

**Minutes of Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group held on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 at County Hall, Trowbridge**

**1. Present;**

Rosemary Brown, Wiltshire Councillor, Bradford North

Ian Thorn, Wiltshire Councillor, Bradford South

Trevor Carbin, Wiltshire Councillor, Holt and Staverton

Magnus Macdonald, Wiltshire Councillor, Winsley and Westwood

Gwen Allison, Bradford on Avon Town Council

Linda Ladner, Winsley Parish Council

Andrew Pearce, Holt Parish Council

Bob Broadhead, Limpley Stoke Parish Council

Maggie Novotni, Wingfield Parish Council

Ian Richardson, Westwood Parish Council

Matthew Midlane, Monkton Farleigh Parish Council

Shay Parsons, Lorry Watch

Friends of Woolley

Alex Machin/ Rosie Meachin, 20s Plenty Bradford on Avon

PC Martin Annetts, Wiltshire Police

Andy Cadwallader, Local Highways and Streetscene, Wiltshire Council

Spencer Drinkwater, Transport Planning, Wiltshire Council

Dave Thomas, Traffic Engineering, Wiltshire Council

Peter Dunford, Bradford on Avon Area Board

**2. Apologies**

Ollie Squire, Friends of Woolley

**3. Notes of CAT-G meeting on 2 September**

Agreed.

#### **4. Budget Position**

Dave Thomas outlined the budget commitments and expenditure and confirmed the remaining budget in 2013/14 of £ 13, 391.

#### **5. Historic Core Zone**

Dave Thomas gave an update. A 'de-cluttering' of signs, street furniture and road markings are programmed for the new year, as are trial holes for the inner gateways. The Traffic Regulation Orders for the restricted parking zone will be advertised by February.

#### **6. Wiltshire 20 mph policy - status and prioritisation criteria**

Dave Thomas explained that the policy had been 'called in' for scrutiny and the report on the consultation exercise would be discussed at Environment Select Committee on 10 December. The Cabinet Portfolio Holder, Councillor Thomson, would then amend or confirm the policy.

A letter was circulated from 20 is Plenty re-iterating their opposition to the proposed policy and claiming it is illegal and the Council is guilty of maladministration in its handling of the matter. Spencer Drinkwater recommended that discussion of the prioritisation criteria be held over until the Council had had a chance to look into these claims and until final decisions had been made on the policy.

#### **7. Substantive Highways Scheme implementation**

Dave Thomas reported that works were starting that day on the pedestrian crossing at Woolley Green. Thanks were expressed from The Friends of Woolley for this. Works would start in April on the footways at Lower Stoke in Limpley Stoke following a road closure. Road signs would need to be moved off the footpaths.

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

Spencer Drinkwater reported that headline findings on through-traffic had been reported to the Bradford on Avon Air Quality Alliance and that the final report was hoped to be completed by Christmas and presented to the Area Board on 8 January 2014.

#### **9. Bath Low Emission Zone**

Spencer Drinkwater reported that dialogue continued with Bath and North East Somerset Council. The Bath Transport Strategy was under review and the LEZ appeared to be 'on hold'.

## 10. Update on CAT-G priority projects – Dave Thomas

### i) **Newtown, Bradford on Avon – bollards**

Complete – some remedials required. Scheme to be monitored following objections from some residents.

### ii) **Treenwood Industrial Estate**

Problem is conflict between vehicles emerging from Sainsbury car park into oncoming vehicles moving past parked cars on Rowden Lane. Solution is 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.

**No representation from TC received as yet.**

## 11. Other urgent highways and transport matters

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

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

### iii) **Greenland Mills** – residents parking zone request

Requests are with Network Management team (Alister Storey).

### iv) **Ashley Road, Bradford on Avon** – traffic mounting pavement

Solution is short lengths of waiting restrictions on north side of Ashley Road to break up the parking and provide passing places. This is on the list of things to do when Bradford on Avon is next subject to a review of waiting restrictions.

### v) **Bath Road, Bradford on Avon** – pedestrian crossing to Christchurch School

This is linked to an update of the School Travel Plan which now seems to be moving forward with a meeting planned for 3 December. Timing changes to the existing signal controlled crossing are still 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. Councillor Brown asked for expedited action. Councillor Allison mentioned the proposed housing development on the corner of Winsley Road and the need to reconfigure the junction there.

### vi) **Belcombe Place, Bradford on Avon** – pedestrians and drivers share the lane which is quite narrow and dangerous. Request for a discussion about the options for reducing the speed of the traffic up and down this lane and for the residents to be encouraged to work together on this.

Belcombe Place is a narrow residential cul de sac on a steep hill. It is not possible to install traditional traffic calming or pedestrian footway measures and as such there is no identified engineering solution that would help. It is considered this is best dealt with by the residents themselves taking appropriate care when driving or walking.

**AGREED: no further action**

### vii) **Berryfield Road, Bradford on Avon** – traffic calming

This is linked to Christchurch School travel plan.

- viii) **Downs View, Bradford on Avon** – parking on grass  
Replacement wooden bollards are now installed.
- ix) **Frankleigh House junction, Bradford on Avon** – request to change traffic priorities, but this may impact adversely on Holt. .  
**AGREED: Await outcome of traffic study**
- x) **Frankleigh House, Bradford on Avon** – dangerous footpath near agricultural co-op  
**AGREED: Vegetation to be cleared**
- xi) **Huntingdon Rise, Bradford on Avon** – driving over grass verge  
Recommended solution is in situ concrete over run apron along back of kerb.  
Estimated cost is £2,000. Town Council is supportive.  
**AGREED: consultation with residents needed**
- xii) **Kingston Farm, Bradford on Avon** – temporary closure of Cemetery Lane.  
Closure can be linked to Kingston Farm development (developer funds) to assess impact before deciding whether to make closure permanent. Concern was raised regarding a possible impact of the closure on Woolley Street and the need for new warning signs ‘unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles’.  
**AGREED** with Friends of Woolley: Metrocounts before and during closure period, tightening of entry radii from Springfield into Woolley Street (this may provide room to locate unsuitable for HGV sign) and possible carriageway narrowing / priority working at eastern end of Woolley Street.
- xiii) **Kingston Mill, Bradford on Avon** – adoption of road  
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 Traffic Regulation Orders in the area. Works are now anticipated in the New Year.
- xiv) **Kingston Road, Bradford on Avon** – need for creation of parking to alleviate the parking shortage north of the river and cross town traffic movements  
**AGREED: Town Council to include in waiting restriction review, January 2014**
- xv) **Moulton Drive, Bradford on Avon** – speed indicator device  
The Speed Indicator Device will be deployed at this location on an occasional basis to reflect the speeding issue, next time 5- 19 March 2014.
- xvi) **Palmer Drive, Bradford on Avon** – poor footpaths on list for action
- xvii) **Priory Close, Bradford on Avon** - on street parking and traffic issues  
**AGREED: Further details and funding from TC, technical advice from Wiltshire Highways**
- xviii) **Silver Street, Bradford on Avon** - repeated disregard by some couriers & drivers of lorries exceeding the 18 tonne weight limit through Bradford on Avon.

Despite the good work of Lorry Watch, the numbers are increasing annually. It's not fair or appropriate to expect volunteers to police this problem and the signage on highways entering the town are clearly not working sufficiently. The lorries are polluting & create real traffic flow issues on a daily basis, which in turn increases pollution. Suggest pinch points on access points outside the town to physically prevent lorries exceeding 18 tonnes entering BoA.

The suggestion of pinch points is impractical and unworkable. How would pinch points differentiate between lorries and buses that have a legitimate reason to visit the town? There is no width difference between a lorry or bus under 18t and those over 18t.

Martin Annetts requested improved signage at 'outer gateways' as part of the Historic Core Zone project and future public consultation on HCZ to include discussion of an HGV strategy for the area.

(From Shay Parsons: Lorry Watch stats)

March 2012	94 vehicles reported that were found to be breaching weight restriction
September 2012	62 vehicles reported that were found to be breaching weight restriction
March 2013	74 vehicles reported that were found to be breaching weight restriction
September 2013	83 vehicles reported that were found to be breaching weight restriction (21 of which were repeat infringements)

As you can see the numbers of vehicles found to be infringing the limit in September 2013 did rise compared to March 2013, although not as significantly as I had first feared (up by 12%). However the proportion of reports received each month of vehicle operators infringing the limit for a second time does appear to be rising - 25% in September 2013 compared to 18% in March 2013. The proportion of foreign registered vehicles remains at around 20%.

Quote from Tom Hutchinson, Trading Standards: "I think it seems clear that while the early reductions achieved by the scheme haven't been lost (down from 40 per week in Oct 2011 to 20 per week in Sept 2013) the numbers have plateaued and something needs to be done if we want to get this down further. I doubt that the answer lies in enforcement itself but obviously any ideas about how to reduce numbers further would be welcome."

xix) **White Hill, Bradford on Avon** – enforcement of Access Only restrictions

Additional signing at top of hill has been suggested. 2 new signs and associated electrics will cost £ 3,000.

**AGREED: CATG to fund.**

xx) **Widbrook, Bradford on Avon** – road safety

Revised chevron boards at the bend are to be provided through the ad hoc sign budget. Works ordered, awaiting programme from BBLP.

xxi) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon** – speeding near Grove Leaze

Metrocount confirms speeding issue, eligible for Community Speedwatch.

**Community volunteers required to action, Shay Parsons to assist**

- xxii) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon** - pedestrian crossing near Huntingdon Street/ Co-op. Count results indicate a formal crossing can be considered but controlled zone will require re-siting of existing bus stops. Feasibility report setting out count findings needs to be completed.

**AGRRED: Possible bid to substantive highways fund in 2014**

- i) **Woolley Street, Bradford on Avon** – drivers travelling the wrong way at the town end of Woolley Street in contravention of the one way order to gain access to Holt Road  
Regulatory No Entry signs are in place. This is therefore an enforcement matter for the Police to deal with.  
Martin Annetts commented that the Police have no resources to enforce this and there has only been 1 complaint.  
**AGREED: no further action**
- ii) **Upper Regents Park, Bradford on Avon** - request for railing along sloping path  
**AGREED: Site visit by Councillors Thorn, Brown and Allison with Dave Thomas**
- iii) **Holt Manor** - removal of illegal bollards and signs  
Remains in legal dispute between Mr Harris and Wiltshire Council. A letter has been received by the Parish Council from Jane Scott.
- iv) **Holt** – review of road signs at eastern end  
Requires signing to warn of school and children crossing.
- v) **Limpley Stoke** – speeding on Woods Hill  
Metrocount done. Results are with the Parish Council.  
**AGREED: Survey of residents to be carried out**
- vi) **Limpley Stoke** – priority right of way signing at railway bridge. Vegetation blocking signs. Traffic from Bath direction not waiting. Parish Council not in favour of an expensive feasibility study into traffic signalling, prefer low key improvements.  
**AGREED: Vegetation to be cut back and repaint yellow box on road**
- vii) **Monkton Farleigh** – bus stop  
Site meeting held and options discussed. Favoured action to be to alter the route of the bus and move the pick up point when the service is re tendered. Action with Simon White, Passenger Transport  
**AGREED: Remove from list**
- viii) **Monkton Farleigh** – A363 junction  
Topo survey complete and drawings showing visibility splays are with the Parish Council for consideration. Improved visibility is dependent on land in 3<sup>rd</sup> party ownership being made available.  
**AGREED: Parish Council to consider approach to land owner**
- ix) **South Wraxall** – road safety at B3109 Wild Cross junction  
Awaiting contact from Parish Council to arrange site visit.

- x) **Staverton** – on street parking
- xxii) **Staverton** – Road safety from Slip Way turning into Marina Drive  
Formal advert of waiting restrictions due late Jan / early Feb.

- xxiii) **Staverton** – speeding on New Terrace  
Awaiting delayed metrocount survey.  
**AGREED: Chase up**

- xxiv) **Westwood** – pavement survey  
Ian Richardson reported that this is mostly complete now. Jen Hiscock from Streetscene team working with Parish Council.

- xxv) **Westwood** – extension of virtual pavement opposite New Inn PH  
Site meeting held, design complete. Works ordered. Funding from 20mph budget.  
Awaiting programme from BBLP.

- xxvi) **Westwood** – on carriageway footpath at Iford end of village  
**AGREED: Parish Council request no further action**

- xxvii) **Wingfield** - petition from Mrs Maggie Novotni re. pavement from Trowle Farm Lane to Loves Lane  
Mrs Novotni, now a Parish Councillor, reported that the Parish Council had agreed to contribute £ 2,000 towards these improvements in 2013/14 and a further £ 2,000 in 2014/15 in the hope that the CATG could fund the balance of £ 4,000. Alan Mines had resigned in protest. Councillor MacDonald was in support.

- xxiii) **Wingfield** – the Speed Indicator Device will be deployed on the B3109 on an occasional basis to reflect the speeding issue, next time on 5-16 March 2014

- xxix) **Winsley** – parking restrictions to control conflict with buses  
Formal advert of waiting restrictions due late Jan / early Feb.

## 12. Dropped Kerbs programme

Andy Cadwallader has programmed 2 kerbs at Priory Close, not sure of location of request for Downs View? Match funding promised from Town Council.  
New request at Lower Stoke in Limpley Stoke to be match-funded by Parish Council.

## 13. Budget Expenditure

### AGREED:

White Hill signs £ 3,000

Huntingdon Rise overrun area £ 2,000

Springfield to Woolley kerb build out £ 1,800

Dropped Kerbs 50% of £ 3, 720

**14. Any Other Highways Business**

Dave Thomas reported that there had been a delay with the metrocount programme while Balfour Beatty operatives were trained up to deliver this service. The backlog should be eliminated by end January.

**15. Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 3 March 2014 at 4pm