

# MINUTES

## Community Area Transport Group

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Venue: Training room Churchfields

Time 10am – 12.50pm

Attendees:

Cllr Roger Fisher  
Cllr Mike Hewitt  
Cllr John Smale  
Cllr Ian West  
Cllr Graham Wright  
Mr Howard Jarvis (representing Shrewton Parish Council)

Graham Axtell      Area Highways Engineer  
Chris Clark        Local Highways Manager (South)  
Spencer Drinkwater Principal Transport Planner  
Tom Gardiner       Senior Transport Engineer  
Karen Linaker      Community Area Manager

		Action
1.	<b>Appointment of Chairman</b> Cllr Mike Hewitt was appointed as Chairman of the Transport Group.	
2.	<b>Welcome / Introductions / Apologies</b> All were welcomed to the meeting, and asked to introduce themselves. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mike Brunton (representing Bourne Valley) and Cllr Carol Slater (representing Shrewton).	
3.	<b>Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 April 2012</b> A general discussion took place around the minutes, and updates were provided which are detailed below at minutes 4 and 5.	
4.	Cllr Fisher registered his concern that issues regarding the speed of traffic on Porton Road, Amesbury had not been recorded in the minutes of the previous two meetings. He was however grateful to have received the latest metrocount readings for this stretch of road.	
	<b>Current / Ongoing Schemes</b>	
a.	<u>Steeple Langford Flooding</u> Tom had investigated this issue and was continuing to assess how much it would cost to remedy the issue.	Tom
b.	<u>Larkhill</u> Cllr Wright secured the group's agreement to paint the railings on the zebra crossing in Larkhill a more prominent colour than the current grey	Cllr Wright

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c.	<p><u>West Amesbury</u> Assessments had found that the stretch of road in question should be reduced from 60mph to 40mph. Investigations to see if the limit could be further reduced to 30mph was still ongoing, and would now be undertaken as part of the C road review. Residents had been informed of this and were satisfied thus far.</p>	Tom
d.	<p><u>Church Street Amesbury</u> The TRO to carry out the desired works to this site would be advertised between the 21 June and the 16 July. Following this, subject to their being no objections, the work would be carried out.</p>	Tom
e.	<p><u>Porton Village</u> The MOD has offered to fund red surface treatment at the 30mph speed limit adjacent to Porton Down entrance. The cost would be £5k. Tom was requested to liaise with Porton Down.</p>	Tom
f.	<p><u>Salisbury Road, Bulford to Solstice Park known as Telegraph Hill</u> Allistair Millington was continuing in his negotiations with the tenant of the land, who maintained some concerns with the proposed cycle route. Cllr Smale confirmed that the owners of the land were satisfied with the proposal. Strong concerns were expressed that the negotiations were taking a long time to come to a solution, and there was a fear that the S106 funding would be lost as a consequence of a scheme not being agreed before the deadline. Allistair was asked to write a report on the scheme, its progress so far, and the current challenges preventing it from being agreed and implemented, to Cllr Tonge, as a matter of priority.</p> <p>Cllr Fisher agreed to discuss the matter amongst the local farmers to see if he could assist with the negotiations.</p>	Allistair/Tom  Cllr Fisher
g.	<p><u>Newton Tony – 20mph</u> Cllr Smale explained that this matter was still being discussed, and that it was specific to the stretch of road between the ford and the village hall. The Bourne Valley Alliance and Newton Tony Parish Council were due to discuss the matter.</p>	
h.	<p><u>Netheravon Road, Durrington</u> Cllr Wright explained that he was investigating if this site could also use a CSW team, in addition to the SID that had been allocated to it.</p>	Cllr Wright
i.	<p><u>Gomolden Road</u> Repeater signs have been ordered.</p>	
j.	<p><u>Broken Cross Bridge</u> A public meeting would be hosted by the Area Board in Winterbourne Earls as soon as more was known about the contractors appointed to these works. The Southern Wiltshire Area Board, and in particular, Laverstock &amp; Ford Parish Council would need to be informed of the date of the meeting/</p>	Karen

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h.	<u>Newton Tony – grass verge damaged by vehicles</u> Graham Axtell was asked to liaise and assist the parish council in remedying this issue, which was in the vicinity of Sherwood House.	Graham Axtell
i.	<u>Cycle Routes</u> Karen explained that the project involving the development of cycle routes in the Amesbury Area would be restarted within the next few months. The Chairman informed the meeting that Laverstock and Ford Parish Council would be funding and organising the first stretch from Ford to Hurdcott.	KL
j.	<u>Durrington – zebra crossing request outside Sainsbury’s</u> Tom had assessed the site in question, and will write a report to put to the group with a proposal for funding. It was noted that Durrington Town Council would consider putting some of the funding forward in addition. Tom and Cllr Wright would meet again to discuss the scheme	Tom / Cllr Wright
<b>5.</b>	<b>Schemes &amp; Issues Raised for Discussion Since the Last Meeting</b>	
a.	<u>Durrington – footpath between Stonehenge Roundabout and Countess Road.</u> Cllr Wright explained that Durrington Town Council had funding secured from a recent residential development for approximately two thirds of this new footpath, but that it was seeking the assistance of the Transport Group for the remaining funds required. The group was informed that the scheme had been assessed as cost effective and viable. Karen was asked to submit a bid to the Substantive Highways grants pot.	KL
b.	<u>Durrington – substandard footpath from Hackthorne Rd to the Cemetery (A345)</u> Cllr Wright explained the situation along this route, where the pedestrians visiting the cemetery (sometimes in wheelchairs) were having to venture onto the busy 40mph main road, as the footpath could not accommodate them. Cllr Wright and Graham Axtell agreed to meet and visit the site in question.	Graham Axtell/Cllr Wright
c.	<u>Shrewton – High Street</u> Mr Jarvis explained the Parish Council’s concerns over pedestrian safety due to the lack of a footpath on the High Street, and the apparent inconsiderate parking of cars on the side of the road. This was leading to pedestrians walking in the middle of the road. The group discussed the options on how to remedy this issue, including the introduction of a footpath or double yellow lines. Real concern was stressed that this issue was set to become even more pressing with the imminent closure of the A344 and the potential displacement of traffic from that route through the High Street. Mr Jarvis agreed to work with the Parish Council in consulting with residents regarding the most appropriate action, bearing in mind that Shrewton had no car parks and spaces for parking was very restricted.	Mr Jarvis

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| <b>d.</b> | <p><u>Shrewton – London Rd</u><br/>Mr Jarvis explained the Parish Council’s concern over the speed of traffic entering the village on London Rd. The parish council would like to see earlier speed warning signs on the road approaching the village, the use of permanent electronic speeding signs to slow drivers, other speed mitigating measures, such as humps/chicanes, and permission for the speedwatch team to monitor along this stretch of road. Mr Jarvis explained that assessments of speed had been carried out locally and the findings from this demonstrated that there were more speeders at this point than at any other point in the village.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the possible options on how to remedy this issue, including the introduction of a footpath (which would need negotiations with local landowners to dig into the banks along the route), the regular trimming of vegetation along the route, to ensure all could carefully see the speed limit signs, and the use of CSW and SIDs.</p> <p>Discussion also took place regarding local concern of delivery vehicles parking at the rear of the Co-op, causing obstruction. Cllr West was working to resolve this.</p> | <p>Mr Jarvis/Cllr West</p> <p>Cllr West</p> |
| <b>e.</b> | <p><u>Figcheldean</u><br/>Cllr Smale requested officers to inspect and take action on a number of sites in the village due to poor surfacing: A345 across the bridge to the School / Pollen Lane / Ablington Terrace (outside farm buildings).</p>  | <p>Graham Axtell</p>                        |
| <b>f.</b> | <p><u>Orcheston – Elston Lane &amp; Whatcome Brow</u><br/>The parish council had requested speed restrictions along Elston Lane running from the 30mph speed limit in Shrewton up through the Orcheston crossroads and onto the junction with the A360. It also had requested speed restrictions in the village along Whatcombe Brow. Karen agreed to request metrocounts at these sites.</p>   | <p>KL</p>                                   |
| <b>g.</b> | <p><u>Winterbourne Stoke</u><br/>Cllr West re-emphasised his and local concerns regarding the speed of traffic through the village, and asked the transport group’s backing for the speed limit to be reduced to 30mph. Cllr West explained that there had been another accident recently, and stressed the need for a review of this site. Discussions took place regarding the options on how to mitigate this issue, including the possibility of introducing signage to alert drivers to the risk of accidents and pointing out the number of accidents along this route. .</p>   |   |
| <b>h.</b> | <p><u>Amesbury, Cold Harbour</u><br/>Local representations had been received regarding residents of The Ferrets, Smithfield Rd, where there was a request for the following due to the residents ill health and disabilities : dropped curbs either side of the road, so that Mrs Walker doesn’t have to travel in her wheelchair on the road, which she currently has to do and; double yellow lines either side of The Ferrets, because the last time the ambulance had to come to their house, the access was blocked by parked cars. Karen would ensure that</p>  | <p>KL</p>                                   |

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all officers and local councillors new of the request and would work with officers to find a remedy.

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| i. | <p><u>38/40 Pinkneys Way, Durrington</u><br/>It was noted that Cllr Wright was taking action on this matter, which referred to local concerns about the potential misuse of a disused bus shelter at this site, by bored, disaffected young people. The hope was that this shelter, along with others in the village would be relocated to sites where a shelter was needed.</p>  | Cllr Wright                                     |
| j. | <p><u>Winterbourne Earls – Earls Rise &amp; The Shop</u><br/>The Parish Council was requesting two assisted crossings on the A338 at these sites. General discussion took place and it was agreed that the Parish Council should be asked to conduct a survey of pedestrian activity at these sites to provide evidence for the need for the crossings.</p>   | KL /<br>Winterbourne<br>Earls Parish<br>Council |
| h. | <p><u>Porton Crossroads</u><br/>The Area Board had discussed the possibility of introducing a “this is an accident blackspot” sign on the approach to Porton Village. Officers advised that it would be wise to wait a while to see the impact of the recent introductions of red strips at this site.</p>  |   |
| 6. | <p><b>Priority of SID Sites</b><br/>Karen would work with officers to compile a report for the July Area Board meeting, to enable the board to review and ensure the SID Prioritisation programme was relevant to their needs. Cllr Smale also agreed to investigate how the Area Board might acquire a second SID. Cllr Wright also updated the group on the progress he was making with the board’s request that the metrocount/allocation of CSW/SIDs be reviewed, to ensure that the assessments truly met local need. He explained that part of the issue was that the metrocount 85<sup>th</sup> %ile measurement was used to ensure that action was only taken at the ‘worst of the worst sites’, leaving a significant number of other sites left without action, despite speeding issues being a real concern. Cllr Wright explained that he was hoping to negotiate with partners a more ‘common sense’ approach. The group noted that a metrocount was not needed in every case, only a risk assessment.</p> | KL<br><br>Cllr Smale<br><br><br>Cllr Wright     |
| 7. | <p><b>Amesbury Area – Parking Issues for Schools</b><br/>The Transport Group noted the findings of its recent survey regarding parking issues at schools in the Area. Karen was asked to work with the Council’s Travel Plan Officer to progress actions and findings from the survey.</p>  | KL  |
| 8. | <p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012, 10am</b></p>  |   |

## School Survey Results (Parking Issues)

### AMESBURY

**Town Council** – John Noeken has explained that the town council is working with the schools to address issues – a meeting is being held this month. Negotiations are also ongoing with Cllr Tonge to see if reduced parking charges might be possible for parents in the central car park

**Amesbury Archer** – no comments

**Amesbury Primary** – due to car park charges in centre of town, workers use side road close to the school, i.e. Kitchener Rd and Cold Harbour. Also, pupil numbers have risen from 205 – 271, which has led to an increase in staff and therefore no parking is permitted for parents in the school car park. The school have had meetings with the town council, and police, and have put up signs encouraging slow traffic. Letters and information has also been given to parents to explain the issue and urging co-operation  
The school is regularly meeting with local councillors on the issue, and has liaised with council officials on the matter.  
It has a travel plan and is running a 'lend a bike' scheme  
Suggestions are being explored to remedy issues, including: free parking in the co-op car park, bikes for hire, local bus pick from Archers Gate, additional free spaces in the central car park at pick up/drop off times, an area of school field for drop off.

**The Stonehenge School** – issues because of parked cars at the school entrance on Antrobus Road, making visibility poor and causes obstructions at times for the school buses to enter the school site, and for staff and students to leave. The Headteacher constantly asks parents not to drive into the school site or to park near the entrance.

Officers have been requested to help, but interventions (including triangular warning signs) have not been successful

The town council has been informed of the issues in the past, but may need a more recent update

The school would like parking restrictions, such as yellow lines, along the entrance to the school and either side of the school entrance on Antrobus Road to improve visibility for drivers

The school has a travel plan

**Christ the King** – have tried to resolve issues and have a travel plan. Over the years, meeting with police, highways and byways department have been held, and initiatives such as walking buses, awareness raising with parents have been held. Working with town council to resolve

**BULFORD** – no comments from parish council

**Kiwi** – there are insufficient spaces in our car park as we share our grounds with the children centre which creates a lot of traffic. There are also issues with drop off/pick up around the school gate – parents dangerously abandoning cars and parking in a way which makes it difficult and sometimes dangerous for pedestrians to cross the road. The school has worked to resolve issues, asking parents co-operation and working with the MOD, e.g. laying out cones in the morning. The school has not reported the matter to the town council, but is trying to resolve matters themselves.

It has a travel plan (last updated 18 months ago). The school continues to remedy its issues, and has secured alternative parking in and around the garrison to help alleviate the problem. The school understands it is about educating and encouraging parents not to use their cars so much

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**DURRINGTON** – the town council has been very proactive in working with local schools in the past and has helped them to update their travel plans. As a consequence of the council working in partnership with the schools and residents (and funding bollards to prevent parking at inappropriate spots), issues have been resolved and currently there are no known issues.

**Larkhill Primary** – has a travel plan, but no current parking issues. No comments from other local schools

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**FIGHELDEAN** – no comments from parish council

**Figheidean School** – we have use of car park opposite school, but it has limited spaces and parents are not always careful to make the best use of space, others are lazy and find it easier to park on the road, despite the highway concerns this raises. The parish council are aware

It has a travel plan, and has tried initiatives such as a walking bus, car share. Currently pupils are involved in designing large 'no parking' signs to display at the front of the school. There is also a long term new build planned for the school, with good parking facilities

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**GREAT WISHFORD**

**Parish Council** – has a great problem with parking at the school, despite working with the police and school to resolve. The school has a travel plan. Unfortunately it is difficult to envisage solutions, as there is no available alternative land for parking.

**School** – no comments

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**IDMISTON** – no comments from parish council

**St Nicholas Primary** – no up to date plan, last produced 2009, bids for funding to update have been unsuccessful. Has problems with parking, and is running a “drop off” zone in the morning which is well supported by parents and working well. The parish council has agreed to lengthen the yellow zigzags by one extra car length either side of the entrance – unaware of any progress on this

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**NEWTON TONY** – parish council has no issues, and the school has not commented

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## **SHREWTON**

**Parish Council** – there is an issue with parents parking on the footpath and causing pedestrians to walk in road. Parish council, school and police have been in discussions to find a solution, one suggestion is that bollards be placed on the stretch of pavement by the school to prevent parking

**School** – sometimes there are problems, particularly as Tanners Lane is a small lane, but it is only at pick up and drop off times. The school has a car park for staff and therefore helps to alleviate the issue. Sometimes, parking for the shop and doctors surgery adds to the parking issues. Have worked with the police and parents have been asked to co-operate

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**TILSHEAD** – school confirmed it has no issues / no comments from parish council

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## **WINTERBOURNES**

**Parish Council** – will be discussing the schools concerns in June, and has previously discussed this issue as a priority

**School** – working with the police and parents to resolve, but parents have to park on the A338 to drop off children (as advised by police). Main concern is due to speed, amount and type of traffic (including HGVs) on the A338 running past the school, despite the 30mph limit.



The current speed restrictions and flashing sign do not work, and parents and the community have real concern for pupil and parent safety. Highways have advised that it cannot move the flashing warning sign to a better position. The school has applied for a Waiting Restriction / yellow lines at Earls Rise to stop inconsiderate parking, but it would ideally like a purpose built designated parking area near to the school

The school has submitted a petition asking for a flashing warning sign just before the school. The petition includes nearly 200 signatures.

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## **WOODFORD**

**Parish Council** – there are too many children from outside the area attending the school. Have tried to provide parking on the recreation ground adjacent to the school, but it is still not big enough. A grant to help the parish council level off some more of the recreation ground (damaged by number of cars using it) could help

**School** – has a travel plan and a drop off zone. But there are still some issues to be addressed