

Calne Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

| | Item | Update | Actions and recommendations | Who |
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| | Calne LHFIG – Notes of meeting held on 3rd February 2023 at 10:00 hrs, Harris Room, Calne Library | | | |
| 1. | Attendees and apologies | | | |
| | Attendees: | Cllr Sam Pearce-Kearney (Chair / Area Board) Cllr Ashley O'Neill (Chair Calne Area Board) Cllr Ian Thorn (Area Board) John Barnes – Calne Without Parish Council Peter Szczeziak – Compton Bassett Parish Council Jackie Day – Cherhill & Yatesbuey Parish Council Jeff Files – Hilmarton Parish Council Alan Hill – Calne Town Council Mark Stansby – Snr Traffic Engineer | Area Board to note. | AB |
| | Apologies: | Ioan Rees – Calne Without Parish Council Isabel McCord – Bremhill Parish Council Dave Denny – Heddington Parish Council Mark Edwards – Calne Town Council Martin Purslow – Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council Anne Henshaw – Calne Community Transport Becky Chivers – Area Highway Engineer | | |
| 2. | Notes of last meeting | | | |
| | | The notes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 3 rd November 2022 were presented to the Area Board on Tuesday 6 th December, passing all recommendations. | LHFIG to note. | All |

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| 3. | Financial Position | | | |
| | | <p>The current balance for 2022/23, less previous commitments, stands at £19,237.30 (see Appendix 1).</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Cllr Caroline Thomas, has emailed all LHFIG Chairs to set out the end of year financial arrangements for the LHFIGs. All uncommitted funds will be retained by each group and carried forward for use during 2023 / 24.</p> | All to note | All |
| 4. | Priority Schemes | | | |
| a) | 6465 – Road Safety/Vehicles mounting footpath at Curzon Street (narrow stretch). | <p>The financial arrangements have now been ratified by the Area Board.</p> <p>Highways to issue an invoice to the Town Council for a sum of £300.</p> | <p>Highways to issue invoice</p> <p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is closed.</p> | <p>Highways</p> <p>Chair</p> |
| b) | Active Travel Issue A3102 Calne Silver Street – alternative pedestrian / cycle route to and from town via Station Road | <p>Scheme has been progressed via Fynamore Gardens and Wenhill Heights using Section 106 funds.</p> <p>Work to install the drop kerbs, bollards and signing has now been completed.</p> <p>A cycle tracks Order is to be advertised to cover sections not already designated as shared use footways.</p> | Highways to arrange Cycle Tracks Order. | Highways |
| c) | Issue 3-20-11 Calne Anchor Road area – request for a 20-mph assessment. | <p>Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn & Calne Town Council</p> <p>Proposal is now out to Public Consultation.</p> <p>Closing date for comments / objections is 13/02/23.</p> | Area Board to note | AB |

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| d) | Issue 3-20-9 A4 Calne / Quemerford – Request for crossing point to enable access to Quemerford Post Office from Stockley Lane | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Construction was programmed to commence on 24th February, with temporary Orders in place to close footpaths and divert pedestrians. However, due to the recent response effort to the wintery conditions, which has delayed ongoing construction projects and with the Term Maintenance Contract ending in March, this has unfortunately now been postponed.</p> <p>The work will now be rescheduled with our new Contractor, to commence as soon as it is practicable to do so.</p> | Area Board to note | AB |
| e) | Issue 3-21-8 C15 Compton Bassett – request for speed limit review | <p>Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council</p> <p>The results of the speed limit assessment were reported at the previous meeting. Whilst no changes were recommended, officers were minded to support an extension of the 30 mph (Section 2 of the assessed area). At Section 4, officers recommended consideration of other measures such as white gates, a review of warning signs, and provision of road markings to encourage lower speeds.</p> <p>Cllr O'Neill unhappy about the recommendations following the assessment and has commenced discussions with the Cabinet Member to develop a mechanism to appeal.</p> <p>Item to be deferred until the next meeting.</p> | Area Board to note | AB |
| f) | Issue 3-21-11 Goatacre A3102 – request for speed limit review | Issue submitted by Hilmarton Parish Council | Area Board to note | AB |

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| | | <p>The results of the speed limit assessment were reported at the last meeting. No changes have been recommended and this is perhaps not surprising as there have been no environmental changes along this route since the last review in 2009/10. The criteria for setting speed limits has not been updated since that time.</p> <p>Cllr O'Neill unhappy about the recommendations following the assessment and has commenced discussions with the Cabinet Member to develop a mechanism to appeal.</p> <p>Item to be derred until the next meeting.</p> | | |
| g) | Issue 3-21-9 Quemerford, Quemerford Lane – request to improve conspicuity of the junction | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>An edge line (approx. 50 metres) has been painted at a cost now confirmed as £600.</p> <p>Highways to issue an invoice to the Town Council for a sum of £180.</p> | <p>Highways to issue invoice</p> <p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is closed.</p> | <p>Highways</p> <p>Chair</p> |
| h) | 3-21-13 Calne Sandpit Road – Request for footway improvements and drop kerbs from York Road / Comet Crescent, ROW CLAN62 | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>The alternative route through Britannia Drive crosses unadopted land and the landowner(s) intend to close this route.</p> <p>An outline drawing has been produced (see Appendix 2) and the cost estimate, based on the 2023 / 24 rates amounts to £12,442.00</p> <p>A 3 month notice period can begin to close the footpath during construction once the LHFIG and Town Council reach agreement over funding.</p> | <p>To recommend to the Area Board an allocation of £8,709.40 is given for this project.</p> <p>Town Council to confirm their 30% contribution of £3,732.60.</p> | <p>Chair</p> <p>Town Council</p> |

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| | | LHFIG content to proceed, subject to the Town Council confirming their 30% contribution, a sum of £3,732.60. | | |
| i) | 3-22-1 A4 between Forest Gate and Black Dog – request for simultaneous traffic surveys | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>The results of a speed limit assessment were reported at the last meeting. The review has recommended a reduction from National Speed Limit to 50 mph on the sections either side of Studley Crossroads and this is supported by the Parish Council. However the Parish wish to see the section between the gates at Studley Crossroads lowered to 40 mph.</p> <p>Cllr O'Neill unhappy about the recommendations following the assessment and has commenced discussions with the Cabinet Member to develop a mechanism to appeal.</p> <p>Item to be derred until the next meeting.</p> | Area Board to note | AB |
| j) | 3-21-14 Calne Mill Street Proclamation Steps – Request for a bollard to deter cyclists | <p>Issue submitted by Cllr Thorn & Calne Town Council</p> <p>Work has been delayed due to the late delivery of the bollard. The bollard has now arrived and is to be installed at the earliest opportunity.</p> | Highways to chase the contractor | Highways |
| k) | 3-22-2 Derry Hill / Studley – Request to provide a suitable shared use path between Studley and Derry Hill and an onward link to the Calne/Chippenham National Cycle route NCR 403. | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>The results of the Topo Survey have ben received, but design work is currently on hold whilst discussions continue with the Council's legal team over the issue of land ownership.</p> <p>Whilst the right to cycle along the former Right of Way has been established, this only covers the width of the old path and does not extend the full width of the desired construction area, to meet current standards.</p> | Area Board to note | AB |

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| | | <p>A search with Land Registry has revealed a number of owners of pockets of land alongside the path, and it is almost certain that we will need to negotiate transfers of land (hopefully by free dedication) in order to move this forward.</p> <p>We will circulate a briefing note once the exact position has been established through our legal team, but it is likely that sizeable legal fees will need to be included in the cost of this build.</p> <p>The Parish requested a copy of the Topo survey which Highways will arrange.</p> | | |
| l) | 3-22-5 Calne Bremhill View – request for dropped kerbs and a review of the safety barriers to provide inclusive access to the open green space | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Highways have identified the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x drop kerbs • Extensive hedgerow clearance • Repairs to footway • Replacement Pedestian safety barrier <p>No update - the project will be advanced when staff resources become available.</p> | Area Board to note | AB |
| m) | 3-22-8 C50 South of Blacklands Crossroads – request for Horse and Rider warning signs for Bridleway crossing of CALW38 | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>Horse and Rider Warning signs have now been installed. Highways awaiting bill from Contractor.</p> | Area Board to note | AB |
| n) | 3-22-14 Calne Prince Charles Drive / Ramsay Road – request for drop kerbs | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>A ball park cost to install 2 sets of drop kerbs is £2,500.</p> | Area Board to note | AB |

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| | | No update - the project will be advanced when staff resources become available. | | |
| o) | 3-22-9 A3102 Mile Elm – request for “safety measures” and a speed limit review | Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council An order has been placed to undertake this work and is expected to be completed mid-March. | Area Board to note. | AB |
| p) | 3-22-16 Compton Bassett – request for length of footway in the vicinity of the war memorial | Issue submitted by Compton Bassett Parish Council To convert the highway verge to a standard footway. Following concerns raised direct to the Parish Council, the Parish no longer wish to pursue a footway but have requested that edge of carriageway markings be painted through this narrow section. | Area Board to note. Highways to consider request for markings | AB Highways |
| 5. | New Requests and ongoing Issues | | | |
| a) | Issue 3-21-10 Yatesbury, The Avenue – request for traffic management measures to control speeds. | Issue submitted by Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Council The Avenue is part of Sustrans Route 403 and is also used by walkers and horse riders. Highways prepared a briefing note for consideration (Appendix 3). The Parish Council has been unable to reach an agreement on this matter. They will discuss this further with a view to making additional requests for measures. In the meantime they are content for this Issue to be closed. | To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is closed. | Chair |
| b) | 3-22-4 Cherhill Marsh Lane – request for speed limit review | Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council | Area Board to note | AB |

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| | <p>and construction of passing places.</p> | <p>The lane is rural in nature and is unlikely to meet the criteria for a lower speed limit. Passing places would need to be constructed to full carriageway depth specification to accommodate the weight of agricultural vehicles. They would need kerbing and the work would have to take place under a road closure. A ball park figure to construct one passing place is likely to be somewhere between £15K and £20K.</p> <p>Warning sign provisions were reviewed as part of a previous CATG project approximately 5 years ago and are in good order. Signs are provided to warn of horse and riders and double bend signs are positioned on approach to River's Brook. There are no signs provided to warn of Pedestrians in the Road.</p> <p>This issue remains a concern to the Parish Council and they have requested more time to consider their options.</p> <p>Item deferred until the next meeting.</p> | | |
| c) | <p>3-22-10 CALW56 Abberd Lane, section leading from Sand Pit to Hills Site – request for speed limit</p> | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Without Parish Council</p> <p>It should be noted that there is an ongoing consultation on a proposed development on the north side of Abberd Lane, with access to the site from Abberd Lane.</p> <p>Parish representatives have discussed this issue with Hills Waste. Hills will remind their drivers to observe low speeds. Additional signs can be placed as a reminder and further discussions will take place.</p> <p>In the meantime, Highways confirmed that it would be acceptable to remove the national speed limit signs at the junction of Sand Pit Road / Spitfire Way.</p> | <p>Parish reps to ask Hills to remove the signs</p> | <p>Parish</p> |

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| d) | 3-22-15 Calne Eastern Bypass / Beversbrook Sports Facility – request for bus service and infrastructure | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>The Group had requested more information on the local bus service operating in Town in order to make an informed decision on this. The Town Council confirmed that the local bus #40 runs from the town centre, along the bypass to Tesco and then returns. The nearest stops to Beversbrook Sports Facility are at Stickleback Road or Beversbrook Tesco.</p> <p>The Town Council have requested the creation of a lay-by on the North side of the A3102, to allow the bus to pull off of the main carriageway. A length of new footway would also be needed to link to the entrance to the sports centre.</p> <p>The LHFIFG requests that Highways undertake a feasibility study and to report back at the next meeting.</p> | Highways to undertake a feasibility study. | Highways |
| e) | 3-22-17 Calne The Strand – request for direction signs to Recreation Ground, Rugby Club and Bowls Club | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Highways have visited the location and recommend the installation of 2 sign assemblies, one at the Strand and a second at the junction of Church Street / Mill Street. It is not possible to utilise existing street furniture to mount these signs and new posts will be required.</p> <p>Appendix 4 shows a drawing of the proposed sign for The Strand. The signs will be mounted back to back on two posts at this location. The repeater sign at Mill Street will be smaller and mounted on a single post.</p> | <p>To recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is moved to the Priority Schemes List and to allocate a sum of £595.00.</p> <p>Town Council to confirm their 30% contribution, a sum of £255.00</p> | |

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| | | <p>A ball park estimate to undertake this work is £850.00.</p> <p>The group were content to proceed with this subject to the Town Council confirming their 30% contribution, a sum of £255.00.</p> | | |
| f) | <p>3-22-18 Calne Tern Close – request to consider staggered barriers or other measures to reduce speed of cyclists</p> | <p>Issue submitted by Cllr Ian Thorn and Calne Town Council</p> <p>Hghways have re-visited this site and have ruled out a physical barrier as access for pedestrians needs to be maintained.</p> <p>The only option to consider “Cyclists Dismount” signs, placed at either end of the walk-through. Although there are lamp columns in the vicinity, these are of the fold-down type to enable servicing and therefore signs cannot be mounted on these. A ball park estimate to supply and install 2 signs on new posts amounts to £375.</p> <p>The group were not in favour of erecting signs and suggested some form of temporary barrier, but to retain access for pedestrians / pushchairs etc be trialed.</p> <p>Item deferred until the next meeting.</p> | Area Board to note. | AB |
| g) | <p>3-22-19 Calne A3102 Silver Street – Speeding concerns</p> | <p>Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Customer has suggested SID deployment and / or traffic physical traffic calming measures.</p> <p>Area of concern is the corner close to the Methodist Church where the footway is narrow.</p> <p>The LHFIFG has requested Highways consider what might be done to allay concerns and to report back at the next meeting.</p> | Highways to visit site and report back at the next meeting | Highways |

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| h) | 3-22-20 A4 Cherhill (various roads) – request for drop kerbs | <p>New Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>Request for drop kerbs at Park Lane junction with A4 and to consider requirements at Middle Lane, Maiden Lane and Olivers Hill.</p> <p>Aim is to create an accessible route for pedestrians along the A4 between the village and Quemerford.</p> <p>The LHFIG has requested Highways to undertake a feasibility study and to report back at the next meeting.</p> | Highways to undertake a feasibility study. | Highways |
| i) | 3-22-21 A4 Cherhill junction with Middle Lane – Request to close Lay-by | <p>New Issue submitted by Cherhill & Yatesbury Parish Council</p> <p>Parked cars causing visibility issues when joining the A4.</p> <p>The LHFIG has requested Highways to undertake a feasibility study and to report back at the next meeting.</p> | Highways to undertake a feasibility study. | Highways |
| j) | 3-22-23 Calne Brewers Lane, Shelburne Road, Anchor Road area – request for height and weight limits | <p>New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Large vehicles causing damage to property “Island Cottage”.</p> <p>Height restriction cannot be imposed as there are no low overhanging structures. LHFIGs are prevented from imposing weight limits until a new freight policy for Wiltshire has been drafted. “Unsuitable for HGVs” signs or similar can be considered but these are only advisory and access for large vehicles must be maintained.</p> | Highways to investigate and report back at the next meeting. | Highways |

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| | | It was suggested that signs could be placed as part of the Anchor Road Speed Limit project, but the LHFIG has requested that Highways consider the best positions for these signs to be placed. | | |
| k) | 3-22-24 A4 Curzon Street Calne – request for Traffic Calming Zone and / or part time 20 mph limit during school journey times | <p>New Issue submitted by Calne Town Council</p> <p>Springfield Academy has raised concerns about road safety by the school on the A4.</p> <p>Traditional calming measures such as humps and chicanes are ruled out due to the strategic nature of the route, and the amount of freight traffic using the route. Only realistic option is to consider a part time 20 mph speed limit, imposed by signing and flashing wig-wags. These would operate during normal school journey times only.</p> <p>Item to be deferred until the next meeting to allow the Town Council to discuss this further with the school.</p> | Town Council to engage with the school. | Town Council |
| l) | 3-22-25 Calne Quarr Barton – upgrade of road surface | <p>New Issue submitted by Cllr Trotman and Calne Town Council</p> <p>Request for new surface to enable wheelchair access into Town.</p> <p>This would ordinarily be a Highways Maintenance matter, but under the Terms of Reference for LHFIGs, monies can be used to improve accessibility of footways. However, this is likely to be a costly exercise.</p> | Traffic Engineer to liaise with Area Highway Engineer and report back at the next meeting | Highways |
| 6. | Other items | | | |

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| a) | <p>Sustrans Route 403 - Calne to Avebury</p> | <p>The working party are making good progress with this project.</p> <p>Please refer to Appendix 5 for their latest update.</p> <p>Your attention is drawn to the last two paragraphs of their update, and the leasing of the old railway line between Chippenham and Calne. The working group are paying particular attention to developments as they are keen to see the current route preserved.</p> | All to note | All |
| b) | <p>Calne Without Parish Council Road Safety Feasibility Study</p> | <p>The Parish has circulated their Road Safety report to the LHFIG members for information.</p> <p>Their next step is to hold talks with Wiltshire Highways to establish the credibility of the proposals prior to undertaking local consultation.</p> <p>The Parish envisage submitting Highway Improvement Requests for some or all of these proposals in due course.</p> | All to note | All |
| c) | <p>On Street Parking Reviews</p> | <p>Responsibility for on-street parking reviews (changes to double yellow lines, time limited parking etc) has transferred from the Network Management Team to the Traffic Engineering Team, with new requests now being filtered through the LHFIGs. This is to include any previous requests submitted to Network Management which have yet to be assessed.</p> <p>The process of undertaking a Parking Review is lengthy, and involves advertising Traffic Regulation Orders. It therefore makes both practicable and economic sense to undertake these (as required) on an annual basis only, with the exception of enforced changes to accommodate other Highway Infrastructure.</p> | All to note / action. | All |

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| | | Moving forward, it is proposed that requests are collated by Town and Parish Councils and submitted to the LHFIFG for consideration for the first meeting of each new Financial Year, in this instance on April 28. Lists will need to be submitted using a Highway Improvement Request Form. | | |
| c) | Deadline for submitting LHFIFG Requests. | <p>All requests are to be submitted two weeks prior to a meeting taking place. Requests received after the deadline will be held until the following meeting.</p> <p>Highway Improvement Request forms should be sent to our dedicated mailbox, LHFIFGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>The deadline for our next meeting is 14th April 2023.</p> | To note | All |
| 8. | <p>Dates of future meetings:</p> <p>Friday 28th April, Friday 28th July, Friday 13th October and Friday 19th January 2024.</p> <p>All meetings to be held at the Harris Room, Calne Library, commencing at 10:00 hrs.</p> | | | |

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Highways Traffic Officer – Mark Stansby

Area Highway Engineer – Becky Chivers

Community Engagement Manager – Ros Griffiths

1. Environmental & Community Implications

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1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Calne Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Calne Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of **£9,932.90**

3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

6. Safeguarding implications

6.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

7. Recommendations to Calne Area Board

7.1 To close the following Issues:

6465 Calne Curzon St (narrow section), 3-21-9 A4 Quemerford Lane and 3-21-10 Yatesbury The Avenue

7.2 To allocate funding to Issues on the Priority Schemes List:

3-21-13 Calne Sand Pit / Comet Crescent £8,709.40

7.3 To allocate the following Issues (with funding) to the Priority Schemes List:

3-22-17 Calne The Strand (£595.00)