

**Note of Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group held on 4 March 2013 at County Hall, Trowbridge**

**Present:**

Rosemary Brown, Wiltshire Councillor (Chairman)

Trevor Carbin, Wiltshire Councillor

Bob Broadhead, Limpley Stoke Parish Council

Andrew Pearce, Holt Parish Council

Ian Richardson, Westwood Parish Council

Matthew Midlane, Monkton Farleigh Parish Council

PC Martin Annetts, Wiltshire Police

Gwen Allison, Bradford on Avon Town Council

Alan Mines, Wingfield Parish Council

Linda Ladner, Winsley Parish Council

Dave Thomas, Wiltshire Highways

Spencer Drinkwater, Wiltshire Highways

Peter Dunford, Bradford on Avon Area Board

**Apologies:** Councillor Linda Conley, Shay Parsons, Keith Brendish

Martin Moyes, Richard Craft, Friends of Woolley, Andy Cadwallader

**2. Notes of CAT-G meeting on 7 January** – agreed

**3. Budget Position**

Dave Thomas tabled an updated budget statement which showed a total 2012/13 spend of £ 68, 844, this larger than usual sum representing rolled-forward CAT-G monies from 2011/12, Substantive Highways Scheme funding and project contributions from the Area Board and from the Town and Parish Councils.

A sum of £ 3,862 remained unspent in 2012/13 and a further £ 10, 062 would be allocated to the CAT-G for 2013/14, representing a standstill budget once again.

#### **4. Historic Core Zone Phase 1 Proposals**

Dave Thomas reported on the recent public consultation on planned improvements at the Market Street/ Church Street junction, which included an extended public exhibition, focused consultation with vulnerable and disabled groups and an equalities analysis.

The Historic Core Zone Working Group reported its consultation findings to the Town Council on 26 February 2013. The Town Council agreed to support an amended scheme which included making the pedestrian crossings more prominent through striping; including more informal crossings at the top of Market Street; using bollards in strategic positions; and reviewing the wording/ design of the gateways.

The scheme will now require the approval of the Area Board before it can proceed further. An additional £ 75, 000 of capital monies, originally earmarked by West Wiltshire District Council for Bradford on Avon from the 'Five Towns Initiative', has been found to contribute towards the costs of the detailed design phase.

#### **5. Wiltshire 20mph Policy**

Dave Thomas reported that the Department for Transport had in January 2013 published Circular 01/13 'Setting Local Speed Limits' to provide guidance to local authorities on 20 mph speed limits and 20 mph zones.

In response to this Wiltshire Council has drafted a policy which is currently with Senior Offices for approval before consultation with elected members prior to being made public, probably by the end of March but possibly held up until after the local elections in May.

There was strong concern expressed by the parish representatives at this position and the lack of input from the Area Boards and CATGs to the policy-making process. Dave Thomas confirmed that the new policy is likely to include a mechanism for CAT-Gs and Area Boards to nominate their priority locations for 20 mph limits and zones. Peter Dunford confirmed that this matter would be on the agenda for discussion at the Area Board after the local elections.

Arising from this new policy guidance, Wingfield Parish Council has written to Wiltshire Council to formally request a speed limit reduction to 30 mph through the village. This action is supported by Councillor Linda Conley and Dr Andrew Murrison MP.

Limpley Stoke is wanting a 20 mph zone and gateways. Winsley is also requesting guidance on implementing a '20 is Plenty' scheme.

## **6. Traffic Survey of Holt and Bradford on Avon**

Spencer Drinkwater reported that a consultancy brief was being discussed with the Council's contractor, Atkins, for a combined study of freight traffic through Holt and of all traffic through Bradford on Avon. It was hoped to carry out this numberplate recognition survey during April/ May 2013, the best time of year to do this.

This study had come about because of the potential impact of new development in north Trowbridge affecting Holt and the need for better data arising from the air quality initiative in Bradford on Avon. The costs of a joint study are more affordable than running separate studies.

The survey was welcomed by Holt Parish Council and the Chairman of the Area Board, amongst others.

## **7. Bath Lorry Ban Update**

Spencer Drinkwater reported that, since the rejection of the proposed Cleveland Bridge Lorry Ban by the Secretary of State, a roundtable meeting had been held between Bath and North East Somerset Council and other neighbouring Councils to discuss options for a shared way forward.

Subsequently, B&NES Council has written to its neighbours to announce that it is carrying out a feasibility study into a Low Emission Zone which is scheduled for completion this Spring. The main areas of concern are along the London Road at Lambridge (near the rugby training ground), at Walcot Buildings (opposite Snow Hill) and at Cleveland Place West (the London Road junction with Bathwick Street).

**ACTION: SD to circulate letter from B&NES Council re. Low Emission Zone (Note: letter circulated on 8 March; comments on the proposal due by 15 March).**

Ian Richardson called for better communications between Wiltshire and B&NES Councils, at officer and member levels, and felt the current stand-off between the two organisations was 'a nonsense', one which served our communities badly. Others agreed.

**ACTION: Letter to Allan Creedy from BoA CAT-G urging regular and formal bilateral communication between Wiltshire and B&NES Councils on these important matters**

## **8. Bradford on Avon Cycle Network update**

Richard Craft was not able to attend but had circulated a proposal for consideration in his absence. Since the CAT-G in January a site visit had been held and an alternative and cheaper route had been found.

The suggested route is Moulton Drive/ Southway Road junction – Palairt Close – Poulton – Fitzmaurice School at a much reduced cost of £ 1,540. The works include installing one

dropped kerb, removing a set of barriers and providing signs on existing posts.

The CAT-G was requested to find £ 1,000 to fund the engineering works and the Town Council has been asked to find the balance for the signage, ideally from current financial year underspends.

Chris Manns from Wiltshire Highways is carrying out further investigations. There may be a cycling prohibition order on part of the route.

**ACTION: A provisional sum of £ 1,000 to be allocated to this cycle route, subject to a further site visit and report back to the next meeting. Alternative funding sources to also be examined, such as the Integrated Transport Block and the Taking Action on School Journeys Challenge Fund**

A request had been received for a cycle path from Bradford on Avon to Holt. This has been fed into Neighbourhood Plan processes and to the developers at the Kingston Farm site. Holt Parish Council is considering the request.

### **9. Issues at Woolley Street/ Woolley Terrace/ Woolley Green**

Ollie Squire and Zac Tullett from the 'Friends of Woolley' were not able to attend at short notice due to business commitments, but had asked that the matters be deferred for consideration at the next meeting. By this time further details should be known of the Wiltshire 20 mph policy and of the Substantive Highways Scheme for 2013, both are which are pertinent to these issues.

**ACTION: Defer item to next meeting**

### **10. Update on CAT-G priority projects**

- i) Newtown, Bradford on Avon – bollards: awaiting road closure to carry out works; repricing with new contractor, Balfour Beatty.
- ii) Mythern Meadow to Avon Close, Bradford on Avon – footway: works due to start 6 March for a 2-3 week duration.
- iii) Limpley Stoke – Lower Stoke - feasibility study: study complete; bid to Substantive Highways Fund for capital works
- iv) Limpley Stoke - Woods Hill/ Midford Lane: colour patches to be added to painted pavements
- v) South Wraxall – gateways surfacing: works underway

- vi) Wingfield – phase 4 footways: works complete; bid for Phase 5 in 2014/15
- vii) Winsley – junction to Avon Park – warning signs: works completed last week; thanks expressed by Parish Council

## **11. Other Urgent Highways and Transport matters**

- i) Church Street, Bradford on Avon – residents parking zone request: awaiting Cabinet decision on residents' parking schemes
- ii) Silver Street, Bradford on Avon – residents parking request: awaiting Cabinet decision on residents' parking schemes
- iii) Holt Road to Springfield, Bradford on Avon – pedestrian safety: improvements to be sought as part of Kingston Farm proposals, planning application imminent
- iv) Bath Road, Bradford on Avon - crossing to Christchurch School: waiting on School Travel Plan for solution - process now activated
- v) Frankleigh, Bradford on Avon – speeding on A363: metrocount results do not warrant further action
- vi) Moulton Drive, Bradford on Avon – yellow lining/ speed indicator device: SID deployed at this location recently to control speeding
- vii) Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon – speeding near Grove Leaze: metrocount requested
- viii) Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon - pedestrian crossing near Huntingdon Street: awaiting comments of Town Council
- ix) A363 Cumberwell/ Ashley Lane, Bradford on Avon – accident blackspot: concern expressed by Wiltshire Police at poor road markings, cats eyes not working, flooding, mud on road, overgrown hedges impeding sight lines. On cycle route to St Laurence School. Impacted by new phase at Cumberwell waste site and increased lorry movements (also affecting Holt).  
**ACTION: on cluster site list for investigation**

- x) White Hill, Bradford on Avon – enforcement of Access Only restrictions: PC Annetts recommends one-way-system-uphill trial, subject to positive support from residents  
**ACTION: Town Council requested to lead a residents survey of White Hill**
- xi) Treenwood Industrial Estate, Bradford on Avon – double yellow lining: Police report abuse of parking restrictions at peak times in vicinity of Sainsburys due to faded yellow lining  
**ACTION: Andy Cadwallader to instruct gang to renew lining**  
**ACTION: Request for feasibility study of traffic and parking on Treenwood Industrial Estate. New CAT-G priority.**
- xii) Kingston Mill, Bradford on Avon – adoption of road: danger from two way traffic using one way road system; restrictions unenforceable due to road being in private ownership; developer will not request adoption by the Highways Authority until all building works are complete  
**ACTION: Representations to be made to new Managing Director of Linden Homes requesting early adoption of Kingston Road from entrance next to Budgens to Lamb Yard archway**
- xiii) Widbrook – road safety: improvements to signing and visibility to be made from separate ad hoc signing budget
- xiv) Holt Manor - removal of illegal bollards and signs: investigation has shown that all bollards, bar 4, are on the highway and are therefore illegally placed; this is being challenged by the landowner, Mr Harris. Holt Parish Council want urgent action to remove the bollards, Wiltshire Council is aiming to negotiate a settlement out of court. Illegal signs have been removed (although not by the landowner!)
- xv) Limpley Stoke – speeding on Woods Hill: request metrocount in 20 mph zone, but contrary to eligibility?  
**ACTION: metrocount eligibility agreed by Dave Thomas**
- xvi) Monkton Farleigh – bus stop: site for proposed bus pull-in lies within Corsham community area; Matthew Midlane to attend Corsham CAT-G on 7 March to discuss a possible 'cross-border solution'
- xvii) Monkton Farleigh – A363 junction: topographical survey to be carried out in early April
- xviii) Wingfield – roads markings at Swansbrook Farm entrance  
**ACTION: Andy Cadwallader to investigate**

- xix) Wingfield - petition from Mrs Novotni re. pavement from Trowle Farm Lane to Loves Lane: MP involved; petitioners have attended the Parish Council to discuss; matter deferred until after local elections; £ 20,000 costs seem excessive
  - xx) Wingfield - flooding issues  
**ACTION: Andy Cadwallader to investigate urgently**
  - xxi) Wingfield – installation of litter bin in layby B3109; request rejected by Streetscene team; Parish Council to reconsider
  - xxii) Winsley – bus shelter at Blackberry Lane: to be funded by Avon Park Care Home
  - xxiii) Winsley – bus shelter at Dane Rise/ Turleigh; Winsley Parish Council have raised £ 2,000 towards the £ 8,000 costs of a wooden shelter and request a contribution towards the balance from CAT-G  
**ACTION: Winsey Parish Council to make formal request to CAT-G for funding**
  - xxiv) Winsley - leaning bus post requiring straightening  
**ACTION: Request to be made to Parish Steward for help**
  - xxv) Winsley – signs at Murhill: Andy Cadwallader is trying to resolve
  - xxvi) Staverton – on street parking: awaiting action from Alister Storey
12. Dropped Kerbs – update on £ 4,000 joint funded programme: the Town Council has nominated 6 sites requiring dropped kerbs: Fitzmaurice Close; Priory Close; Ashley Road (2 sites); Barn Piece and Beddoe Close.  
**ACTION: Andy Cadwallader**  
**ACTION: Invite the Parish Councils to match fund dropped kerbs in priority village locations**

### 13. Any Other Highways Business

Gwen Allison reported that pennant stone had not been replaced by the utility companies when repairing pavements, affecting the historic environment of the town  
**ACTION: Andy Cadwallader to monitor**

Rosemary Brown reported that grassland at Priory Park requires bollards to prevent the grass getting cut up by vehicles.  
**ACTION: Dave Thomas to investigate**

Request for pathway resurfacing between 174 Winsley Road and the Co-op and at Downs View

**ACTION: Andy Cadwallader to investigate**

14. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 3 June 2013, County Hall, Longleat Room at 4pm