

MINUTES

Amesbury Community Area Transport Group

Meeting: 18th January 2013

Attendees:

Cllrs Mike Brunton, Roger Fisher, Mike Hewitt (Chairman), Ian West, Graham Wright
Tom Gardner (Senior Transport Engineer), Karen Linaker (Community Area Manager)

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Apologies</u>	Apologies from Cllrs Slater and Smale	
2.	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>	The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 4 th Sept 2012 were noted.	
3.	<u>Current / Ongoing Schemes</u>		
(i)	<u>Steeple Langford new footway</u>	Tom advised the group that the topographical survey had been ordered, and that a bid to the Substantive Highways Budget would be prepared when the 2013/14 funding had been confirmed. Cllr West agreed to liaise with the Parish Council to see if they would contribute funds to the scheme. Tom was asked to investigate whether the scheme could benefit from funding from the Flood Budget.	Cllr West Tom
(ii)	<u>Shrewton High St – lack of footway</u>	The Parish Council was asked to consult with residents about the introduction of a new footway, particularly due to the concern that drivers may resort to parking on the new footway. Graham Axtell was arranging a re-angling of the pedestrian sign to see if this could assist the situation. Karen to chase to see if the above actions, agreed in Sept, had been progressed.	Carole Graham Karen
(iii)	<u>Shrewton, London Rd</u>	This is a site of speeding concern, and as such, a SID is due to be sited here in March, June and Sept 2013.	
(iv)	<u>Shrewton, Salisbury Rd</u>	The dropped kerb request has been actioned.	
(v)	<u>Church St, Amesbury – footway widening</u>	These works will commence on the 25 th March 2013.	
(vi)	<u>Salisbury Rd, Bulford to</u>	Councillors and officers were due to discuss this scheme at a meeting on the 1 st February.	

	<u>Solstice Park – cycle way</u>	<p>Clr Hewitt was keen to ensure that the board published a clear update on this, to allay concerns and confusion.</p>	Karen
(vii)	<u>Newton Tony – 20mph speed limit request</u>	<p>The Group was updated that the village had undertaken a survey to gauge support for a 20mph speed limit, and the survey concluded strong support.</p> <p>Tom was asked to liaise with the Parish Council to ensure that a metrocount survey was carried out at the best position in the village.</p> <p>The Group discussed the need for parishes to be given additional support and clarification on the metro count / SID process. This process to include a new step, whereby the transport engineer advises parishes on the best positioning of both devices.</p> <p>The Group suggested that this clarification should be communicated at a forthcoming meeting of the Speeding Group.</p>	<p>Tom</p> <p>Karen / Tom</p> <p>Karen / Tom / Clr Wright</p>
(viii)	<u>Winterbourne Earls – assisted crossings</u>	<p>The pedestrian counts had been completed, and the Board had agreed funding for one of the assisted crossings this financial year.</p> <p>Tom was asked to liaise with the Parish Council to ascertain where its preference for the first assisted crossing would be.</p> <p>The Group to consider funding the second assisted crossing, following confirmation of its new Budget in 2013/14</p>	<p>Tom</p> <p>Karen</p>
(ix)	<u>Winterbourne Earls School warning sign</u>	<p>Officers were continuing to liaise on this matter, and Ruth Durrant was leading on assessing the school's funding application for this new sign. This assessment process will conclude in March / April, with a report to the school explaining the outcome.</p> <p>Should the assessment prove that the signs are needed, it should be possible for their installation within this financial year.</p>	
(x)	<u>Amesbury – Butterfield Drive</u>	<p>Tom was continuing to process the modifications to the speed table at the junction of Dawbeney Rd to prevent the Hoppa Bus from grounding out.</p>	Tom
(xi)	<u>Amesbury High Street</u>	<p>Officers explained the process and policy which was determining the outcome of the Group's earlier request to amend parking restrictions in the taxi rank. This essentially meant that this request would need to be considered as part of the TRO process – which would take place in September 2013.</p>	

		Cllr Fisher agreed to discuss this matter with Cllr Noeken.	Tom
(xii)	<u>Barn Down Close, Winterbourne Gunner</u>	Cllr Hewitt and Tom to meet on site to discuss the need for improved visibility splays.	Cllr Hewitt / Tom
(xiii)	<u>Broken Cross Bridge</u>	Work was ongoing, but scheduled for completion in early March 2013.	
4. <u>New Schemes / Issues</u>			
(i)	<u>Shrewton, Tanners Lane – Bridge Garage pavement request</u>	Tom was asked to look at this request for a safe path to walk on the A360, and to consider options of a pavement or different coloured surface.	Tom
(ii)	<u>Berwick St James – Speeding concerns</u>	<p>The Group heard that the Berwick St James Speeding Group was also an active member of the Area Board Speeding Group, and had already started to work on their concerns, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • securing a metrocount which had found that Community Speedwatch could operate at this site • liaising with Highways Officers to introduce gateways at each end of the village <p>Tom was asked to investigate the other three related issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possible strips and chicanes to slow traffic • measures to slow farm traffic • footway widening for parents with pushchairs and wheelchair users <p>Cllr West was also asked to see what local discussions could be held between the Parish Meeting and the local farmers, in the hope that this local communication might be able to improve matters.</p>	Tom Cllr West
(iii)	<u>Durnford Parish Council – Speeding Concerns</u>	The Group noted that the roads referred to in the correspondence from Durnford Parish Council were C roads, and therefore, officers were asked to ensure that the concerns were registered as part of the C/Unclassified Roads review in 2013/14.	Karen
(iv)	<u>Lanfear Close, Amesbury: request for dropped kerbs</u>	<p>The group was informed of this request, and Cllr Fisher was asked to ensure that this was discussed by Amesbury Town Council as the first step in the process.</p> <p>Cllr Fisher and the Group were asked to note that Graham Axtell managed a priority list for dropped kerb requests.</p>	Cllr Fisher

5. <u>Speeding Group Update</u>		
<p>Cllr Wright provided an update on the progress of the Speeding Group, stressing that the Group was not trying to change policy, but people’s behaviour where speeding was concerned.</p> <p>He referred to the strength of commitment and enthusiasm amongst the people who attended the meetings, and to the support already provided by Wiltshire Council Highways Officers and the Highways Agency.</p> <p>The main priorities of the group currently were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to ensure that the Metro Count / SID process was improved, including ensuring that these devices were placed in the most appropriate places • to implement an effective education plan to help change people’s behaviour and attitude to speeding, the first example being the “20 is Plenty” initiative • to explore the potential for acquiring additional and higher spec SIDs (as currently owned and operated by Durrington Town Council) <p>The Transport Group reaffirmed its support for the Speeding Group and its current priorities.</p>		
6. <u>Speed Indicator Devices Deployment Update</u>		
<p>The Transport Group noted this update, and requested that all Parish Councils receive the full report on the revised deployment process and policy.</p> <p>The Group also queried whether the Area Board could use the two higher spec SIDs which Durrington Town Council owned, to add to the number of available SIDs and so to cover more sites.</p> <p>The Group also noted Cllr Fisher’s concerns about the wrong positioning of the SID on the A345 in Amesbury. Karen was pursuing this matter with officers.</p>	Karen	Karen
7. <u>Amesbury Community Area Schools – Parking Review</u>		
<p>The Group noted the update report on this review, and in particular raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bulford Primary School</u> – there was a need to ensure that the school’s Travel Plan was up to date. The current thinking in respect of the school run parking / highway safety issues was to extend the Zig Zags either side of the school entrance. • <u>Great Wishford Primary School</u> – the group noted the recently submitted comments from the school, and welcomed the fact that the school was setting up a new Working Party to update the Travel Plan. Cllr West suggested that, subject to the outcome of the 20mph speed limit review, the main road through 	Karen / Tom / Cllr Smale	

	<p>Great Wishford would be a good candidate for a 20mph speed limit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Gomeldon Primary School</u> – the concerns from the school, as submitted in a petition were being followed up by Highways Officers. Officers were advised not to undertake the requested metrocount until the Broken Cross Bridge works were completed and the A338 had been opened fully again. • <u>Shrewton Primary School</u> – noting the potential request for bollards to prevent parking, the Group advised that this request should be considered by the Parish Council as a package of requests, in conjunction with all other requests currently passing through the CATG. 	<p>Karen / Tom</p> <p>Cllr Slater / Cllr West</p>
8.	<u>Transport Group's Budget 2012/13 – Update</u>	
	The group noted that this was unchanged since last reporting in Sept 2012, and that there was just over £600 remaining.	
9.	<u>Other Business</u>	
	<p>Cllr Brunton raised concerns about the lack of drainage clearance in Allington, and the general lack of service currently being provided by Village Stewards.</p> <p>Cllr Hewitt advised that these concerns be publicly raised at the 21 February 2013 Area Board meeting, when Cllr Tonge, Cabinet Member for such matters would be present.</p>	
10.	Date of Next Meeting – 8th March 2013, 10am	Karen