

Note of Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group held on 3 June 2013 at County Hall, Trowbridge

Present:

Rosemary Brown, Wiltshire Councillor (Bradford on Avon North, elected Chairman for this meeting)

Trevor Carbin, Wiltshire Councillor (Holt and Staverton)

Magnus Macdonald, Wiltshire Councillor (Winsley and Westwood)

Richard Craft, Climate Friendly BoA

Andrew Pearce, Holt PC

Alan Mines, Wingfield PC

Ian Richardson, Westwood PC

Matthew Midlane, Monkton Farleigh PC

Bob Broadhead, Limpley Stoke PC

Gwen Allison, Bradford on Avon TC

Linda Ladner, Winsley PC

Shay Parsons, Lorry Watch

PC Martin Annetts, Wiltshire Police

Ollie Squire, Amanda Sproson, John Lovett, Mary Gaisford, Michael Collins, Peter Burke – Friends of Woolley/ residents

Dave Thomas, Traffic Engineering Manager, Wiltshire Highways

Spencer Drinkwater, Principal Transport Planner, Wiltshire Highways

Andy Cadwallader, Local Highways and Streetscene Engineer, Wiltshire Highways

Peter Dunford, Community Area Manager, Bradford on Avon Area Board

Apologies:

Ian Thorn, Wiltshire Councillor (Bradford on Avon South)

3. Notes of CAT-G meeting on 4 March and matters arising

Notes agreed, all matters arising on the agenda.

4. Budget Position

Dave Thomas gave details of the budget position. £ 11, 337 had been carried forward from 2012/13 to add to the budget allocation of £ 10, 062 for 2013/14, giving a total budget of £23, 398. Committed expenditure totalling £ 9, 023 includes the Newtown bollards, Monkton Farleigh A363 junction and dropped kerbs programme, leaving a fund of £14,375.85 left to be allocated in 2013/14.

5. Historic Core Zone Phase 1

Following public consultation earlier this year the Town Council and the Area Board confirmed its wish to proceed to the detailed design phase. The Working Group next meets on 17 June. Atkins are the new term consultants, taking over from Mouchel. The Town Council is contributing £ 75, 000 towards the construction phase costs.

6. Wiltshire 20 mph policy

Dave Thomas explained that the officer report is with Councillor John Thomson, the new Cabinet Member for Highways, for sign off. This has been delayed since before the local elections and is now expected in early July when the proposed policy will be circulated to the Cabinet and others for final comment.

The announcement will therefore miss the forthcoming area board meeting in Westwood on 19 June which is a major disappointment as the meeting had been organised around this issue.

Ian Richardson felt these further delays were “unacceptable” and this was supported by others.

AGREED: Peter Dunford to circulate policy to all once announced

7. Speed Review of C class and unclassified roads

AGREED: To propose the C217 and the C224 for review in 2013/14

8. Traffic Survey of Holt and Bradford on Avon

Spencer Drinkwater notified the group that the survey would be carried out during the week of 10 June for 7 days. This would use automatic number plate recognition cameras as well as manual counting in Market Street, Silver Street, Mount Pleasant and Masons Lane in

Bradford. It will be important not to announce these details publicly to ensure that typical traffic patterns are not influenced during the survey period. The results are expected by end July. The Area Board will be asked to contribute to the costs of the analysis.

9. Bath Low Emission Zone

Spencer Drinkwater reported that two roundtable meetings have been held. There is still concern that B&NES Council is seeking its original outcome of a lorry ban on Cleveland Bridge, but by means of air quality legislation. A joint letter of objection has been lodged with B&NES Council by Wiltshire and Somerset Councils.

10. Lorry Watch

Shay Parsons reported that a full rota watch was held in March 2013 which showed a drop in offences from March 2012 from 94 to 83 as well as anecdotal evidence of reduced volumes of HGVs. 16 prosecutions have now been successfully upheld by Wiltshire Trading Standards. Most offenders do not re-offend.

All thanked Lorry Watch for their continuing good work.

11. Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Spencer Drinkwater told the group that Wiltshire is in receipt of £ 4.25 million from the LSTF for improvements to the Swindon-Westbury rail service and infrastructure. Station improvements will be made at Bradford on Avon and Avoncliff and station travel plans are being developed. 2 electric vehicle charging points are to be installed in Bradford station.

Bob Broadhead requested a cycle route from Limpley Stoke to Freshford station (in Somerset) but this was thought to be ineligible for LSTF funding.

12. Substantive Highways Scheme 2013

Spencer Drinkwater confirmed that £ 250, 000 would again be available for substantive projects as part of a competitive bid process across the county. This would be announced shortly with bids due by end July.

Potential projects were discussed.

AGREED: To submit bids for Woolley Green pedestrian crossing (for which a funding request will be made to the Town Council) and Lower Stoke footway (for which Limpley Stoke PC is contributing £ 7, 000 towards costs)

Improvements to the crossroads at Forewoods Common will be sought from the safety budget.

13. Bradford on Avon Cycle Network Update

As agreed at the last meeting, a site visit has been held and works approved. Richard Craft requested confirmation of a £ 1,000 contribution from the CAT-G to the £ 540 from the Town Council to complete the link between Palairret Close and Poulton.

AGREED: To contribute £ 1,000 towards the Bradford on Avon Cycle Network

14. Issues at Woolley Terrace/ Woolley Street/ Woolley Green

Ollie Squire introduced the residents and the issues affecting Woolley Street/ Woolley Terrace/ Woolley Green.

In Woolley Green, the double bend and excessive traffic speeds affect 15 households, including the elderly and families with young children. A pedestrian crossing scheme with new signage has been costed out and is to be put forward as a bid to the Substantive Highways Scheme in July 2013. Gwen Allison stated that the Town Council would be fully supportive of this bid and would consider an application for a funding contribution.

In Woolley Street the problems are caused by rat running, excessive traffic speeds, parked cars and narrow or non-existent pavements. Site visits have been held. A metrocount survey has shown speeds in the low 20s mph. Resident surveys have shown support for a 20 mph zone, painted pavements, 'Welcome to Woolley' signs, the terminal sign on Woolley Terrace moved back and pavement realignments.

Woolley Terrace is used as a 2 way rat-run between New Road and Holt Road. A survey in October 2012 showed 500 vehicles a day, including highsided vehicles, using this road which is excessive. Fow consider that the traffic using the narrow Cemetery Lane is dangerous and the area should be designated 'residential access only'. PC Annetts commented that this would be difficult to enforce.

The double mini-roundabout on New Road and the waiting times at the junction with Holt Road are the main causal factors of the rat-running. It is hoped that the new roundabout junction proposed on Springfield/ Frome Road will improve traffic circulation and remove the time advantage of the rat-run. Dave Thomas suggested an experimental closure of Cemetery Lane while the roundabout is being constructed and offered to discuss this option further with the Friends of Woolley.

ACTION: Dave Thomas to draft Experimental Road Closure Order for Cemetery Lane to co-incide with construction phase of Kingston Farm

Mike Kilmister from the Planning Department is looking into whether developer contributions can contribute to footpath and road narrowing at the junction with New Road to deter traffic.

15. Update on CAT-G priority projects

i) Newtown, Bradford on Avon – bollards

Revised estimated cost now calculated using new contract rates. Revised budget of £4,000 needed.

AGREED: Confirm price and programme works with Balfour Beatty

ii) Limpley Stoke – Lower Stoke - feasibility study

Substantive bid to be made for Option 5 set out in study report. PC have indicated they will fund approx. £7000 of the estimated £21,300 costs.

iii) Limpley Stoke - Woods Hill/ Midford Lane

All works complete

iv) South Wraxall – gateways resurfacing

Site 1 complete, Site 2 works ordered. Awaiting programme from Balfour Beatty.

v) Treenwood Industrial Estate – feasibility study of traffic and parking

Site visit undertaken. The problem is the conflict between vehicles emerging from Sainsbury car park with oncoming vehicles moving past parked cars on Spencers Orchard. Solution 1 is the removal of parked cars by using waiting restrictions. This would need to be endorsed by the Town Council and put forward through the annual waiting restriction review process. Solution 2 is to widen Spencers Orchard carriageway into the verge by Sainsbury's car park. This would need to be endorsed by the Town Council and discussed with Sainsbury's to agree in principle before further design work is undertaken.

AGREED: To propose Option 1 and to refer the matter to the Town Council for comment

16. Other urgent highways and transport matters

i) Church Street, Bradford on Avon – residents parking zone request

ii) Silver Street, Bradford on Avon – residents parking request

These requests need to be endorsed by the Town Council and then forwarded to the Network Management team (Alister Storey).

iii) Holt Road to Springfield, Bradford on Avon – pedestrian safety

This is being considered as part of the Kingston Farm development

iv) Bath Road, Bradford on Avon – pedestrian crossing to Christchurch School

This is linked to an update of the School Travel Plan which is still outstanding. Timing changes to the existing signal controlled crossing are awaited to make it more responsive to pedestrian demand. An additional crossing to the north side of Berryfield Road (in the area where the school crossing patrol operates) has been requested but this needs to be confirmed in the STP before further action is taken.

- v) **Moulton Drive, Bradford on Avon – yellow lining/ speed indicator device**
SID deployed on 13-20 May and next due 29 July- 5 August and thereafter bi-monthly.
- vi) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon – speeding near Grove Leaze**
Metrocount request logged for 90A Winsley Road near junction with Grove Leaze.
- vii) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon - pedestrian crossing near Huntingdon Street/ Co-op**
Site meeting held to discuss options. Pedestrian and vehicle counts required to undertake formal assessment. Approx £800 required from CATG to progress counts.

AGREED: To contribute £ 800 for survey

- viii) **A363 Cumberwell/ Ashley Lane, Bradford on Avon – accident blackspot**
Location identified on countywide collision cluster site list. Investigation of collision type ongoing.
- ix) **Newtown Car Park, Bradford on Avon**
Spaces unavailable for a temporary period due to wall repair.
- x) **Frome Road, Bradford on Avon – request for double yellow lining**
Location not yet on request list held by Network Management Team. Town Council need to endorse request and forward to network Management Team.

AGREED: Town Council have considered the matter and found no consensus amongst the public, recommend no further action

- xi) **White Hill, Bradford on Avon – one way system up hill**
Town Council have asked the Police to undertake survey of residents. PC Annetts reported positive feedback from residents for the idea. The 'access only' restrictions are widely flouted.

AGREED: Refer back to Town Council

- xii) **Kingston Mill, Bradford on Avon – adoption of road**
Remedial list agreed with Linden Homes. Action is with the developer to undertake remedials which would then allow a Part 2 agreement to be signed. This would allow Wiltshire Council to then promote TRO's in the area.
- xiii) **Widbrook, Bradford on Avon – road safety**
Revised chevron boards at the bend are to be provided through the ad hoc signing budget.
- xiv) **Palmer Drive, Bradford on Avon – poor footpaths**
Awaiting survey by consultants.

- xv) **Downs View, Bradford on Avon – parking on grass**

AGREED: site visit by Rosemary Brown and Dave Thomas

- xvi) **Holt Manor - removal of illegal bollards and signs**
This matter is with the Council's solicitor, nothing further to report.
- xvii) **Limpley Stoke – speeding on Woods Hill**
Metrocount done. Results are with the PC to consider their next action.
- xviii) **Monkton Farleigh – bus stop**
Site meeting held and options discussed. Favoured action appears to be to alter the route of the bus and move the pick up point. This is being discussed with the bus company. Options for hardstanding at current pick up point is also being considered. Possible joint funding between Bradford and Corsham CATGs.
- xix) **Monkton Farleigh – A363 junction**
Topographical survey complete and drawings showing visibility splays are with the PC for consideration. Improved visibility is dependent on land in 3rd party ownership being made available. PC to consider approach to land owner.
- xx) **Staverton – on street parking**
Draft proposals currently being drawn up and will be circulated to the PC shortly for comment prior to the formal advert.
- xxi) **Westwood – pavements, bridleways, highways survey**

AGREED: Andy Cadwallader to investigate re-dressing of road surfaces

- xxii) **Westwood – extension of virtual pavement opposite New Inn PH**

AGREED: Site visit with Dave Thomas

- xxiii) **Wingfield – roads markings at Swansbrook Farm entrance**
Balfour Beatty to implement shortly.
- xxiv) **Wingfield - petition from Mrs Novotni re. pavement from Trowle Farm Lane to Loves Lane**
A second petition submitted. Mrs Novotni now on the Parish Council. Estimate £ 8,000 for the works, Parish Council to consider and report back to next CAT-G.
- xxv) **Wingfield - flooding issues**
Drainage across the front of Shop Lane now clear of an obstruction (plastic bottle). The remaining work is to repair the gully connection in Shop Lane which will be on the Balfour Beatty masonry list of works.

xxvi) **Wingfield – reduction to speed limit through village**

Speed limit assessment done and passed to PC. Criteria for 30mph limit is not met. PC to advise on their next action if any.

AGREED: Not a CATG project, take off list and pursue separately with road safety team. Site visit with Councillor Macdonald.

xxvii) **Winsley – bus shelter at Blackberry Lane**

AGREED: Avon Park Care Home to fund, take off list

xxviii) **Winsley – bus shelter at Dane Rise/ Bradford Road**

In the absence of a written proposal from the PC a verbal request was received from Linda Ladner for funding. The CATG will have to consider this among the other schemes on its priority list. Wiltshire Passenger Transport Unit will not fund new bus stops and nor will the bus companies. Ongoing maintenance would rest with the parish council.

AGREED: Will require a written proposal to the next meeting with detailed costings, as requested at March meeting

xxix) **Winsley – leaning bus post**

Ringway have been instructed to cut off poll at ground level for safety reasons.

17. Dropped Kerbs

Programme of jointly funded dropped kerbs in the town now implemented.

Request for dropped kerb at The Elms, Holt, to allow one disabled individual to access his car. The Council would not normally fund a request for an individual property unless the applicant was willing to fund it.

AGREED: Andrew Pearce to visit site, meet applicant and report back to Parish Council and CATG

18. Any Other Business

Christchurch School Travel Plan - Simon Fisher, Town Councillor, is now the board of governors. The Local Education Authority needs to exert influence on the school to expedite the travel plan process for the good of the local community.

Community Speedwatch to be re-launched in August as a Police-led initiative. Speed cameras to be re-introduced

Huntingdon Rise – grass verge churned up

Blackberry Lane to Warleigh village (in Somerset) – potholes reported

Andy Cadwaller reported on the advent of the new Local Highways and Streetscene team. Reports would be available online of all the work of the team including the parish stewards.

19. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 2 September 2013, County Hall at 4pm