

DEVIZES AREA BOARD
13th November 2013

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th November 2013

Purpose of the Report

To provide an update and recommendations to Devizes Area Board from the meeting of the Community Area Transport Group meeting held on Monday 11th September 2013.

Notes of Meeting



Present:


Tony Cosstick - Cycle Devizes
 Rob Edwards – Potterne Parish Council
 Peter Evans - Devizes Town Council
 Kate Freeman – Chairman of DCAP Transport Sub-Group
 Ann Lumb - Great Cheverell Parish Council
 Kelvin Nash – Devizes Town Council (Apologies were sent. Joined the group from 11:15am)
 Kristian Price – Area Highways Engineer
 Gareth Rogers - Senior Engineer, Wiltshire Council
 Richard Rogers - Community Area Manager for Devizes, Wiltshire Council
 Philip Whitehead – Member of Devizes area Board and portfolio holder for Highways Contract




Also in attendance for the West Lavington Crossings, Worton proposal and speed review agenda items:

Peter Baxter - Worton and West Lavington Parish Clerk
 Cllr Suzanne Bonfield - Lead Member for Roads & Transport, Worton PC
 Cllr Elizabeth Evans - Chairman, West Lavington PC

Two minutes of silence were kept at 11am

<p>Apologies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelvin Nash sent his apologies for the first part of the meeting
<p>Funding Update</p>  <p>Devizes CATG Spend - Estimate August 201</p>	<p>The balance of the CATG at the start of the meeting is £22,300. After all recommended expenditures as a result of the meeting the remaining budget is £13,857 A funding report is embedded opposite</p>
<p>West Lavington Crossings</p>  <p>CATG Final Proposal for Informal Crossing</p>	<p>Following discussions with GR, West Lavington Parish Council presented an updated proposal for new crossings within the village (See embedded file opposite)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 of the initial crossings have been withdrawn and 3 remain. • Consultation has been carried out with the local community. Most residents support the proposals

	<p>although a minority had concerns that a crossing going in near the staggered crossroads would cause extra problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The updated proposal was accepted by the CATG <p>RECOMMENDATION – Devizes area Board support the schemes and requested funding as outlined in the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions have been held with Dauntsey’s School regarding installing a zebra crossing outside of the school. • West Lavington PC feel that it is not only required for safety reasons but produces a rhythm within the village and adds to the overall balance that they are trying to create • Originally, crossing points were envisaged at a cost of @£5k which the school was willing to fund. However the technical recommendation was that a zebra crossing (@£25k) should be installed. The school are willing to fund £20k towards the crossing if the CATG will fund the remaining £5k. • The recommendation of the group and that of the highways officer is that the school are still providing 80% of the funding and a contribution of £5k from Wiltshire Council is very reasonable <p>RECOMMENDATION – A contribution of £5k is made to pay for the zebra crossing at Dauntsey’s school</p>
<p>Worton Parish Council Proposal</p>  <p>CATG Worton road safety proposals.doc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the past couple of years, a number of issues have been raised with the area board regarding various speeding and traffic issues within Worton Village. • This proposal (See embedded opposite) replaces all of these issues and takes a holistic look at the village suggesting a possible solution. The Parish Council’s approach was welcomed by the CATG • The proposal has been developed with Wiltshire Council’s highways team and consists of the following works:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Green surfacing treatment to Sandlease informal coach stop - @£750.00 ➤ Informal crossing point near Cedar Close - @£3000.00 ➤ Red road surface patches (c/w 'SLOW') - @£750.00 ➤ Parking control lining scheme - @£500.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council have enough capital reserves to 100% fund the scheme • The highways team support the proposals but highlighted that they do not have enough resources to deliver it until at least spring 2014. • There is a small cost (up to £500) for a pedestrian count to take place. The group agreed that the CATG could cover this as the PC is paying for the rest. <p>RECOMMENDATIONS:</p> <p>The proposal to be delivered when resources allow The additional cost of the pedestrian count to be covered by the CATG budget</p>
<p>Speed Limit Reviews – Consideration of consultation</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  1047930-C20-01 VER A WC C20-01.pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  1047930-C8-02 VER A WC C8-02.pdf </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  1047930-C8-01 VER A WC C8-01.pdf </div>	<p>Speed limit reviews along the C8 and C20 were carried out during 2013 and their findings have been out for consultation with Parish Councils. Written comments have been collated and sent to the Highways team for consideration. These contain details of most of the requests. Representatives from Worton Parish Council remained at the CATG meeting to discuss this item and make representation.</p> <p>C8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No written comments have been received and the CATG were asked if they wish to proceed with and fund the recommendations. • The CATG supported the recommendations for the Allington end of the C8 • The group expressed a concern where the C8 joins Devizes at the Horton Road as the children play along the edge of the road and the other side on the waste ground. They wished to see the


speed limit reduced from the recommendation

C20

- The view of Worton Parish Council is that the review was poorly done and presented inaccurately. They would like to see it redone and with more consultation with the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council wish to see two main alterations:
 - I. The 30mph limit in the village to be extended at the South East end to where the village gates are located. The limit should also be extended beyond Woodborough House
 - II. The 60mph limit to be reduced to 50mph between Worton and Black Dog (A360)
- PW pointed out that the parish council needs to be aware that:
 - If the 30mph comes after the bend then it is harder to see. If it is too far outside the village then it will also have less impact
 - White gates are not related to speed limit although there is some logic in seeing them aligned
- It was also pointed out that if you put the speed limit before the bend, then it will have less effect as the environment does not match the need to slow down. Motorists will also be focussing on the hazard of the bend.
- The speed watch team when positioned before the bend recorded only about 9 people of the 200 travelling at more than 35mph (@5%)
- The Parish Council also asked if the delimiter sign could be moved back as it is in full view and people speed up too early. However if you move it further out of the village the 30mph also moves further out of the village. It was noted that there is

	<p>residential development and the moving of the signs would be supported by the PC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A general concern was raised that speeding is a big issue in all the villages. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has committed more resources to this but combating this problem is a mixture of awareness, signage and enforcement. It was suggested that the police may wish to have volunteers help them administrate speed watch and this will be taken back to the PCC <p>ACTIONS –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These comments will be added to those already collected to be included in a report for a Cabinet decision. • PW to speak to the PCC regarding volunteers helping the police with administering speed watch
<p>Actions and updates from Sep 2013 meeting</p>	
<p><i>a. Cycle Stands</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed stands outside HSBC will now not go ahead. Additional stands will be put outside Winkworth estate agents • The request from Cycle Devizes is for the stands to be rubber painted to help prevent chipping • Sainsbury's car park is owned by Wiltshire Council and stands could be put in it. However if additional parking spaces will go then this will need to be discussed with parking services. • A request was made for the cost of a covered park <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise the work on the cycle stands and once agreed send it to Gareth Rogers (Tony Cosstick, Peter Evans and Kate Freeman) for implementation within the agreed budget • Produce a costing for a covered cycle stand (GR)

<p>Rotherstone Speeding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This has not yet been completed <p>ACTION - Gareth Rogers will put together some more information regarding a possible one way system or blocking the road. This can then be used by Peter Evans to take back to the residents and Town Council.</p>
<p>Coach Parking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents seem to be in agreement with the proposal • Cost for delivery is between £1,500 and £2k and will be paid for by the CATG • Implementation will be carried out early in the 2014 and consultation will take place during the 18 month trial period.
<p>Walkway on Folly Road</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A request has been received to look into whether a walkway / cycleway could be put in alongside Folly Road <p>ACTION - Cycle Devizes will look at putting a proposal together for a route for cycling and walking. This will be then put to Roundway Parish Council for consideration</p>
<p>State of double yellow lines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no budget in WC for repainting lines. • However in practice when road improvements occur, the lines around are repainted. • In 2006, responsibility for this was taken over from the police and all lines were repainted. However they have now all begun to be worn. <p>ACTION - WC are looking into establishing a budget, or some funding for it, and PW will report back on the progress towards this</p>
<p>Mapping 20 mph speed limits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GR provided KF with a map of what routes are known • KF is looking at mapping out the 20mph limit areas • In December, overview and scrutiny will consider the proposed policy for 20mph speed limits and zones.

<p>Whistley Road Gates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costings of installing village gates have been sent to Potterne Parish Council for their consideration • A decision will be made at the Parish Council meeting next week. • It has previously been agreed that the CATG will pay 50% of the cost if they wish to go ahead.
<p>Bromham Traffic issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of issues have been raised in Bromham regarding speeding and parking • As a result GR conducted a site visit with RR and members of the PC • It was agreed that a metro count would be undertaken and that a proposal for parking restrictions ('H'-Bars) be drawn up. The metro count is underway and GR is putting the parking proposal together
<p>Proposal for pedestrian improvements at the junction of the A361 / B3101 Caen Hill</p>  <p>Proposal Drawing.pdf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The key aim of the proposal (see opposite) is to find a cost effective way of ensuring that no more than 2 lanes need to be crossed before a safe refuge is reached. It also attempts to link the two bus stops together • Two local residents have been shown the proposal and offered their comments. They generally welcomed it but would like to see the speed limit reduced. • PW informed the group that the speed limit is very unlikely to be changed and major highway alterations are too expensive • It was agreed that there is a need to ensure that the foliage in the central reservation was kept low for good visibility. Currently it is cut at least twice a year. Every time it is cut there is the expense of road management as a lane would have to be closed <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See if the foliage can be cut more often (PW) • Put together costings and bring it back to the

	next meeting. (GR).
Area Board Issue 3072 – A360 Potterne Road just outside Devizes prior to Broadleas Estate Back Driveway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following an accident, a request has been made for a crash barrier to be installed. • The issue was discussed by the CATG and it was felt that the incident was due to driver error and not related to the road being unduly dangerous. • If a crash barrier had been in place, then this could have led to a more serious injury involving pedestrians due to the vehicle rebounding • The road is well signed and does not have an unusually high accident rate. <p>ACTION – No further action can be taken. Inform the issue raiser and close the issue (RR)</p> <p>A brief discussion was also had relating to extending the footpath further along the road. A strip of private land would be required but permission has been refused in the past</p> <p>ACTION – The Parish Council may wish to approach the land owner themselves (RE)</p>
AOB	<p>RE informed the group that the narrow roads, including Whistley Road, are being widened by large vehicles and tractors. When repaired they are resurfaced to the new width.</p> <p>ACTION - KP will meet with Rob Edwards and look at what can be done.</p>

Recommendations to Devizes Area Board

The area board is asked to agree the following three recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1 – The proposal by Worton Parish Council to be delivered when resources allow and the additional cost of the pedestrian count to be covered by the CATG budget (@£500)

RECOMMENDATION 2 – A contribution of £5k is made to pay for the zebra crossing at Dauntsey's school

RECOMMENDATION 3 – The proposal for 3 crossings in West Lavington including funding required as outlined in the report

Date of next meeting – Monday 13th January, 10am, Wiltshire College, Devizes

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