

AREA BOARD

for the Calne Community Area

Highways Working Group (CATG)

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 30th April 2014

Attendees: Cllr Alan Hill (Wiltshire Council), Charles Boase (Calne Town Council), Ed Jones (Focus on Five Parish forum), Richard Tucker (Bremhill Parish Council), David Evans (Cherhill Parish Council), Anne Henshaw (Calne Community Area Partnership), Mark Stansby (Wiltshire Council Senior Traffic Management Engineer), Spencer Drinkwater (Wiltshire Council Principal Transport Planner), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

1. **Apologies:** Martin Cook (Wiltshire Council, Area Highways Engineer)

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.

2. **Community Speedwatch**

JV advised that a Metro count request has been submitted for Woodsage Way, Calne and that a local resident has indicated that a Speedwatch group is likely to be put together if it is appropriate.

Richard Tucker reported that the Bremhill group has undertaken the Speedwatch training programme.

3. **SID (Speed Indicator Device)**

A Parish Councillor from Bremhill had been in contact suggesting that the SID at East Tytherton was not in the best position. Richard Tucker felt this was not necessarily the view of the whole Parish Council, but they were keen to identify additional measures to improve road safety in the area. JV was asked to respond and request that an issues sheet be submitted.

4. **Update on existing/outstanding works and priorities**

- 4.1. **Maud Heath Causeway:** MS reported that trial holes have been dug, that a drainage survey has been undertaken and that a topographical survey has been ordered but not yet implemented. More information will be available at the next meeting when it is hoped that 3 estimates may be available.

ACTIONS

JV to follow up

4.2. Woodsage Way to Lickhill Road:

MS presented a potential scheme for traffic calming measures in the area. The estimated cost of this scheme was £16,500. The group felt this represented a good approach and that it should be considered for prioritisation/approval by the Area Board (plan attached - appendix 1).

MS presented a second potential scheme relating to traffic calming/pedestrian crossing points on Lickhill Rd. /North Street. The group discussed this scheme at length and felt that it was a good approach to an issue that the community is keen to address. The estimated cost of this scheme was £35,000 The group felt this should also be presented to the Area Board for prioritisation/approval. (Plan attached – appendix 2).

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4.3. Springfield School Crossing:

MS reported that a pedestrian and vehicle survey had been ordered.

4.4. Bus Shelter at Springfield School:

A site visit had taken place in preparation for design to take place.

4.5. Stockley Bus Stop:

MS reported that final designs have now been completed and it was hoped that news about installation would be available at the next meeting.

4.6. Signage at Phelps Parade:

MS reported that this scheme, to install new 'no cycling' signage was ready to be implemented and completion would take place when staffing resources became available.

4.7. Bentley Lane road safety:

MS presented a draft scheme for improvements to pavements in the area (appendix 3.) The estimated cost of this scheme was £4,000. The group considered the scheme and some discussion took place around the potential need/value of including barriers and the practicalities incorporating them into the design. It was felt that the plan, as presented, was the best approach and that this should be presented to the Area Board for prioritisation/approval.

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5. Calne CATG budget

The group was provided with details of the current balance of the CATG budget (appendix 4).

6. Speed Limit Review (C & u/c roads)

2012/13 Review – MS reported that a report relating to this review is due at the end of May. JV reported that Compton Bassett Parish Council had expressed concerns (via the local Area Board Councillor) about speed limit on the C15. It was noted that this route had been the subject of a speed limit review in 2012/13 the results of which recommended no change. Consultation took place following this result, which was referred to the Parish Council in September 2013. No comments from Compton Bassett PC. were received in response to this consultation exercise, although comments were received relating to the same route further north within the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area.

New routes for consideration – The group considered there were no current issues relating to routes appropriate for a speed limit review of C & u/c roads) and that future routes should be brought to the CATG through the Area Board Issues system.

7. Wiltshire Council Policy on 20mph speed limits and zones:

The Area Board had requested Town and Parish councils nominate potential routes and zones to be considered as 20mph areas. It was noted that, successful limits and zones would require funding by the CATG.

The Calne Area Board had received 4 nominations in Cherhill (appendix 5a), Yatesbury (app. 5b), Station Road Calne (app. 5c) and Stickleback/School Rd. Calne (app. 5d). The group discussed the relative merits of each proposal and agreed unanimously to recommend that the Area Board selects Cherhill and Stickleback/School road and that Yatesbury and Station Road Calne be added to a list for consideration in 2015/16

8. Requests for Minor Traffic Signing Improvements and De-cluttering.

No requests had been received, JV was asked to circulate information to the Town and Parish Councils.

9. Recently received issues on the Area Board system

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

3350 Fishers Brook – request for horse warning signs. The group was concerned that this issue could lead to similar requests from all over the Community Area. It was decided that the Parish Council should be contacted to establish if they would support this request and be asked for their comments.

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JV circulate to Town & Parishes.

JV request comments from the Parish Council

3307 Mile Elm – Traffic speed/road safety. MS/JV reported that they had met with the local Neighbourhood Policing Team, The Sector Inspector and Traffic Police to discuss this issue. At this meeting it had been noted that it would be standard procedure to await the outcome of the inquest that is linked to a recent incident in the area before undertaking any significant actions. However there may be some minor works that could be undertaken in the interim. It was also felt that it would be appropriate to undertake a Metro count in the area to establish current speeds in the area. Ed Jones reported that the Parish Council has discussed this issue and consider it to be a priority for them. It was decided that a joint approach should be taken between the Area Board/CATG/Parish Council and Wiltshire Police. The CATG would request a metro count and JV would liaise with Wiltshire Police and the Parish Council to deliver a joint letter to local residents explaining the approach that would be taken to address this issue.

JV – request Metro count at Mile Elm.

JV liaise with Wiltshire Police and Calne Without Parish Council

3298 A4 Yatesbury Junction – road safety. This issue referred to poor repair of road markings and signage. MS reported that he had looked at the area and felt that this was more than a maintenance issue and that potential improvements could be made in the area. Mark was asked to undertake a study and feedback to the next meeting.

MS undertake study and feedback to next meeting.

3178 A4 near to 57 Curzon Street, Calne - extension of zigzags at the pedestrian crossing. JV reported that she was awaiting a response from the resident ensuring they understood and were happy that this action would result in them losing parking from outside of their home. It was decided that, once this was received, JV should contact the Town Council to gain their comments/support.

JV contact Calne TC for comments.

3170 Oxford Road, Calne – Concerns about traffic speed. JV reported that results of a Metro count had been received showing that, between 31/03/2014 and 07/04/2014 a total of 28196 vehicles were checked. The 85th percentile was 32mph (The 85th percentile is the speed at which 85% of the traffic is travelling at or below). Criteria for the threshold for interventions in a 30mph speed limit dictates that no further action should be taken where the 85th percentile is between 30 and 34.9mph. The group therefore requested that this issue be removed from the system and it be noted that another request for a metro count will not be accepted at this or close surrounding area for another 12 months.

JV close issue

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3147 A3102, Calne Bypass – it was noted that this is not an area board issue, but has been kept on the list so that the Area Board can be kept informed. The Local Highways & Streetview Area Co-ordinator was not present at the meeting and so no update was available. JV was asked to request an update for the next meeting.

JV request update

3117 Isis Close, Calne – Parking issues relating to local primary school. It was noted that this issue is still awaiting the outcome of the waiting restriction review. Jamie Mundy, Senior Traffic Technician has advised that it is anticipated this will be signed off in June and any installation works will then be programmed later in the summer.

2827 Church Road, Derry Hill – Speeding traffic. JV reported that results of a Metro count had been received showing that, between 25/03/2014 and 10/04/2014 a total of 13891 vehicles were checked. The 85th percentile was 28.6mph (The 85th percentile is the speed at which 85% of the traffic is travelling at or below). The group noted that this result would constitute no further action in a 30mph area. However there was no guidance for 20mph limits. JV was asked to contact officers for further clarification.

1807 North Street, Calne – Road safety, speeding traffic. The group felt that this linked to the existing Area Board priority referred to in 4.2 it should therefore be noted on the system.

3355 North Street/Lickhill Rd, Calne – Road safety, speeding traffic – the group discussed as per previous issue (1807)

JV gain further clarification.

JV update system.

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10. CCAP Transport Strategy Plan

Anne Henshaw provided the group with an update of the progress of the CCAP Transport Strategy Plan. The CCAP working group had prepared a questionnaire that it would send out to a wide range of people with help from the local schools and local networks like Our Community Matters, and the Partnership mailing lists. They had already met Jane Vaughan to discuss the community aspect of the questionnaire and would like Spencer Drinkwater to have a look at it too, to provide additional advice. The group intended to run the consultation period over 3 months.

SD provide advice to Anne Henshaw re. draft questionnaire

11. Prioritisation of schemes for 2014/15

The group discussed schemes that could be implemented in the current financial year based upon the CATG budget and those schemes that have had plans produced and have been costed. MS and SD explained that it may be possible to apply to the Substantive Highways Scheme for additional funding. It was unanimously agreed that schemes should be recommended to the Area Board as follows:

11.1. Bentley Lane road safety improvements Total cost £4,000 to be implemented using the Calne CATG budget.

11.2. Woodsage Way Lickhill Road traffic calming schemes Total cost £51,500, allocate £25,300 from the Calne CATG budget request a contribution from Calne Town Council and submit a Substantive Highways Scheme bid for the remainder.

Alan Hill report to the Area Board

12. Recommendations to the Area Board:

12.1. Approve a scheme, allocate £25,300 from the CATG budget, request a contribution from Calne Town Council and submit a bid to the Substantive Highways Scheme in order to implement traffic calming/road safety improvements at Woodsage Way/North Street/Lickhill Road, Calne. (relates to 4.2 and 11.2 above).

12.2. Approve a scheme and allocate £4,000 from the CATG budget to implement road safety improvements at Bentley Lane, Calne (relates to 4.7 and 11.1 above).

12.3. Select Cherhill and Stickleback Rd / School Road, Calne nominations as areas to be considered for 20mph speed limits/zones. And add Yatesbury and Station Road proposals to a list for consideration in 2015/16. (relates to 7 above).

12.4. To note actions laid out in these meeting notes

12.5. To note discussions/actions relating to new issues and existing priorities.

13. Date of next meeting

Jane Vaughan was asked to arrange the next meeting for July 17th 2014 at the Calne Community Hub.

Alan Hill make recommendations to the Area Board.

JV arrange next meeting