Highways Working Group (CATG)

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 18th April 2012

Attendees: Cllr Christine Crisp (Wiltshire Council), Ed Jones (Focus on Five Parish forum), Charles Boase (Calne Town Council), Gibb Hancock (Cherhill Parish Council), Geoff Proctor (HAGGIS), Mark Stansby (Wiltshire Council Senior Traffic Management Engineer), Spencer Drinkwater (Wiltshire Council Principal Transport Planner), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

 Apologies: Steve Cross (Wiltshire Council, Divisional Highway Manager), Martin Cook (Wiltshire Council, Area Highways Engineer)

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.

2. Community Speedwatch

Jane Vaughan reported that Community Speedwatch schemes have now been identified at East Tytherton and at Lake View, Quemerford, Calne.

Greg Widger has reported that identification of volunteers at Quemerford is proving difficult. Jane Vaughan is helping to create and produce flyers to be delivered locally.

Ed Jones reported that Calne Without Parish Council is also experiencing difficulties recruiting volunteers to run the Speedwatch scheme at Sandy Lane. Jane will contact the Parish Clerk to offer the same support that has been provided for Quemerford.

3. SID (Speed Indicator Device) rota and new locations

Jane Vaughan reported that all requests for reviewing previous sites and assessing new locations have now been submitted. Currently awaiting results from Hilmarton and Goatacre.

4. Update on schemes from 2010/11

- Hilmarton refuge: Mark Stansby reported that this has been implemented and is functioning; a few minor alterations are still required. Geoff Procter reported that local people are providing positive feedback about the refuge.
- Derry Hill lights: Mark Stansby reported that the contractor has advised that work on the lights, at the Calne end refuge is complete and that the lamp poles at the Chippenham refuge have been installed, by the contractor, in error. (These poles are not connected to an electric supply, are currently useless and

ACTIONS

JV contact Calne W/O PC.

MS investigate completion of lighting.

will be removed by the contractor at their own expense). Other members of the group observed that the Calne end lights are not complete. Mark will investigate this.

- Derry Hill White Gates: White gates have been delivered, Mark Stansby is in communication with Richard Aylen (representing the community) to arrange installation.
- Lake View/Quemerford footpath: Mark Stansby reported that Detail design on this piece of work has begun. Construction will probably begin during the summer holidays.

5. 2012/13 Budget and details of substantive highways scheme

Spencer Drinkwater reported that the Calne Area Board allocation for 2012/13 remains the same as 2011/12 at £12,465. The substantive highways scheme budget (for the whole of the County) has risen to £250,000

6. Review of Speed Limits (C and unclassified roads)

Mark Stansby gave an overview of the review process that had been circulated to the group prior to the meeting. This involved identifying 2 routes to be put forward for assessment under the speed limit review and 1 reserve route. The group then discussed the routes within the community area that are applicable and considered the information relating to collision rates and percentages of routes within the community area.

The group formed a consensus on routes it would recommend to the area board as priorities, based upon issues received from the community through the Area Board issues system, information on collision rates and the percentage of the route within the community area and how this related to issues in neighbouring areas.

The routes to be recommended to the Area Board were:

- 1. C15 (from A4 east of Quemerford through Compton Bassett to Wootton Bassett)
- 2. C113 (from A4 west of Calne through Ratford, Bremhill Wick, East Tytherton, Kellaways towards Langley Burrell)
- 3. C112 (from A4 at Pewsham, Stanley Lane through Bremhill to Turf House Lane) (THIS IS A RESERVE ROUTE).

It was also noted that C50 (from the A4 at Quemerford, through Blackland to Bishop Cannings) should be a priority for the Area Board, however it was hoped that this might be picked up by the Devizes Area Board, as this is a significant issue for Bishop Cannings and 70% of the route is in that area.

CC/JV recommend to the Area Board that these routes are submitted as potential speed limit review routes.

7. Remaining issues from 2010/11 priorities Update on schemes from 2010/11

• Goatacre refuge: The group felt that this issue represented the top priority for action by the area board. As this scheme has already been designed and costed and all relevant survey work has been implemented, this would make a strong application to the substantive highways scheme. In addition Hilmarton Parish Council has approved a contribution of £1000 towards this scheme. It was decided that a recommendation should be made to the Area Board that it should submit this scheme to the 2012/13 Substantive Highways Scheme.

CC/JV recommend Area Board submits Goatacre Refuge scheme to the substantive highways scheme.

• Sandy Lane/Back Lane junction: This scheme has also been designed and costed and the group felt that it should be recommended to the Area Board that this scheme is put forward for implementation from the 2012/13 budget.

CC/JV recommend Area Board allocates CATG funding to the Sandy Lane/Back Lane iunction scheme

8. Issues arising from current Area Board Community Issues

• 2165 - Speed of traffic at Calstone Wellington – The group discussed this issue in line with the review of speed limits on C and unclassified roads. Jane Vaughan had spoken with the local neighbourhood police sergeant who had no knowledge of incidents in the area; Wiltshire Council also holds no information of collisions in the area. It was suggested that the Wellington Barn business may have lead to an increase in traffic in the area. The group decided that Jane Vaughan should contact the correspondent to explain that this site could not be considered as a priority for speed limit review this year and that, if it still remains an issue, it should be resubmitted for consideration under the 2013/14 review.

JV contact correspondent and close issue

 509 and 2159 – Speed/use of C113 road as a rat run (Calne – Bremhill – East Tytherton) – This route has been submitted to the speed limit review referred to in '6' above. JV close issue

 1473 – Speed of traffic at Lower Compton (C15) – This route has been referred to the speed limit review referred to in '6' above. JV close issue

 1037 – Request for speed bumps at Duncan Street, Calne – It was decided that this issue should be referred to the Town Council to assess local opinion.

JV refer to Town Council

579 – Suggestion for a reversal of traffic direction at the Green,
Calne. It was decided that this issue should be referred to the
Town Council to assess local opinion.

JV refer to Town Council

 Other issues relating to parking at Fynamore School are still outstanding. Mark Stansby will look at previous scheme identified relating to works at School Road and also investigate

MS investigate

whether roads are now adopted and whether double yellow lines in the area is an option.

9. Other issues:

- Request for funding signage scheme at Patford House surgery: It was felt that this request should not be supported as the future of the Patford House Surgery at its current location is uncertain.
- CC/JV recommend that Area Board does not support this request.
- 20mph limit signage scheme at Derry Hill Jane Vaughan reported that the initial correspondent has been in contact to confirm that this scheme has now been completed. It has therefore been closed on the issues system.
- Heddington repair of cobbled footpath This issue has not been received as a formal Area Board issue, but has been communicated to the Area Manager by the Area Highways Engineer. It was decided that, once an official issue has been logged it will need to be referred to the Parish Council for observations/support.
- Request from resident at the Pippin to alter signage in order to allow vehicular access to individual property.

Date of next meeting

Jane Vaughan was asked to arrange the next meeting in July 2012. **(4pm at the Community Hub, Calne to be confirmed)**

JV arrange next meeting