and, in the event that it met the criteria, towards implementation (up to £4,000).

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5. CATG Budget

MS updated the group on the 2014/15 and 2015/16 Calne CATG budget, summary attached (appendix 1 and 2)

6. Other current issues on the Area Board system not included in works/priorities list above (2)

The group discussed all issues currently live on the Area Board issues system including:

ID	Summary of Issue
3619	<p>Old Derry Hill, Traffic Calming - JV reported that the Neighbourhood Policing Team had provided the following response:</p> <p><i>'This relates to 2 RTC's, some 6 months apart on a rural-ish road. On both occasions, the drivers of the involved vehicles have both swerved to avoid a deer running into the road, and upon swerving, have crashed into the wall belonging to the complainant.</i></p> <p><i>In short, there is no suggestion of dangerous or careless driving, no evidence to suggest a long term problem and nothing to suggest it was more than sheer bad luck that the same stretch of road was affected twice in six months'.</i></p> <p>The group felt that, as such it did not represent a CATG issue and should be closed on the system.</p>
3795	<p>A342 Sandy Lane (Devizes bound) speed of traffic/road safety -</p> <p>MS reported that he had reviewed signage in the area and some work was required that had been added to the routine highways work schedule, with no cost to the CATG.</p> <p>As such, the system would be updated and the issue would be closed.</p>
3875	<p>Road safety/speed at The Knapp, Stockley - MS/EJ reported that a site visit had taken place with the Parish Council, some routine requirements for work had been identified and had already been implemented.</p> <p>As such, the system would be updated and the issue would be closed.</p>
3888	<p>Beverbrook Surgery, signage – JV reported that support for this scheme had been received from the Town Council, the scheme would now be designed and implemented. With no charge to the CATG. (Costs would be covered by the Surgery).</p> <p>As such, the system would be updated and the issue would be</p>

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3942	Inappropriate parking at junction of Lansdowne Crescent – MS/EJ reported that advisory marks had been implemented, police had attended to reinforce messages about considerate parking. As such, the system would be updated and the issue would be closed.
4007	Dropped kerbs – Station Road/Wenhill Heights – It was noted that this piece of work had already been implemented, although not through the CATG system. As such, the system would be updated and the issue would be closed.
4026	Request for double yellow lines – Dakota Drive, Calne – MS suggested he would investigate this issue with a view to providing advisory road markings to deter parking.
4057	HGVs using Springfield Drive as sat nav route to Portemmarsh – The group discussed this issue, but felt that more information was needed - the complainant would be asked to provide photos referred to on the issues system.
4106	Request for white lines at Shelburne Road, Calne – MS suggested he would investigate this issue with a view to providing advisory road markings to deter parking.
4147	Request for speed monitoring/signage at Sandpit Road, Calne The group discussed this issue and decided that it would request a metro count in the area to provide further information. JV would contact the complainant to request assistance in identifying a relevant spot.

JV close issue.

Area Board to note.

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MS to progress

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JV request photos from complainant.

MS to progress

Area Board to note.

JV contact complainant to identify placement of a metro count.

7. CCAP Transport Strategy Plan

AH reported that members of the Calne Area Transport Group (CAT) had identified the main issues/objectives emerging from its community consultation exercise. They had met with the Community Engagement Manager and Principal Transport Planner and were now going to work to draw down evidence to support the emerging objectives. Progress so far had been reported to the Area Board on 4th August and the proposal to hold a stakeholders meeting and to report evidence based objectives to the Area Board for support was agreed. It was hoped this

would happen before the end of the year.

8. Recommendations to the Area Board:

8.1. To adopt new process involving Town and Parish Councils and relevant Unitary Members in consulting local residents on details of major CATG schemes in future

Area Board to note.

8.2. To note actions laid out in these meeting notes

9. Arrangements for next meeting:

In future meetings will be arranged by Democratic Services Business Support Officers.

Sukh Kaur will contact members of the group to confirm details of the next meeting to be held in November 2015.

SK arrange meeting and liaise with the group.