

**Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group**

**Monday 8th December 2014 at County Hall, Trowbridge in the Lacock Room at 4pm**

**Present:**

Rosemary Brown, Wiltshire Councillor, Bradford North  
Ian Thorn, Wiltshire Councillor, Bradford South  
Trevor Carbin, Wiltshire Councillor, Holt and Staverton  
Magnus Macdonald, Wiltshire Councillor, Winsley and Westwood  
Martin Newman, Gwen Allison, Bradford on Avon Town Council  
Andrew Pearce, Holt Parish Council  
Simon Coombe, Bob Broadhead, Limpley Stoke Parish Council  
Matthew Midlane, Monkton Farleigh Parish Council  
Alan Parker, Westwood Parish Council  
Linda Ladner, Roger Rowe, Winsley Parish Council  
Shay Parsons, Lorry Watch  
PC Martin Annetts, Wiltshire Police  
Andy Cadwallader, Local Highways and Streetscene, Wiltshire Council  
Spencer Drinkwater, Transport Planning, Wiltshire Council  
Dave Thomas, Traffic Engineering, Wiltshire Council  
Peter Dunford, Bradford on Avon Area Board

1. **Apologies:** Maggie Novotni, Wingfield Parish Council

2. **Notes of CAT-G meeting on 8 September**

Notes: agreed with the addition of M. Novotni being present.

Matters Arising: Police concerns at Kingston Mill regarding dangerous reversing traffic. Highway still not adopted and traffic regulation orders not enforceable.

**AGREED: Speak to Highways Development Control Officer, Rebecca Lockwood-Norris, and write to Linden Homes**

3. **Budget Position – update**

Dave Thomas reported that £ 7, 601 was unallocated and available to be spent from the budget for 2014/15.

4. **Historic Core Zone – Parish Poll**

Dave Thomas reported that a parish meeting would be held on 6 January to call the parish poll, which would probably be held in late January or early February 2015.

5. **Wiltshire 20 mph policy – Scrutiny review**

Dave Thomas reported that the Environment Select Committee on 9 December would consider the Scrutiny review report which was recommending no amendment to the proposed Wiltshire 20 mph policy.

Representatives from 2 of the trial sites - Westwood and Limpley Stoke - felt that the report was inaccurate and not reflecting their experience that 20 mph zones and limits do work. The Police and Community Speedwatch are helping to enforce the regulations. If 20 mph outside schools is deemed to be appropriate why is the same protection not afforded to the wider community?

**AGREED: The comments of the CATG be reported to the Environment Select Committee**

6. **Traffic Survey of Bradford on Avon and Holt**

Spencer Drinkwater reported that Atkins had completed the Bradford on Avon study although discussions were continuing on certain points of detail on which clarification has been sought.

The Holt study remains in draft status and the Parish Council are challenging some of the findings; their own research shows significantly higher numbers and impact of HGV through-traffic. The final report should be published in the New Year.

7. **Lorry Watch - new signage**

Shay Parsons reported that new HGV signs are all up. The Lorry Watch is now fully operational for only 2 months a year due to resource limitations in Wiltshire Trading Standards. Additional resources for monitoring have been requested from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Town Council.

Simon Coombe reported that the Valley Parishes Alliance are concerned that Bath and North East Somerset Council's is again investigating a link road through the Bathampton Meadows to relieve traffic from the A4/ A36 in Bath, but which would send increased numbers of cars and lorries down the A36 through Wiltshire.

**AGREED: Agenda item for next time**

## 8. **Speed Indicator Devices**

Dave Thomas reported that the Cabinet Portfolio Holder, Councillor Thomson, was consulting with parishes on the withdrawal of funding for Speed Indicator Devices, a budget of £ 75,000 countywide.

The only sites which regularly use the SID in our area are Moulton Drive in Bradford on Avon and the B3109 at Wingfield. Bradford on Avon Town Council and Wingfield Parish Council both support the continued use of the SID but reject the proposed contribution of £ 4,200 per annum to continue its deployment. Other parish councils have not responded individually to Councillor Thomson. Dave Thomas explained that teams have to be trained and insured to work on the highway and that parish councils may struggle to move the SIDs around on a regular basis. It was suggested that SIDs could be permanently installed but only switched on at certain times. Dave Thomas felt this would have reduced effectiveness on driver behaviour compared to a moveable, temporary sign.

Trevor Carbin suggested a pro-rata financial contribution by parish or community area, based on population, rather than a flat rate charge. The CATG would not be allowed to pay for the revenue costs of SID deployment from its capital budget.

**AGREED: To write to Councillor Thomson with the views of the CATG**

## 9. **Update on CAT-G priority projects**

- i) **Newtown bollards, Bradford on Avon** - in response to a resident request the bollard outside 18 Newtown has been removed. New thinner bollards at No 18 and signs at the junction of Newtown and Masons Lane have now been installed
- ii) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon** - pedestrian crossing near Huntingdon Street junction funding contribution of £3,500 from the CATG budget. Design work underway, TRO advert due January, install April/May.
- iii) **White Hill, Bradford on Avon** – enforcement of “Access Only” restrictions through additional signing and bollards at top of hill. Works now complete.
- iv) **Wingfield** – footway from Trowle Farm Lane to Loves Lane. Wingfield Parish Council had agreed to contribute £ 2,000 towards these improvements in 2013/14 and a further £ 2,000 in 2014/15, to be match funded £ 4,000 by the CATG. Detail design nearly complete. Works due 2<sup>nd</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

## 10. **Other urgent highways and transport matters**

- i) **Waiting Restrictions** – The budget cutbacks and staffing reductions have meant that little progress is being made against a backlog of requests which is giving rise to increasing complaint. A revised policy is currently being drafted to address the concerns, due January 2015.

- ii) **Bath Road, Bradford on Avon** – pedestrian crossing to Christchurch School and traffic management measures on Berryfield Road are linked to an update of the School Travel Plan. The STP has now been completed and a bid under the 'Taking Action on School Journeys' fund is being made by the school.
- iii) **Frankleigh** – dangerous access and egress onto main road. Visibility splay cannot be improved as walls are listed structures and in private ownership. Overhanging vegetation needs to be cut back.  
**AGREED: Metrocount application to establish speeds along this stretch of road.**
- iv) **Highfield Road, Bradford on Avon** – parking bays requested to organise on-street parking. Site visit held. No further action possible as highway funds cannot be used to provide off street parking bays.
- v) **Huntingdon Rise** – wooden posts requested to control parking on grass verge. Site visit held. Options discussed and support given to hard grass solution.  
**AGREED: Town Council to consider options and request for match funding**
- vi) **Kingsfield, Woolley Street** – yellow lining requested to control on-street parking by non-residents in the day time. Site visit held. Proposals plan drafted and circulated.  
**AGREED: Town Council to consider via WRV1 process.**
- vii) **Land North of Holt Road, Bradford on Avon** – the temporary closure of Cemetery Lane is part of the Kingston Farm proposals; it is also proposed as a permanent measure within the Spitfire development to the north of Holt Road.
- viii) **Moulton Drive, Bradford on Avon** – a Speed Indicator Device to be deployed at this location on an occasional basis to reflect the speeding issue. As part of speed monitoring, metrocounts readings will be taken at this site. Yellow lining requested by the Town Council.
- ix) **Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon** – parking issues in Churches caused by the School and Music Centre. Site visit with Music Centre has taken place. They will consider various ideas discussed some of which will require changes to signage.
- x) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon** – near Grove Leaze, metrocount confirms speeding issue. Volunteers now trained to deliver Community Speedwatch initiative but no patrol has been seen.  
**AGREED: Check status with Leanne Homewood at Wiltshire Police**  
Two courtesy crossings in this vicinity are worn and require a refresh. Wooden posts would help give visibility to motorists. Dave Thomas has costed these works at £1,650 per crossing.  
**AGREED: Town Council to consider need and request for match funding**
- xi) **Avoncliff** – signs are causing some confusion and lorries are getting stuck in the narrow lane. It would be useful to get local knowledge on who are these lorries?  
**AGREED: Revised signage boards required.**

- xii) **Staverton** – on street parking and road safety from Slip Way turning into Marina Drive. Formal advert of waiting restrictions complete. Objections received that require a Cabinet Member report to be drafted, due January 2015.
- xiii) **Staverton** – speeding on New Terrace  
Metrocount survey confirms eligibility for deployment of Speed Indicator Device in this location. Community Speedwatch soon active.  
  
**xiv) Staverton** – off road cycle link to Bradford on Avon and Holt using a track through the Cemetery. Holt Parish Council supportive.  
**AGREED: Spencer Drinkwater to investigate potential for cycle link**
- xv) Wingfield** – request for traffic calming measures. Proposal plan prepared and agreed with Parish Council. Possible funding contribution from solar farm development. Next steps with Parish Council and linked to School Travel Plan.
- xvi) **Winsley** – parking restrictions to control conflict with buses. Formal advert of waiting restrictions complete. Objections received that require a Cabinet Member report to be drafted, due January 2015.
- xvii) **Winsley** – need for bus stop markings outside shop/ surgery at Tynning Road. School have also raised concerns about parking in the same area and will include the issue within their School Travel Plan. Proposal plan is with the Parish Council for comment.  
**AGREED: Winsley Parish Council to make formal request for action**

11. **Dropped Kerbs programme**

None currently in programme.

12. **Hand Rails:**

- i) Church Acre (key clamp hand rail)
- ii) Budbury to Tory (no further action)
- iii) Upper Regents Park
- iv) St Margaret's Street
- v) St Margaret's Hill (repair only)

Works costed, preferred supplier JACS. Match funding from Town Council available up to £5,000.

**AGREED: Proceed with Upper Regents Park and St Margaret's Street at a total cost of £ 5,240 i.e. £ 2, 620 from the CATG matched by the Town Council.**

13. **Any Other Highways Business**

Hartley Farm, Winsley – concern over busy junction with Winsley Bypass

**AGREED: Parish Council to send details to Dave Thomas**

20 mph proposals to be heard at the next meeting from Woolley, Limpley Stoke, Monkton Farleigh and Bradford on Avon.

14. **Date of Next Meeting** (note change)

Monday 2 March 2015, County Hall at 4pm