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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	Date of meeting: 8th February 2019			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
		Kirsty Rose, Sarah Dearden, Graeme Morrison, Pat Whyte (WC), Carole King, Sarah Harris, Cllr Mike Swabey, Cllr Francis Morland, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Keith Youngs, Cllr Freddy Forsyth, Cllr Chris Johns, Cllr Jerry Wickham, Cllr Russell Hawker		
	Apologies	Cllr David Jenkins		
2.	Notes of last meeting			
		The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed at the Westbury Area Board meeting on the 13 th December 2018. https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=173&MId=11962&Ver=4		
3.	Financial Position			
		The available CATG budget for 2018/19 is £5566		

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4.	Top 5 Priority Schemes			
a)	Issue 5088 Bitham Mill – Signing	Street nameplate installation complete.	Area board to note update. Issue to be closed and item removed from tracker.	AB
b)	Issue 6192 Westbury to Bratton (links to 6161)	<p>KR explained that an outline design had previously been prepared to provide improved pedestrian facilities on Bratton Road and to address how vulnerable pedestrians feel when walking along Bratton Road. Previous metrocounts showed that the 85thile speeds were around the 31mph mark. These plans can be reviewed and further developed in order to prepare a full proposal and cost estimate.</p> <p>Discussions took place regarding the appropriateness of including any works on the B3098 with any proposals for the B3098 through the villages of Bratton, Edington and Coulston. Concerns were raised as Westbury Town Council have not had sight of or any involvement in the B3098 Strategy being developed by Cllr Wickham in conjunction with the affected parish councils.</p> <p>It was agreed that KR would develop the proposals for Bratton Road, Westbury and that Cllr Wickham would bring the B3098 Strategy to the attention of Westbury Town Council. The inclusion of the B3098 Bratton Road in Westbury as part of or alongside the B3098 Strategy is to be determined by Westbury Town Council following discussions with Cllr Wickham and the village parish councils.</p>	<p>KR to further develop proposals and cost estimate for improvements between Edward Street and Alfred Street section of Bratton Road.</p> <p>Cllr Wickham to provide B3098 Strategy to Westbury Town Council.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>Cllr JW</p>

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c)	Penwood Close Westbury	Works complete.	Area board to note update and remove from list.	AB
d)	Issue 6274 Dropped Kerbs Newfield Close/Oldfield Park, Westbury	KR to prepare plan outlining requirements to open discussions with Selwood Housing and highways maintenance colleagues.	KR to prepare outline of improvements for Oldfield Park estate.	KR
e)	Issue 6328 A350 Roundabout The Mead/Bitham Park	Concerns regarding pedestrian facilities linking the David Wilson Homes estate to the town were passed on to Highways Development Control, who have also been in discussion with Westbury Town Council. Negotiations with the developer regarding pedestrian access are/have been taking place. It is recommended that the town council lead on any further liaison with HDC and David Wilson Homes and this item is removed from the CATG agenda.	Area board to note update and remove from list. Issue to be closed.	AB
f)	Issue 6667 B3098 Bratton Road	<p>Atkins have undertaken the speed limit assessment and recommend a section of the B3098 between Westbury and Bratton be subject to a reduced speed limit of 40mph. This section extends from the end of the 30mph limit to a point beyond the White Horse Viewing Area toward Bratton. No change was recommended for the remainder of the assessed route.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding the recommendations of the assessment. Concerns were raised regarding the 50mph speed limit being retained on the approach to Bratton due to a number of incidents occurring through that section whereby vehicles have lost control. Many of these incidents being damage only and therefore not showing on the police collision database.</p>	<p>KR to develop signing and advert plans for section of 40mph speed limit as set out in Atkins assessment plan.</p> <p>KR to discuss extension of speed limit assessment with Atkins.</p> <p>CATG agreed to allocate £5566 (remaining funds) to works on the B3098 to include the proposed 40mph speed limit and any other items that may be forthcoming as a result of further review. Area board to ratify.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>AB</p>

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		<p>Concerns were also raised regarding the speed limit along the remainder of the B3098 within the community area. KR explained that the group had been given the choice of how far the assessment would extend and it had been agreed that the 30mph terminal at Bratton would be the end point for the assessment. The group expressed a desire for the remainder of the route to be subject to a speed limit assessment, particularly the section between Bratton and Edington.</p> <p>KR agreed to ask if the remainder of the B3098 could be assessed by Atkins within the remit of the existing speed limit review.</p> <p>KR explained that the assessment was undertaken in accordance with the DfT Setting Local Speed Limits document, which aims to ensure consistency around speed limits nationally. KR suggested that the local representatives highlight the specific locations on the approach to Bratton that are a particular local concern in order that any localised improvements could be identified (i.e. bend warning signs etc). This would be more appropriate than a reduction in speed limit in contradiction of the speed limit assessment.</p>		
5.	Other Priority schemes			
a)	Issue 5674 Coulston – 20mph request	Traffic regulation order on advert from 25 th Jan to 18 th Feb 2019.	Area board to note update	AB
b)	Issue 5874 Footway/path conditions, Westbury	Pat Whyte has reviewed both Frogmore Road and Castle View and Atkins have provided cost estimates for the required works. The costs are estimate at £4,236 and £5,355	Area board to note update	AB

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		<p>respectively. This exceeds the available budget however WTC has confirmed that it will provide the additional funds.</p> <p>PW confirmed the works at Castle View will take place during w/c 11th February with Frogmore Road to follow w/c 18th February.</p>		
c)	Issue 6199 A3098 Leigh Park Way Waiting Restrictions	Lining works for keep clear marking now complete. Cllr Hakwer expressed concern that the markings do not fully address the visibility issues for those using the crossing point. KR explained that Westbury Town Council did not support the introduction of waiting restrictions, hence the white bar marking having been agreed by CATG. KR suggested that Cllr Hawker raise the request for waiting restrictions with Westbury Town Council via the annual parking review.	Area board to note update and issue to be closed.	AB
d)	Issue 6206 Slag Lane Westbury – Speed Calming	Concerns regarding speeding on Slag Lane, Westbury. A metrocount has been requested.	Awaiting metro count results	
e)	Edward Street, Westbury	Works pack and order with contractor	Await completion	
f)	<p>Bus layover, B3097 Hawkeridge Road and Link Road</p> <p>To be moved to top 5 priority schemes</p>	Cllr Wickham and Kirsty Rose attended a site meeting with representatives of First bus, Passenger Transport and Heywood Parish Council to discuss the concerns regarding bus layover. Relocating the location at which the driver changeover happens, diverting the bus via WWTE or utilising the depot were all discounted as feasible options. It was agreed that KR and Jason Salter, Head of Service for Passenger Transport would investigate the feasibility of providing a layby for the Trowbridge bound stop and that First	KR to develop preliminary design for provision of a bus layb-by for the northbound stop, with a view to submission of a substantive CATG bid.	KR

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		would instruct their drivers to pull in to the access at the Westbury bound stop in order to allow vehicles to safely pass.		
g)	White lining issues – Edington	<p>KR to prepare cost estimate for edge lining works on B3098</p> <p>PW asked that any requests for markings to be refreshed be sent to him as they can included as part of the a forthcoming package of lining works.</p>	<p>On hold pending B3098 strategy review.</p> <p>Parish Councils/Town Council to pass lining refresh requests to PW.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>PCs/TC</p>
h)	Springfield Road, Westbury	Metrocount to be requested following completion of building works on school grounds.	On hold pending completion of works	KR
i)	Issue 6500 , 6504 & 6505 Speeding The Mead	Metrocount undertaken in July 2017 showed 85 th ile of 36.7mph and mean speeds of 32mph. The location is eligible for CSW.	KR to bring results to the attention of Cllr King in the absence of Cllr Jenkins. To be removed from tracker and issue closed	KR/AB
j)	Issue 6502 The Mead Westbury (footway)	<p>KR undertook a site visit to determine the feasibility of constructing a footway between the entrance to the Mead lakes and the end of the footway outside the new housing development.</p> <p>Due to the existing water course to the rear of the verge, and the constrained verge width, it is not possible to simply construct a footway within the existing verge. Works to provide a footway within the verge would require works to the water course which would be cost prohibitive.</p> <p>An alternative would be to undertake gradual carriageway narrowing to allow construction of a footway partially in the verge and partially within the existing carriageway. The cost of this would be less than alterations to the water course, but are still likely to be in the tens of thousands.</p>	<p>No further action to be taken.</p> <p>Area board to note the update and issue to be closed. Item to be removed from agenda.</p>	AB

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		The groups discussed this and determined that as few pedestrians use the route, with most foot traffic being from the Bitham Park estate, there was no desire to progress this further.		
k)	Issue 6538 Speeding Leigh Park Way and Sandalwood Road, Westbury	<i>Speeding occurs along this stretch of road from the Roundabout of Tesco in Leigh Park to the roundabout through the estate in Sandalwood Road.</i> <i>Set up a community speed watch to measure the speed of vehicles in and out of the road or traffic calming put in place to reduce the speed</i>	Await outcome of metrocount	
l)	Issue 6557 A3098 Hisomley Crossroads, Speeding	<i>Excessive speed Hisomley Crossroads on the A3098. Vehicles travelling in excess of speed limit in both directions but especially Westbound. Frequent near misses at the crossroads with vehicles turning out from The Hollow. Dangerous for horses crossing from Old Dilton Road. There have been several accidents on A3098 between Westbury Leigh and the A36 junction. Speed should be reduced to 40 mph.</i> PW has had vegetation cut back around the junction which has improved visibility for vehicles exiting both The Hollow and Old Dilton Road. Visibility at The Hollow is restricted by the hedgerow, which is on private land, and as such the junction is a 'STOP' junction rather than giveaway. Visibility can only be further improved by removing said hedgerow.	Await outcome of metrocount	
m)	Issue 6562 Speeding B3098 into Bratton	<i>Large amounts of speeding racing cars driving side by side on both sides of a rural road. Speeding up to 90-100mph regularly overtaking slower cars etc going into Bratton. I have witnessed numerous near</i>	Await outcome of metrocount. See issue 6667 above for outcome of speed limit review.	

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		<p><i>misses and in fact myself and my parents have been inches away from being hit crossing the road several times by these idiots.</i></p> <p><i>Double white lines from just before The Hollow to Bratton Village to try and stop people overtaking</i></p> <p><i>Speeding has been a long standing issue on that road hence the number of accidents</i></p> <p>A metrocount has been requested. The area in question is also included within the speed limit assessment being undertaken as part of the top 5 priority schemes.</p>		
n)	Issue 6703 CATG speeding – Frogmore Road, Westbury	<p>Concerns regarding speeding on Frogmore Road between Rosefield Way and the mineholes.</p> <p>A metrocount has been requested</p>	Await outcome of metrocount	
o)	Issue 6826 Rosefield Way, Westbury	<p>Road safety on Rosefield Way. The traffic has increased on this stretch of road the nearby new housing developments have probably had an impact on traffic using this road. The increased traffic and speed of traffic on this road makes it increasingly difficult for pedestrians to cross - especially children on route to and from school and the elderly.</p> <p>Westbury Town Council would like to see pedestrian crossings along this stretch of road to help improve the safety of people trying to cross the road.</p> <p>KR explained that CATG had previously undertaken pedestrian surveys on Rosefield Way and introduced informal crossing points with tactile paving at 3 locations. Pedestrian numbers at that time did not meet the criteria for a formal crossing and vehicle numbers were such that there are frequent gaps in which pedestrian can safely cross.</p>	Await outcome of metrocount	

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		CATG agreed to request a metrocount to determine any change in vehicle volume in the first instance with further consideration to be given to a pedestrian crossing survey once the results of the metrocount are received.		
p)	Issue 6969 A350 and B3097 – Heywood village HGV concerns	<p><i>Cllr Wickham explained that there have been numerous incidences whereby HGV's are using the route through Heywood in order to avoid Yarnbrook and as a result are finding themselves stuck on the rail bridge in Heywood or are attempting to turn within the village to avoid the weight restriction.</i></p> <p>KR has reviewed the signing and found no issues. KR has provided the parish with contact details for Lorry Watch.</p> <p>KR explained that the existing signals are coming toward the end of their life and are likely to require replacement in coming years. KR had been asked to suggest the parish council may like to consider the removal of the signals and prohibition of vehicles over the bridge in order to prevent any through movement from one end of the village to the other. It was recognised that this was a highly controversial suggestion and unlikely to be taken forward by the parish, but should at least be raised for consideration. Cllr Youngs agreed to raise with the parish council.</p> <p>Cllr Youngs requested that the parish clerk be sent metrocount forms to request a count within the village.</p>	<p>Cllr Youngs to discuss with parish council.</p> <p>KR to send metrocount request form to parish clerk.</p>	<p>Cllr Youngs</p> <p>KR</p>
q)	Leighton Green, Westbury	Cllr Hendry explained that the HP&D committee had received and considered a request for waiting restrictions close to 1 Leighton Green. The residents of no1 are experiencing issues whereby parking close to and opposite their driveway blocks their vehicular access. Prior to a waiting restriction request being made to Wiltshire Council, the HP&D committee	To be progressed through parking review process. Area board to note and item to be removed from agenda.	AB

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		<p>requested that this be looked at by CATG to determine if any other action may be suitable.</p> <p>KR has visited the site and recommended that a request for waiting restrictions be made to Westbury Town Council. Sarah Harris confirmed this has been progressed by WTC.</p>		
r)	<p>Pedestrian signing and crossing, White Horse Health Centre, Mane Way.</p>	<p>The order for additional pedestrian sign is with Ringway and will be complete by end of March. KR to let Cllr Hawker know when in place.</p> <p>KR explained that there is insufficient carriageway width to provide a pedestrian refuge at the existing informal crossing point. Those who feel unable to cross at that location could choose to cross at the refuge island closer to the roundabout however it was noted that there are some concerns regarding visibility of vehicles across the roundabout.</p> <p>KR explained that the only other crossing option would be the provision of a signal controlled crossing however it is extremely unlikely that the pedestrian crossing figures would meet the required criteria for such a facility. A pedestrian survey could be undertaken to determine this.</p> <p>It was agreed that no further action would be taken at this time.</p>	<p>KR to ensure signing is installed.</p> <p>Area board to note update.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>AB</p>
6.	New Requests / Issues			
a)	<p>Issue 6888 Bratton Primary School, Bratton</p>	<p><i>Following advice from Pat Whyte Highway Engineer we would like yellow lines cross hatching and school no parking signage outside on the curved edge of the road.in the past this area was completed shaded out red to stop cars parking and dropping off in this zone. Pat has advised that this this colour shading is no longer an option as very expensive and no longer used by Wiltshire Council. Therefore yellow markings are the only option available to us.</i></p>	<p>KR to contact school to discuss Taking Action on School Journeys.</p> <p>Area board to note update and issue to be closed.</p>	<p>KR</p> <p>AB</p>

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		CATG determined this should be referred to Taking Action on School Journeys with encouragement for the school to update their travel plan, as this would be consistent with other requests from schools in the area.		
b)	Issue 6939 Speeding Bratton To Westbury	<p><i>Dear Sir/Madam Please may I report a serious issue regarding the road from Westbury to Bratton B3098. This road is used often by cyclists as it is the least busy road heading East. Due to the restricted Salisbury Plain there is limited choice. The road has a 50mph limit. It is a road with many blind humps and blind bends. After gaining support from many of people including many members of Westbury Wheelers cycle club may I please request in fact beg you to look again at the speed limit. Perhaps you could drive the route and decide if driving above 40mph is sensible at any point along that road. You may suggest that the speed limit is in fact a maximum and not a target but I believe many drivers see it as a suggested speed and an approximate one. So some then believe that perhaps 10 percent over the limit is ok. If you compare the limit with limits on other straighter flatter routes then I believe there is inconsistency. For example the 30mph limit on the A350 through Beanacre. I am not suggesting that limit is wrong I am suggesting that there is a wide road with good visibility and a pavement and the limit is 30mph. Compare that to the B3098 Westbury Bratton narrow road with limited forward visibility and dangerous bends and humps plus several residential and agricultural junctions drives and the limit is 50mph. I experienced a near miss recently as a car attempted to pass the cyclist behind me at the blind summit just past the copse and blind bend half a mile out of Westbury. He braked violently and skidded across the road as the gamble didn't succeed when an oncoming vehicle appeared over the blind summit. I believe there will be an accident just past that copse as you head to Bratton as car drivers cannot see what is around that bend as it rises to a blind summit but so many take it at high speeds. If the timing is unfortunate a driver will suddenly discover cyclists in front and a vehicle coming the other way and will ram the cyclist from behind. Please investigate and I hope you will decide on warning signs and a lower speed limit before its too late.</i></p>	Please see item 6667 for discussions re B3098 and outcome of speed limit assessment.	

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7.	Other items			
a)	Items to be raised on issue system	The following items are to be raised via the issues system: 1) Blackhorse Lane, Westbury Leigh – Pedestrian Safety concerns – to be raised by Cllr King. 2) Tinhead Road, Edington – speeding concerns – to be raised by Cllr Swabey	Issues to be raised as shown	Cllr King/Cllr Swabey
b)	B3098 Strategy	Cllr Wickham asked that a regular agenda item for the B3098 strategy be included at future CATG meetings. This was agreed by CATG.	Item to be included in future agendas	KR
8.	Date of Next Meeting: 14th May 2019, 10:00, The Laverton Westbury			

Westbury Community Area Transport Group

Highways Officer – Kirsty Rose

1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the CATG 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

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- 2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Westbury Area Board.
- 2.2. If funding is allocated in line with CATG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Westbury Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of £ 0

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