

Meeting Notes and Recommendations to Pewsey Area Board 16 March 2015

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP **MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 February 2015**

Attendees

Jerry Kunkler – Pewsey Area Board
Terry Eyles – Pewsey Parish Council
Colin Gale – Rushall Parish Council
Peter Deck – Pewsey Parish Council
Patrick Wilson – Pewsey and District
Chamber of Commerce
Dawn Wilson – Wilcot and Huish Parish
Council
Steve Colling – Burbage Parish Council
Mac Mclean, North Newton Parish Council
Kristian Price – Wiltshire Council

Paul Oatway – Pewsey Area Board
Caroline Brailey – Wiltshire Council
Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council
John Brewin – Woodborough Parish Council
Carolyn Whistler – North Newton Parish
Council
Richard Netherclift – Manningford Parish
Council
David Proto – Manningford Parish Council
Mike Hyslop – Grafton Parish Council
Teresa Herbert – Pewsey NPT

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Spencer Drinkwater, Wiltshire Council

2. Review of C38 (+ request for replacement sign) The review is with the legal team ready for the advert which will hopefully be published soon. Regarding the replacement sign Mark reported that there are triangular warning signs for the junction on each approach and they have replaced the sign that Carolyn had said was taken down and not replaced. They are smaller but it is a 40 so fit for the purpose to give warning of the junction. Mark's view is that it is adequately signed. Carolyn agreed not to pursue further.

3. Budget –The cost of the work at Bedwyn Bridges has jumped significantly from £17k to £38,500 due to the need to relocate electrical and BT infrastructure to accommodate the new path plus fees to pay for network rail to do assessments – this scheme is funded by LSTF and not coming out of the CATG pot. The second phase at Upavon Grey Flags is a firm estimate of just over £5,000 whereas CATG committed £14,000 so there will be a big underspend which will go back into the budget. The current CATG balance is at £32,349.14. Any underspend will be rolled over into the next financial year. Mark is anticipating the same budget next financial year. Mark invited the group to consider if there are any roads that should be prioritised for next year – a list is being prepared by Highways but it isn't ready yet. There was a six year plan sent round with the 14/15 list. After some discussion it was agreed to accept the priorities as set by Highways.

4. SID / CSW - The SID Letter from Cllr Thomson was circulated with the agenda. The advice from Caroline is to wait until Cllr Thomson has carried out further research on whether it might be possible for parishes to pay to be involved in the scheme.

5. 20 mph limit Requests – Results of the countywide survey are imminent. The results will be shared via email once they are ready and can then be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Active Priority List Updates

- a. Issue No. 72 – Pedestrian Access to Pewsey Station (raised 17/7/09) – No news on this – the Parish Council support it. The detailed design and estimate was due to be completed by now.
- b. Issue No. 1964 – Footpath, Grey Flags, Upavon (raised 13/10/11) – In a position to start construction, all legal works have been done, land dedication is complete. Work is due to start 23 March and will be a 2 week project under 2 way signal control.
- c. Issue No 2874 – Pedestrian Safety, Rail & Canal Bridge, Great Bedwyn (raised 19/03/13) – Construction is programmed for 9th March – daytime road closure between 9.30 and 3.30 for ten working days.
- d. Issue No 3342 – Bus Waiting area, Wilcot (raised 11/04/14) – Order placed – but due to the need to get Great Bedwyn done this financial year Wilcot slipped a bit, works should commence 20/4 and take less than a week. There might be 2 way lights.
- e. Issue No 91 – Footpath A342 Rushall (Elm Row) (raised 03/08/09) – Mark needs to organise a site meeting. Not a build for this year but will arrange a meeting soon. Action Mark to organise
- f. Issue no 3238 – Completion of footway from Old Barnyard to Church lane, Rushall (raised 07/02/14) – Colin said they don't want it to go around corner. To take it forward and firm up costing to dig some trial holes which cost £450. Proposed Dawn and seconded by Patrick. All in favour – **Recommendation to Pewsey Area Board for approval of £450 towards this.**
- g. Issue No 535 – Traffic using C52 (Manningford) as a rat run (raised 02/11/09) This was agreed to be looked at as a potential project in 15/16 financial year therefore there is no progress to report. Richard felt that the road closure during summer will give chance for the banks to recover from when Pewsey Vale Coaches decamped at the farm for a while. The C52 has unwanted 'man made' passing places due to the traffic. He was very keen for it to be noted that if the road is every resurfaced that these unofficial lay-bys are not included. They are not part of the road.
- h. Crossing, Goddard Road, Pewsey – Design funded from LSTF but no money to build it. There hasn't any consultation yet. Drawings were circulated. There is general support for a zebra crossing but businesses might be affected due to control zone (zig zags) i.e. no loading can take place within that zone. The Indian Takeaway may see that as disadvantage; however it will protect access to Woottons Yard. Patrick reported that buses often cut across junction to pull into their stop. Mark said if there is a curb they won't be able to. Pewsey Parish Council would do the consultation. Wilts and Dorset should also be included in the consultation. The approximate cost are:- construction £21k, lighting assessment £1,500 topo survey £1,800 legal fees £2,000 stage 2 and 3 road safety audit £2,500, total £28,800. This was always seen as a possible bid for substantive funds, but there is money in the pot. **Action Mark to send copy of plan to Parish Council who will consult residents and businesses. Recommend to the area board to add to the priority list.**

7. Pewsey Highways Issues

ID	Raised	Division	Summary of issue/scheme	Latest update
2885	29/03/14	Pewsey	Speeding on Wilcot Road nr Schools	The School warning sign has been moved, Agreed to recommend that the Area Board close this issue
2945	03/02/14	Pewsey	Speeding through Easton Royal	See below

<p>All signs have now been installed, Mark reported that the signing is all correct. It is down to enforcement now. It is a 30 mph limit. The repeater signs have been checked and double checked –CSW checks are being done and results are quite high – when the road was a 40 the limit was complied with but since it reduced to 30 there are issues –it looks like a straight stretch, people haven't got used to it. Teresa reported that it is a cause for concern here and Milton Lilbourne, Many go through at mid 40's which is high – and she isn't seeing a reduction – they don't have the capacity to get there as often as they would like. It is a community safety issue. The perpetrators vary between locals and out of area –motorists assume it is 40. There have been some serious accidents at Milton junction. Teresa will continue to support CSW. It was agreed to keep this open as an issue and continue to monitor. A possible option for the future could be a chicane. It is a police priority.</p>				
3169	28/11/13	Pewsey Vale	Traffic from Devizes regularly overshoots the Rushall junction	All works done, although give way lines will be refreshed. It was agreed to recommend to the Area Board that this issue be closed.
3302	27/07/12	Pewsey Vale	Dangerous Junction Cross Hayes Wilcot	See below
<p>Dawn reported that the nearest home owner is not fond of raised rumble strips as this will be a noise issue for him. Most accidents are from Manningford direction. They could be skidding even though high grip surface. It needs regular sweeping, the road is getting clean again, it is a vast improvement to what it was. Mark confirmed that it can't be a stop it is a give way, can only be stop if reduced visibility. People are using this route as a short cut and they are in a hurry. If accidents happen now it is careless driving as all the signs are there. They should be taken to extent of law for careless driving. It was agreed to keep monitoring it. The BT Box is in the wrong place, it was felt it could get damaged quite soon.</p>				
3489	18/07/14	Pewsey Vale	Request for Horse Warning Signs, Alton	Action Mark to liaise with PC (area board approved £150)
3547	20/08/14	Burbage and The Bedwyns	Request for 30mph limit at Durley Burbage	See below
<p>Metro Count cannot be installed as they are not permitted in 60mph limits – Parish advised to contact NPT about speed monitoring. This was discussed at the CATG meeting on 15 October and the highways officer agreed to make a site visit to see if there could be any signage improvements – letter received from resident with photographs. Teresa reported on the accident, where the driver was arrested and charged with a S4 road traffic act offence. He was drink driving, it was similar another time, where the driver was under the influence of drugs and was prosecuted. Teresa was concerned that it is a60 through here, with no footpaths, and is a rat run, Teresa would support anything that would improve safety here. Handheld speed gun can only be done in areas of 50mph or less. The road connects the A4 to Burbage and south to A345 to Salisbury and people use it to avoid Marlborough at peak times. It is fast and open – a driver can see for miles and then suddenly finds himself in a tight lane. It was felt that there is a need for a sign before Durley at Savernake Hotel (junction on right) it is a fast corner . People would like to see a 30. Mark said that there are a few properties here but it is not dense enough to meet 30 criteria and may not meet the criteria for a 40 mph limit. Other injury collisions were reported in Durley. When analysing the collision data base, Highways discard those reports of incidents when drivers are found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol as no engineering work can prevent these situations from occurring. Mark has been to look at the area but struggled to identify any obvious hazards to justify warning signs. There were very few cars around but Steve Colling said that mornings and evenings and when it gets dark are when volume increases. There is an ice warning sign situated to the north of the hamlet. Mark felt that village name plates and gateway features might be more appropriate and that a speed limit review is very costly and probably won't bring the outcome that they want. CATG could support</p>				

<p>gates. The guidelines for a 30 is 20 properties directly fronting the road. A 50 wouldn't make a difference. Action Mark to arrange for a speed survey and then he will make a recommendation based on the results. Dawn suggested a sign saying it is an accident blackspot.</p>				
3676	23/10/14	Pewsey Vale	Pavement in North Newton	See below
<p>The request is for a pavement on North Newton road from Woodborough towards Upavon and Rushall. The parish highlighted that there are 47 houses with planning for 14 more. There is a lot of traffic and although it is a 40 there are some faster cars, and numerous accidents on Park Road and Rushall Road junctions. To access the bus stop on Upavon Road there are no pavements and there is an aging population, it is dangerous to walk to catch bus. A resident in Park Road is 83 yrs old with limited vision. A member of the group asked if S106 could be used. Mac said that this was for a playground but there is nowhere to put a playground. Mark needs to do a site survey, might need land designation and it needs a proper feasibility study. If the group want to prioritise for next year then he will be able to do a free one, unless a topo is needed. It was proposed and seconded with all in favour that this scheme be added to the priority list. Peter encouraged the parish to have another look at potential planning gain i.e. CIL which is for infrastructure. Recommend to the area board to add to the priority list.</p>				
3723	20/11/14	Pewsey Vale	Request for pavement on C261 Broad Street Woodborough	See below
<p>Many school pupils walk from the village with a parent sometimes also sibling and buggy, some cycle, lots by car this matter was not raised by parents, but by local residents. Request is for a footpath for the congested length leading to Smithy Lane crossroads. There is a problem with children walking to the crossroads, also the C261 is often rutted, and is now quite deep, children get wet. Traffic speeds at school time are about 20-25mph, but there is lots of congestion and parking. A pavement would provide safety. Paul Oatway supports the request as it fits in with the wider and evolving way forward for Woodborough. There is a flow of people walking down to school. Mark has had an initial look. There are some engineering challenges, Broad Street – road goes right to the hedge, there is nowhere to build a footway and another section has a series of telegraph poles supporting electric, possibly also BT. Visibility isn't great and already a pinch point and there is a bollard. It was agreed to add this to the priority list for Mark to do a feasibility study. Recommend to the area board to add to the priority list.</p>				
3731	26/11/14	Burbage and The Bedwyns	Dropped kerb at The Knapp Great Bedwyn	See below
<p>Mark has looked at the location and a drawing was circulated. This was a request from the parish council and also an occupational therapist. A dropped curb would assist many residents. The cost is approx £750 – it was proposed seconded and all in favour. Recommend to the area board to approve the project and budget of £750</p>				
3744	02/12/14	Burbage and The Bedwyns	Request for 40mph in Marten (C195)	See below
<p>The parish council originally applied for a 30 mph but this was turned down. They now believe it might be eligible for a 40. As the density requirement is half that required for a 30 – there are 12 houses and 15 children under 12, there are two school buses, no footpaths, no lighting. The parish representative explained that at the entrances into the village it comes in from 60 and there is nothing to slow people. People have wheelie bin signs asking people to reduce speed, the houses front the main road. Residents approached the Parish Council for help. Mark said that some signs were replaced last year from the A338 where the speed limit reduced to 50, but</p>				

<p>Mike said the turning left into Marten road is 60 which doesn't make sense. When this was last raised with a request for a 30 Mark said that it didn't meet the criteria, but suggested gateways as an option, this was dismissed. He explained that there could be a review of the route if the group wants to pursue this. He looked back to when the original list of C roads came out and CATG prioritised. This route wasn't on the first phase or second phase – it is 14th on the list that was given. At least 50% of the route falls within the Tidworth CA. Teresa agreed that it is fast road. This is the only part of that route where there is density of housing. Action Mark to arrange a metro count to measure speed and he will make a recommendation based on the results.</p>				
3804	19/01/15	Pewsey Vale	Request for school warning lights at Chirton	See below
<p>This is a similar problem to Woodborough, there is lots of traffic at school times – there are a series of bends before the School coming from Patney, the parish council are concerned about the potential for a collision and would like advance warning that there is a school and is school crossing time. Chirton have doubled their school intake. It is not a rat run so most likely local road users. Mark said that the manual says where there are approach speeds then they can consider the lights over and above warning triangles which are already in place. The threshold speeds are 35mph and above. A speed survey was carried out in 2010 and the 85% was 30.4. It therefore doesn't meet the criteria for school warning lights. Mark will however inspect the signs Action Mark. Paul would report back to the Parish Council. Action Paul.</p>				
3805	19/01/15	Pewsey Vale	Request for double white lines A342 Chirton	See below
<p>Mark reported that it is not appropriate to put isolated sections of double white lines in if can't treat the whole route as motorists get the wrong impression of where it is safe to overtake. There is nothing wrong with people going round if somebody is turning in. Paul not aware of any major collision, nor Teresa. The limit was reduced to 40mph. It was agreed to recommend that the area board close this issue.</p>				
3818	23/01/15	Burbage and The Bedwys	Request for traffic calming or speed limit at junction at Leigh Hill Burbage	See below
<p>The junction is a track type road with no houses. Issue is for people turning out of the track onto the main road. It is a fast road with double white lines. The road speed limit has already been assessed. The track is owned by Savernake Estate. Steve will provide more information to Mark on the issue. Action Steve Colling</p>				

3228 is closed (request for repeater signs) but Easton Royal parish council have raised it with PCAP who canvass parish councils for any issues that they need support with. This has been investigated by highways and the signage is correct.

3816 was a late issue from Burbage who are requesting the 30 signs be moved going into Burbage from the Bypass. They have white gates but the sign isn't next to them. Mark said if there was a speed limit review done here there is no guarantee that the 30 should start where the gates are, he said there are lots of examples of where gates are before the limit. Sometimes they are deliberately placed in front of the sign. In Upavon they couldn't put them where the limit was due to the illustration on the signs. CATG could commit money for a review, but the review might say the limit is in the right place and it would cost £1000 to £1500. Instead they could have a sign that says Welcome to Burbage please drive carefully. **Action Steve to take back to parish council**

3817 was a late issue from Burbage re speeding past junction Katherine's Church Burbage

It was felt that visibility here is very good, if anyone is waiting to turn if on main route you would see them. Mark can't see that there is any issue and doesn't recommend any action. **It was agreed to recommend to the area board that this issue be closed.**

8. Any Other Business Yellow lines on Broomcroft Road. Mark has had a look and said the developer hasn't completed lining yet as somebody was parked there. There is a place where there is a new surface which has gone over some of the lining so it needs the contractor back to finish. Mark has been twice and regarding the issue of parking further up the road he didn't think there was a particular issue. He agreed that drivers have to concentrate when turning out of Avonleaze. He doesn't consider it dangerous but will monitor.

9. Date of next meeting – 15 April 2015 2pm Pewsey Parish Office.

10. Recommendations to Pewsey Area Board

Issue no 3238 – Completion of footway from Old Barnyard to Church lane, Rushall
Recommendation to Pewsey Area Board for approval of £450 towards trial holes.

Crossing, Goddard Road, Pewsey - **Recommend to the area board to add to the priority list.**

Issue no 2885 – Speeding on Wilcot Road Nr Schools – the school warning sign has been moved
Recommend to the area board to close this issue.

Issue 3169 – Traffic from Devizes regularly overshoots the Rushall junction. Works are now all done
Recommend to the area board to close this issue.

Issue 3676 – Request for pavement on North Newton Road from Woodborough towards Upavon
Recommend to the area board to add to the priority list.

Issue 3723 – Request for pavement on C261 Broad Street, Woodborough. **Recommend to the area board to add to the priority list.**

Issue 3731 – Request for dropped kerb at The Knapp, Great Bedwyn. **Recommend to the area board to approve and budget of £750**

Issue 3805 – Request for double white lines A342 Chirton **Recommend to the area board to close this issue.**

Issue 3817 – Speeding past junction Katherine's Church Burbage. **Recommend to the area board to close this issue**

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