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	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	Date of meeting: 24th January 2020			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
	Apologies	Cllr Nick Pyne, Cllr Francis Morland, Cllr Gordon King, Cllr Carole King, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr Jeff Ligo, Cllr Freddy Forsyth, Cllr Chris Johns, Cllr John Pollard, Cllr Russell Hawker, Sarah Harris, Pat Whyte, Kirsty Rose Cllr Keith Young		
2.	Notes of last meeting			
		The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed at the Westbury Area Board meeting on the 5 th Dec 2019. https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=173&MI d=12341&Ver=4		
3.	Financial Position			
		The available CATG budget for 2019/20 is £500		
4.	Top 5 Priority Schemes			
a)	Issue 6192 Westbury to Bratton (links to 6161)	This scheme has now been ordered via Ringway. Dropped kerb and bollard installation is complete, with lining works to follow (date unknown)	Await completion	

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b)	<p>Issues 6667 6939 6562 B3098 Bratton Road</p>	<p><u>White Horse Viewing Area Speed Limit Change</u></p> <p>The signing works are to be complete by the 3rd Feb, on which date the legal order will be sealed and the speed limit come into force.</p> <p><u>B3098 Speed Limit Review</u></p> <p>Cllr Gamble provided a response on behalf of Devizes CATG. To summarise, the concerns regarding the B3098 are shared, however Cllr Gamble is cautious about focussing on speed as the central issue for the route. The speed limit assessments undertaken in 2009 saw the introduction of the 50mph sections. The Devizes CATG budget is limited and when considered alongside other priorities, the speed limit assessment on the B3098 is not considered the best use of funding. However, Cllr Gamble intends to progress discussions with officers regarding a weight limit on the B3098 and side roads.</p> <p>Cllr Johns, Cllr Pollard and Cllr Forsyth stated that they would still like the review to go ahead, particularly looking at the section between Edington and Bratton. Cllrs Forsyth and Pyne also expressed concern that speed enforcement was not taking place.</p> <p>KR suggested that an alternative to a speed limit review would be to consider the locations along the route that the parishes deem to be a particularly hazardous location for pedestrians/drivers/cyclists and determine what measures could be taken to make improvements.</p>	<p>Area board to note update and item to be removed.</p> <p>It was agreed that KR would look at the individual locations identified by the parishes as areas of concern. KR to arrange a meeting with Bratton and Edington Parish reps to discuss.</p>	KR

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		<p>Cllr Wickham supported the concerns of the parish councils and also agreed looking at the individual locations would be beneficial.</p> <p>Cllr Hawker expressed a concern that reducing the speed limit between Edington and Bratton may take away an overtaking opportunity leading to vehicles overtaking within the villages.</p> <p>Cllr Morland expressed a concern that any weight limit would have an impact upon other areas and would need to be carefully considered. KR explained that any weight limit considerations would first go through an assessment by Sustainable Transport and would involve first looking at many other measures, with a weight limit being the solution only if the others were not suitable/deemed to have failed.</p>		
c)	White lining issues – Edington	Works ordered as part of ad-hoc lining to be undertaken within current financial year. Works are weather dependent.	Await completion however area board to note update and item to be removed from list.	
d)	18-19-6 Monastery Road Edington	<p>KR has prepared a proposal for 'unsuitable HGV signing' and positive directional signing for lorries accessing/exiting Edington Station yard. The estimated implementation cost is £1900 Current allocation is £1818.5.</p> <p>KR circulated the plan and explained the aim of the proposal is to reduce the number of heavy goods vehicles using Monastery Road to mitigate the damage being caused to the Monastery wall, footway and bank opposite. The signing is advisory only and is not legally enforceable.</p>	CATG and Edington Parish Council support the proposed scheme and it was agreed that £1900 (an increase of £81.50) be allocated to implement the scheme.	

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		<p>Cllr Johns asked if advance signing could be put in place at Westbury and West Lavington. KR explained this was not possible due to the advisory nature of the signing.</p> <p>Cllr G King asked if the signing would be incorporated into SAT NAV systems. KR will look into this.</p> <p>Cllr Morland asked what consultation had been undertaken or was needed with neighbouring parishes regarding the proposal. KR explained that as the signing is advisory only, there is no requirement for statutory consultation. Other community areas have introduced such signing without consultation with neighbouring areas. The group considered this and was satisfied that consultation is not required.</p>		
e)	18-19-8 Frogmore Road (From Rosefield Way to Slag Lane).	<p>A site visit has been undertaken. The carriageway surface is poor, particularly at the edges and as such road markings to denote a pedestrian route could not be laid in its current state. The markings would wear too quickly and also it would be encouraging pedestrians to walk in the worst affected areas. KR felt it was likely to be possible to utilise the existing verge between Rosefield Way and the footpath from Bramble Drive to create a formal footway and greater consideration should be given to the pedestrian improvements along the rest of the route.</p> <p>PW explained that the road is on the major maintenance list for repair works but that there are a number of factors affecting how soon this may be carried out. Wiltshire Council are still awaiting confirmation of funding for next financial year from central government therefore the current budget is unknown. Additionally, there may be other roads in the Westbury area with a higher priority.</p> <p>Cllr Pyne asked if a shared space approach could be considered such as those used in the Netherlands. KR agreed that it could be one option.</p>	It was agreed that the allocated funding (£1818.50) be used to procure a topographical survey to allow the production of design options to take place.	KR

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		Cllr C King supported the need to investigate further the possibility for pedestrian improvements and the feasibility of a shared use approach.		
5.	Other Priority schemes			
a)	Bus layover, B3097 Hawkeridge Road and Link Road	As a result of timetable changes, there are half the number of buses using the B3097 stops for driver changeover. It was agreed that CATG would continue to monitor this issue with feedback from the parish council.	Area board to note.	AB
b)	Issue 6557 A3098 Hisomley Crossroads, Speeding	<p>KR has visited the location again and reviewed the signing etc. The main issue is visibility when exiting The Hollow, which is restricted by dense vegetation/trees on privately owned land. Removal of this vegetation would improve the situation but would be at the discretion of the private owner.</p> <p>An alternative solution has been mooted by Dilton Marsh Parish Council, which is to make The Hollow one-way, allowing access into the village from the A3098 and prohibiting travel toward the A3098. The one-way order would cover the narrow section of The Hollow with 2 way traffic retained at the residential end of the road. Dilton Marsh Parish Council will speak to residents to determine the level of local support for this proposal.</p> <p>Cllr Morland explained that while the parish council had mentioned the above proposal, a formal discussion had yet to take place. He felt that there may some resistance from councillors and residents regarding the possible one- way system. Cllr Morland also mentioned that a planning application has recently been made relating to Hisomley farmhouse which may allow for changes to the vegetation to be pursued.</p>	Dilton Marsh Parish Council to consider/consult upon one-way for The Hollow and feedback to CATG.	DMPC

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c)	18-19-1 Oldfield Road Westbury	SH reported that CSW is to be set up on Oldfield Road however the CSW co-ordinator at Wiltshire Police is currently on long term absence.	Area board to note update and item to be removed from list.	AB
d)	18-19-3 Black Horse Lane, Westbury Leigh	<p>KR presented a plan outlining road markings that could be used to form a pedestrian route linking to Blackhorse Lane, with the inclusion of dropped kerbs across Westbury Leigh. The estimated cost of this is £1100 for the markings and £2000 for the dropped kerbs.</p> <p>KR also explained that that barrier solution to prevent motor cycle use needed to allow access for maintenance machinery, therefore an alterntive barrier type was required. KR circulated the details of the barrier, which opens as a gate to allow access. KR explained that supply only of such a barrier was £4000, with additional costs associated with installation.</p> <p>The group discussed this and felt it was difficult to quantify the use of the lane by motorcycles and to determine how much of an issue this was. It was agreed that the lane is well used by walkers, particularly school children, and cyclists.</p>	It was agreed that this item would remain on the list but not prioritised for implementation or funding at this time.	

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e)	18-19-5 Tower Hill, Dilton Marsh	<p>The PC has received complaints from residents that cyclists are using the footpath from the end of Tower Hill into Westbury Leigh. This has been raised as a safety issue due to the speed at which cyclists are travelling.</p> <p>The PC would like Wiltshire Council to investigate options to address this. It is aware that a physical barrier could impact on the use of the footpath by wheelchairs and buggies.</p> <p>This issue was discussed and it was asked that KR investigate further. Cllr King was interested to know how often this is an issues – is it regularly or infrequent? Cllr Morland expressed that any measures should not prevent the use of the route by cyclists and should perhaps consider providing an official cycle facility. In response Cllr King agreed in principle with Cllr Morland and then restated his view that it would be inappropriate to progress any scheme, unless it is serious (a Parish priority) on the strength of a single report of an incident that might never recur</p>	KR to investigate further.	KR
f)	Issue 7163 Dilton Marsh	<p>Dilton Marsh Primary School have provided an updated travel plan and applied for the provision of advisory 20mph signing through Taking Action on School Journeys.</p> <p>Cllr Wickham explained that the school have concerns regarding the potential retirement of their existing school crossing patroller as the roles are difficult to fill. The loss of the SCP would make it very difficult for pupils and parents to cross the B3099.</p> <p>KR explained that during a previous absence by the SCP, a member of office staff at the school was trained to undertake the role temporarily. Due to the changes with office staff and headteacher, the school staff may not be aware of this possibility. Cllr Wickham will feedback to school.</p>	Await outcome of wider consultation by Dilton Marsh Parish Council.	

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		<p>Cllr Morland stated that there was unanimous support from the parish council for the advisory 20mph proposal.</p> <p>Dilton Marsh Parish Council are to undertake wider consultation regarding the further implementation of 20mph speed restriction through the village. Cllr Morland explained that the consultation period had been extended and that there were some concerns regarding cost and amount of signing.</p> <p>Cllr Hawker expressed reservations regarding the implementation of 20mph speed limits but would support the introduction of such a limit on Petticoat Lane.</p>		
g)	18-19-7 16 Westbury Leigh	This (H bar marking) will be undertaken in the first batch of ad-hoc lining works to be issued in the 2020/21 financial year.	Await completion.	
6.	Traffic Surveys			
a)	Springfield Road, Westbury	Metrocount requested.	Await results	
b)	Issue 7017 Tinhead Rd, Edington	Metrocount requested.	Await results.	
c)	18-19-4 Newtown and Long River Road, Westbury	Metrocount requested.	Await outcome of metrocount. Police have stated to Westbury Town Council that they cannot undertake enforcement until they have information from the metrocount in order to target resources effectively.	
d)	Court Lane, Bratton	Metrocount requested.	Await results.	

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7.	New Requests / Issues			
a)	<p>18-19-9 Hawkeridge Road, Hawkeridge Westbury</p> <p>Footway request</p>	<p><i>Lack of pavement on Hawkeridge Road in particular the westbound carriage way. Currently I have to walk in the carriageway head on to the westbound traffic around a dangerous blind bend. The speed limit for this section of road is 50mph.</i></p> <p><i>I am unable to access the bus stops located outside Court Farm Hawkeridge safely. I have to use public transport as I have a brain injury and have had my driving licence revoked. A further complication is that due to my brain injury I am unable to safely judge danger which is especially difficult when walking from my front door to the bus stops using the verge and roadway. I would like a permanent pavement along Hawkeridge Road, preferably between Link Road, West Wilts Trading Estate and the village of Hawkeridge.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Wickham explained that although she recognises this is a large scheme, the current route is extremely difficult to use and any improvements would be hugely beneficial. The resident in question does not expect a fully paved route but any improvement on the existing uneven verge where vegetation is overhanging.</i></p> <p><i>PW explained that the vegetation is due to be cut back in due course.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Pyne suggested that the provision of a footway could be considered as part of a larger piece of work to determine the feasibility of providing an off carriageway cycle/footway between Westbury and Trowbridge. The group discussed this and while recognising the constraints, agreed this could be a useful scheme, provided the existing carriageway was not compromised.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Morland explained that the planning permission granted for Hawke Ridge included some arrangement for cycle facilities.</i></p>	<p>It was agreed that this would move to the top 5 priority schemes. KR to investigate feasibility.</p>	

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b)	<p>18-19-10 18 Redland Lane, Westbury</p> <p>H Bar marking request</p>	<p><i>Request for H-bar marking across driveway(approx. 6.5m) due to issues caused by inconsiderate parking by those using the Redland Lane football ground. Activity at the football ground has greatly increased. Resident willing to fund bar marking.</i></p> <p><u>16.12.19 – Westbury Town Council, Highways, Planning and Development Committee Meeting</u></p> <p><i>Redland Lane – H-Bar – The committee agreed that the matter is of sufficient seriousness to be considered a town council priority worthy of a contribution to the cost. The committee agreed to contribute £75.00.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Hawker gave his support for this proposal.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Pyne stated that the driveway next door to the property in question had made recent changes which may mean the bar marking is no longer needed. KR to assess.</i></p>	<p>CATG agreed to fund 50% of the cost of the bar marking, with Westbury Town Council contributing the other 50%. The total funding cost being £150, with the markings being implemented via the ad-hoc lining programme in the next financial year.</p>	
c)	<p>18-19-11 Edington – various roads (excl. B3098)</p> <p>20mph request</p>	<p><i>Excessive speed of traffic on roads without pavements used by pedestrians and cyclists to move around the village. Many of the roads are barely wide enough for two cars to pass and when there are pedestrians on the road it becomes increasingly dangerous. A recent metro count in Lower Road found that the mean speed of traffic on the road was 29.4mph and that 48.2% of recorded vehicles were exceeding the posted speed limit, the mean speed of these vehicles was 34.0mph. We are awaiting the results of a recent metro count in Tinhead Road but from observations the traffic would appear to be travelling at similar speeds.</i></p> <p><i>Introduction of 20mph limits on all of the roads listed below. Greater Lane, Greatwoods, Lower Road, Inmead, Monastery Road, The Weir, Greenhills, Tinhead Road, Court Lane, Little Court Lane, Berry Road, Long Hollow, Salisbury Hollow, Baynton Way.</i></p>	<p>CATG agreed to fund a 20mph assessment as requested at a cost of £1000. The cost having been reduced as some data is already available.</p> <p>Scheme to move to top 5 priority.</p>	

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		<p><i>Parish council comments:</i> <i>The speed of traffic through the village not only on the B3098 has been a significant cause for concern for a number of years. The parish council are in the process of purchasing a speed indicator device for use on the B3098 and the introduction of 20mph limits on the side roads will assist the council in providing a safer environment for pedestrians and other road users on a road infrastructure that was not designed for motor vehicles.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Pollard explained the desire of Edington Parish Council, following requests from residents, to implement 20mph speed limits as outlined above to provide a safer environment for residents.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Johns explained that residents use Lower Road to access routes into Bratton for local amenities (school, shop etc) and there are no pedestrian facilities available. Drivers regularly continue to drive above the 30mph speed limit upon entering the village, causing concern for pedestrian safety.</i></p>		
d)	18-20-1 A350 Heywood - Request to reduce speed limit	<p><i>2 requests have been received by Heywood Parish Council from residents expressing their concerns regarding the volumes and speed of traffic on A350 between Westbury (from the railway bridge) and Yarnbrook. Their concerns are that motorists exceed the speed limit along this road and there are areas of poor visibility, private drives that enter the road and a blind hill. They state that numerous vehicle accidents have occurred along this road due to speeding and request the current 60mph limit be reduced to 40mph along the whole stretch</i></p> <p><i>The residents request that request the current 60mph limit be reduced to 40mph along this whole stretch of the A350</i></p> <p><i>Heywood Parish Council fully support the residents concerns and comments as does the Councillor Suzanne Wickham and wish to raise this matter with Wiltshire Council for consideration</i></p>		

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		<p><i>Cllr Morland explained that it was Heywood Parish Council policy to pass on and support all issues raised by residents as that is resident's only means of raising highway issues. It must be noted that not all of the route in question is within the Heywood parish boundary.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Wickham explained that she understood the concerns of the residents regarding the route.</i></p> <p><i>KR explained that there were no single locations along the section that were classified as a collision cluster site nor did the Wiltshire Council collision investigator have any concerns about this section of the route based on its collision history.</i></p> <p><i>KR explained that a speed limit assessment was unlikely to recommend a change in speed limit but that individual junctions or accesses could be looked at to determine if improvements are needed. Cllr Wickham felt this was a suitable approach.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Hawker felt that the 2 areas of concern were the Heywood junction and the Cement Works bend. He would like to see the Cement Works bend be the focus for safety improvements.</i></p>		
8.	Other items			
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8.	Date of Next Meeting: 3rd April 2020,10am, Westbury Fire Station
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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

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