

## Highways Working Group (CATG)

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**Attendees:** Cllr Christine Crisp (Wiltshire Council), Ed Jones (Focus on Five Parish forum), Geoff Procter (HAGGIS), Mark Stansby (Wiltshire Council Senior Traffic Management Engineer), Martin Cook (Wiltshire Council, Area Highways Engineer, Spencer Drinkwater (Wiltshire Council Principal Transport Planner), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

- 1. Apologies:** Charles Boase (Calne Town Council), Gibb Hancock (Cherhill Parish Council)

*Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.*

### 2. Community Speedwatch

JV had received an email from Sgt Connor with details of correspondence between a resident and Mr James Gray MP which expressed concerns at the length of time it has taken to implement a Community Speedwatch programme at Sandy Lane. JV has responded stating that the programme is reliant upon local volunteers and Calne Without Parish Council has experienced difficulties in identifying local people that are prepared to volunteer. EJ reported that a group has now been formed, which is now undergoing training to carry out the work, however the group consists of the minimum number of volunteers and that if the resident in question would like to join the group they would be very welcome. JV had also informed Sgt Connor and Mr Gray that Sandy Lane has also been included in the SID programme as a response to local concerns about speeds of traffic and that work is planned to build out the junction of Sandy Lane/Back Lane in an attempt to deter the use of the latter as a rat run. JV was asked to let Sgt Connor/Mr Gray know about the opportunity to volunteer to help run the Community Speed watch scheme.

GP reported that Hilmarton currently has the Community Speedwatch equipment and has managed to man the programme with volunteers every day for the last 2 weeks.

### 3. SID (Speed Indicator Device) rota and new locations

CC reported an email had been received from the Head of Traffic and Network explaining that the SID process is being assessed and reviewed as a result of problems encountered in the process currently being operated. The group felt this was useful as current arrangements have been confusing and the group is still waiting for

#### ACTIONS

JV contact James Gray MP and Sgt Phil Connor re volunteering opportunities at Sandy Lane.

notification of dates SIDs are due in priority areas identified by the Area Board.

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#### 4. Review of Speed limits on C and unclassified roads

Routes approved by the Area Board at its last meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012 have been submitted to the review programme. The group is now waiting to hear whether any of these routes is considered acceptable to be put forward to the Countywide review. SD reported that the Countywide list of routes is due to be released in the next few weeks. It is hoped that details will be available at the next Area Board meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> August at Compton Bassett Village Hall.

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#### 5. Update on schemes from 2010/11

- **Hilmarton refuge:** Geoff Procter reported positive feedback about the refuge. There are still a few problems with people overtaking on the wrong side of the refuge – linked to busses stopping for long periods of time. CC has previously contacted Cllr. Richard Gamble (portfolio holder for public transport) for advice and information, she is awaiting a response. CC will contact Cllr Gamble again.
- **Derry Hill lights:** MS reported that the Derry Hill lights are now working.
- **Derry Hill White Gates:** White gates have been delivered, MS is in communication with Richard Aylen (representing the community) to arrange installation, however a delay has occurred while clarification of how much funding the community group has raised towards the installation of new traffic signs and road markings. As soon as funding has been clarified MS will liaise with MC to arrange implementation. MC advised that it could be several months from him being notified to installation taking place as a result of current staffing issues.
- **Lake View/Quemerford footpath:** work on this scheme will start on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

CC contact Cllr Richard Gamble

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JV/EJ clarify contact Geoff Turner/Richard Aylen to clarify the amount of funding that has been raised by the community group and the Parish Council. MS/MC liaise re installation

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#### 6. 2012/13 substantive highways scheme bid

JV reported that the Area Board approved the CATG recommendation to submit the Goatacre refuge scheme to the substantive highways scheme. JV has now submitted the bid. SD reported that this scheme will go to Cllr Dick Tonge for a decision. It is hoped that the group might know the result in time to update the next Calne Area Board on 14<sup>th</sup> August.

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## 7. Other 2012 Priority Issues

- **Sandy Lane/Back Lane junction** – JV reported that, on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012, the Area Board agreed to fund this scheme from its 2012/13 CATG budget. MS reported that detailed design work is ongoing and construction is likely to start in September 2012.
- **Calne Town Centre Congestion** – there was a long discussion about the various Area Board working groups that are currently working on Air Quality management; developing a Community Area Campus; involving local people in planning the distribution of funds allocated to safer and less congested routes under a S106 planning agreement. Concern was expressed that without some kind of co-ordination, there is a real danger that the different groups may duplicate or contradict the work of other groups. It was felt that the CATG might step back from undertaking any major projects addressing this issue for the time. But instead should remain aware of the ongoing work of the other groups and, once the air pollution report, the Campus report and the S106 plan are completed, should work towards addressing the gaps rather than working in competition.

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## 8. Issues arising from the Area Board Community Issues System

- 1807/2004 relating to road safety issues at North Street/Lickhill Road. MS advised information suggests that approved development at Lickhill road may be about to start, this may result in the release of monies identified as a unilateral undertaking by the developer to assist in road safety measures in the vicinity. MS said he would get in touch with the planning office to make sure that the CATG group is involved.
- 2398 Quakers Lane/Quakers walk junction Goatacre – MC advised that the grass triangle in the middle of the junction is currently being dug out.

MS contact Ian Postlethwaite re. development at Lickhill Road.

JV update community issue system

## 9. Other issues:

- **Maud Heaths Causeway** – The Causeway Trust is looking for funding to help repair parts of this scheduled ancient monument that has become eroded in parts as a result of traffic. The planned scheme is likely to be well beyond the means of the Area Board. It was suggested that, if the Trust begins a major fundraising programme in the community, the Area Board might be minded to support it with a community area grant.
- **Heddington repair of cobbled footpath** – This issue has still not been received as a formal Area Board issue and neither has the Parish Council raised it as a problem.

CC will remain in contact with the Trust.

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- Beversbrook Sports Centre request for funding of brown tourist signage scheme. JV explained that this initially came to the Area Board as a Community Area Grant application, but it did not meet the criteria of that scheme. The group discussed the request and decided that, while it was a scheme which would be of an advantage to the facility. It was not something that the CATG should be funding. It was felt that signage should be funded by the Town Council. However that it could be an element of work being undertaken as a part of the Community Campus Project and therefore the Centre should ask the Campus Working group to consider it as a part of its remit.
- At the last meeting Gibb Hancock asked whether Yatesbury would be considered as a 30mph limit because it has street lighting. MS reported that a survey of the area has shown that, as there are only 4 street lights in the village it does meet requirements that would warrant the 30mph limit.

JV ask advice from Campus working group and respond to the Sports Centre.

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#### **Date of next meeting**

Jane Vaughan was asked to arrange the next meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 **(4pm at the Community Hub, Calne to be confirmed)**

JV arrange next meeting