

South West Wiltshire Area Board
Community Areas Transport Group (CATG)

14.30 Tuesday 31st January 2012

Dinton Village Hall

Minutes

1. Apologies and introductions

In attendance:

- i. Cllr Tony Deane (Chair) (AD)
- ii. Cllr Jose Green (JG)
- iii. Cllr Bridget Wayman (BW)

- iv. Spencer Drinkwater, Principal Transport Planner (SD)
- v. Richard Jefferies, Mere Resident (RJ)
- vi. Rachael Ashton-Brown, Wilton Resident (RAB)
- vii. Tom Gardner, Senior Engineer (TG)
- viii. Tony Phillips, Fovant Parish Councillor (AP)
- ix. Clive Upton, Dinton Resident (CU)
- x. Tony Peel, Tollard Royal Parish Councillor (TP)
- xi. Chris Clark, Local Roads Manager (CC)
- xii. Bev Ford, Tisbury Community Safety Partnership (BF)
- xiii. Steve Harris, Community Area Manager (SH)

Apologies:

Charles Smith, Dinton Parish Councillor, David Button, Area Highway Engineer & Tracy Myers, Highways Technician

Notes were given for the last meeting.

2. LTP Area Board Substantive Highway Scheme.

AD noted that the scheme is technically at Charlton, so will be referred to in this way in future.

Cllr Dick Tonge has advised that there are funds available to support this scheme from the Highways budget, as long as support funding of £11,000 is identified. Donhead St Mary PC is putting forward £1000 (£500 for 12/13, £500 for 13/14). SD advised the total cost of the scheme is approximately £80,000.

JG asked whether Ludwell were going to make a public appeal, as this had previously been mentioned. AD advised that he was not aware whether any other work had been done with this.

AP asked if it was possible for CATG to contribute out of funding for next year. BW advised area board grant money is available. BW will put forward resolution for area board to contribute and funds can then be paid back when received (i.e. from Donhead St Mary).

ACTION – SH to include proposal for £11,000 to be set aside for the scheme at Area Board meeting on 29 February 2012.

BW advised that Donhead St Mary should provide at least £1000 back. TP felt that the local community should also pay into this.

CU asked if there were any funds available from schools; SD advised that the scheme is not linked to children accessing school. AP asked if R2 funding was available; AD advised that there is no R2 money available in that area.

AD advised that proposal will be included as part of the CATG update.

TG advised that presuming all parish contributions come in (£2500 Wilton, £500 Netherhampton, £200 Fovant) this will leave approximately £7,800 remaining from the CATG budget for 11/12.

3. Current priorities

Tuckingmill – finished.

Ansty Road Bridge – finished. AD asked if any response had been received by South West trains in relation to painting on the premises.

ACTION - SD to continue to chase with South West trains for clarification.

Bishopstone Crossing – TG advised he thinks this was completed last week.

4. New priorities for 2012/13

TG advised that it would be a good idea for a list to be put together with new proposals for the next meeting.

5. New requests

Tollard Royal:

- 1) B3081 roadside kerbing

A report produced by TP was shared with the group.

CU asked if Highways are responsible for both sides of the road. CC advised this is not always the case.

AD asked what can be done about over-runs. CC advised that generally the verge is re-made. Realistically if getting overruns something more structural is required to bring the verge back across. CC advised if this was done in this case you would still get the problem repeated.

TP advised that the road is very narrow. TP knew of one car that had damaged tyres as a result.

TG advised that the white lines on side of the road are an advisory marking.

TP declared an interest as there are many similar road situations in Fovant.

RAB asked what would happen with this kerbing if HGVs came through. CC advised that potentially they would knock the kerbing out. It is possible to put double row of kerbs in. TG said a standard kerb would be mounted and knocked out. Containment kerbs are much higher, usually a very urban measure. CC advised they have used them in rural locations but they don't go down very well with local people.

JG asked what would happen if a car was damaged on double kerbing? BW asked if council could be liable for any damage. CC advised that they are recognised for roadside use.

AD asked the group if this issue was something that is lived with or something that one could spend thousands of pounds on and could make the countryside more urban. CU asked how long do you live with something? CU observed that if the posts weren't there then it would keep going back.

AP asked why the posts are not on the road rather than the grass. TP advised that the plot on the left of the picture is a community orchard and the posts were put in 3 years ago. TP was advised by David Button to put them half a metre back, in case cars were to damage themselves against it. TP advised that more and more ground is gradually being eroded and this is spoiling a pretty area. JG asked if it was saving damage to the property on the other side of the road. TP advised that the resident on the opposite side has had his fence damaged on numerous occasions.

AD advised an estimate from David Button had been received. AD asked whether the group wanted to have it looked at further. TP offered £200 out of precept. AD advised that other areas are using Sowing Seeds funding and this could potentially be claimed in order to protect the orchard.

AD proposed that TG look into the case further and this was agreed.

ACTION TG to check out the wall foundations and any implications on cost; TG then to update.

BW asked whether Wiltshire Council would maintain the kerbing, TG confirmed that they would. TG advised that he would be able to look at it in the next month.

AP stated that the sense should be taken from the meeting that the scheme should go ahead if it can.

2) Unsuitable for HGV signing

TP advised that a sign at the top / bottom would be helpful.

SD advised that it has to be unsuitable for HGVs in order for signs to go up.

ACTION - SH to gather information so that it can be raised as an area board issue and looked into.

AD advised that it will be drawn to Mark Stansby's attention. SD advised that if agreed it will then come out of a central pot.

BW advised that if a sign is required and there is no budget then the matter should be brought back to CATG.

JG asked if access permitted signs would be appropriate. SD advised that signs are advisory and tend to have been used where it is not obvious that the road will narrow.

Squalls Lane, Tisbury:

TG advised that this was an issue that needs to be raised on the system? A resident is concerned that the route is used as a short cut by locals. TG drove through it; there is a gate at the other end that is always open. JG advised there might be a right of way (bridle path). Dead end road essentially.

ACTION - AD will raise the matter with Martyn Day. TG will advise the resident that the matter is being looked at.

6. Review of scheme requests in the Mere, Tisbury and Wilton Community Areas

Fingerposts:

AD advised that parish councils have opportunities through the Area Board to refurbish one fingerpost each year; a 50% grant (max £350) has been agreed previously, including £200 fee for removing and erecting. AD advised that he is likely to propose that area board pays £550 per fingerpost this year. BW raised the point that some parishes will have more arms to pay for on the post and therefore costs will be higher.

AD confirmed that local contractors could be used but the fingerposts must be done to Wiltshire specification. BW proposed that 50% plus £200 could be awarded in future.

AD advised that all that is needed in future is the request and a photograph.

Dinton Refuge Island:

TG is meeting with Mr Glover in the next couple of weeks along with Charles Smith and couple of members of the parish council before mid-February.

Netherhampton:

This has progressed quite well. TG has met with the parish council and agreed the scheme and their contribution (need clarification on whether this is £500 or £1000). Scheme will cost £3200, to be implemented in April/May.

ACTION - JG will go back to PC to confirm contribution.

Mere Lynch Close:

This has now been dropped. AD advised that Mere residents decided the scheme was not viable.

Wilton Double Yellow Lines:

TG advised that AD agreed £2,500 contribution from town council. WTC wanted to include additional restrictions in Castle Lane, subsequently agreed by WC that this is a viable scheme. RAB is informally consulting with the Water Ditchampton NHW and interested Victoria Road residents, specifically about the double yellow lines in Water Ditchampton. RAB to submit information to TRO. TG advised implementation will happen after April.

JG asked when the contribution is to be made. TG advised that an invoice is sent after works are completed.

ACTION - SH to obtain minutes from Wilton Town Council meeting to show evidence of what has been agreed; these will be sent with the minutes.

Hindon Lane, Tisbury:

Promoting TRO (traffic regulation order) to extend 30 mph limit. Now with TRO team, intending to advertise in March, await the outcome of this. Parish council supported this process. JG advised there was some debate as to whether this was exasperating the parking issue for residents. AD advised that WC is being flexible in order to ensure issue can be resolved.

Dropped kerbs:

CC gave details of locations where dropped crossings could be put in; see attached documents. AD advised that money has been granted to doing dropped kerbs. CC advised that 5 dropped crossings have been identified. TG advised £2000 has been put aside. AD concurred that the crossings identified are correct.

ACTION – CC to confirm whether the funding available will cover the identified schemes.

SID allocation:

AD advised that BF has conducted exercise to check on insurance costs. Was discussed that CSW are not insured either? BF advised that she is waiting for information higher up on who should take out insurance.

BF advised that insurance was asked for if people got knocked over by vehicles, fall off ladder if changing. BF told that she would need public liability and employers liability cover. There is also a question about personal accident cover. Volunteers are using personal cars, will need to add extra insurance cover.

AD has raised the issue with Dick Tonge; nothing insurable from Wiltshire Council's point of view. Asked to check the policies out; BF advised that CSW not added on under WC policy.

RJ advised that there is more risk with the SID project. There is a heavy box and battery. Pole is put up by WC, and then volunteers put on and take off the camera. AD advised that until insurance is sorted out the SID will not be used.

BF advised that one quote has been gained from private site – £371. Still have hurdle with using personal cars.

ACTION - AP will provide details of another scheme where insurance has been sourced.

In the longer term, the issue needs to be raised with WC. AD proposed that best cover should be sourced in the meantime.

BW suggested making contact with GROW.

CC to discuss with RJ and will also make other enquiries. The group agreed that insurance will not be sourced until enquiries have been made.

ACTION - SD to raise issue of CSW insurance.

8. Other highways issues

Fovant crossroads – after survey TG will arrange a public meeting to discuss. Survey should be back in next couple of months. Order for survey has been placed.

9) AOB

Parking at the Poplars:

AP, Proposal is to have 13 extra parking spaces. Residents and Neighbourhood Housing officer have signed up. TG advised that reinforced grass-crete is used, not particularly expensive.

AP advised that spaces at bottom for bungalows are only designated ones. CC advised that heavy traffic usage can result in not much grass growing. JG proposed that a letter is written to Housing (Graham Hogg and Derek Streek) that this is an issue. AD agreed to notify them; TG will get a costing but this will be approximate and could increase substantially.

ACTION - TG will decide if further investigations are required and any costs implied.

BV will raise an issue on the system.

JG raised question with what is being done with data received from SIDs/CSW. TP advised that reports going in daily, not sure when letters go out.

ACTION – SH to highlight concerns with Elizabeth Ngero.

Tracey was due to investigate batteries in road sign – **ACTION CC to look into this.**

JG commended TG for his award as part of his thesis.

AD advised that he had attended a SCOB meeting last night; there may be an access problem to the site. **ACTION - TG will look into what needs to happen next.**

TG gave financial update. Balance available is £4643, not including contributions. Including contributions, this brings the figure up to £7800.

10. Next meeting 20 March 2012 – Dinton Village Hall. **ACTION – SH to make booking and update group.**