

AREA BOARD

for the Calne Community Area

Highways Working Group (CATG)

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 20th January 2014

Attendees: Cllr Alan Hill (Wiltshire Council), Charles Boase (Calne Town Council), Ed Jones (Focus on Five Parish forum), Richard Tucker (Bremhill Parish Council), Mark Stansby (Wiltshire Council Senior Traffic Management Engineer), Geoff Procter (HAGGIS), Spencer Drinkwater (Wiltshire Council Principal Transport Planner), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

- **Apologies:** Anne Henshaw (Calne Community Area Partnership), Martin Cook (Wiltshire Council, Area Highways Engineer), Jonathan Moss, (Wiltshire Council, Area Co-ordinator, Local Highways & Streetview),

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.

- **Community Speedwatch**

JV advised that the Speedwatch training programme has started. RT said that the Bremhill group are signed up to take part.

JV reported that previous delays in undertaking metro counts have now been resolved and she will now resubmit outstanding requests.

- **SID (Speed Indicator Device) rota**

JV reported that the SID rota is now back in action, there had been no information about the issues with site location at Compton Bassett. JV was asked to get an update from the scheme organisers.

GP asked whether there was any opportunity to implement permanent SIDs. SD explained that there was not Wiltshire Council's policy to adopt this approach as it was felt that permanent SIDs loose efficacy. SD also cited another Community Area within Wiltshire that had bought a SID, but this had not been a successful project nor had the SID been used permanently as a result of insurance issues.

ACTIONS

JV resubmit requests

JV to follow up

- **Update on existing/outstanding works and priorities**
 - **Goatacre Refuge:** MS confirmed that the lighting column and fitting are in place, but needs to check that it has been connected and in working order. GP advised that local people were very happy with the rest of the work that had been completed there.
 - **Maud Heath Causeway:** MS reported that trial holes are due to be dug on 27th January (conditions permitting). He explained that this would help in the assessment of the condition of foundations etc. Once this has been completed it would be possible to start work on the feasibility study.
 - **Hilmarton, Church Lane erosion:** Martin Cook had sent an update to report that this piece of work had been completed. GP confirmed that a good job had been done.
 - **Woodsage Way to Lickhill Road:** MS reported that officers have undertaken a site visit. It was felt that work should initially be concentrated on traffic calming measures at the 20mph zone on Woodsage Way and provision of a better footway and priority give way areas on Lickhill Rd/North Street. The group acknowledged that both of these pieces of work were likely to be expensive and may require an application to the substantive highways scheme, if this is continued in the next financial year.
 - **Springfield School Crossing:** SD reported that no information was available to suggest any implementation of a crossing linked to developments at the school. SD would check School travel plan status to see if any actions related to this issue were included. The group felt they should recommend that the Area Board decide to undertake an assessment of the A4 at this location, if there were no actions within the Travel Plan.
 - **Stockley Bus stop:** JV reported that, at the last Area Board meeting, taking into account the views of Calne Without Parish Council, it had been decided to progress with the Option 3 – hard standing and bench design. Local Parish Councillors had stated that a bus shelter was not necessary. EJ reported that the Parish Council had agreed to contribute £500 towards this scheme (total £2300).
- **Calne CATG budget**

MS presented the current budget for the Calne Community Area CATG and explained that it would be possible to roll over this year's under spend. A discussion took place concerning the significant expenditure that the group may need to spend in the following months with regards to moving forward current priorities.

SD check status of the School Travel Plan.

AHill request Area Board approval of an assessment of the location.

MS move this scheme forward to implementation and make charge of £500 on Calne W/O PC.

- **Speed Limit Review 2012/13 (C & u/c roads)**

MS reported that the consultation period regarding the 2012/13 speed limit review had not resulted in any comments being received from within the Calne Community Area. However 2 comments had been received from within the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area, with regards to the C15 route from the A4 east of Quemerford to Wootton Bassett. These will be reported to the Cabinet Member for a decision.

- **Wiltshire Council Policy on 20mph Speed Limits and Zones**

MS explained that this policy had been adopted by Wiltshire Council and that the CATG should now be seeking 2 nominations from the Area Board for potential routes/areas.

These nominations would need to be decided in April and need to be mindful of criteria laid out in the policy.

All study and legal order costs would be met by Highways. Area Boards/CATGs will be notified of successful schemes and will be provided with an estimate of implementation costs and will be required to cover these costs from CATG budget.

The group discussed possible ways to identify nominations and decided that Parish Councils should be invited to look at the policy and nominate areas that might apply to the criteria. These should be sent to the Community Area Manager. JV should then pass responses to MS for initial advice/assessment against the criteria.

The Area Board should be asked to devolve the decision on the final 2 nominations to the next CATG group meeting, on condition that all parishes are invited to send a representative to that meeting.

JV raised a question that had been emailed from Anne Henshaw – the group asked Jane to forward this question to the Traffic Engineering Manager in Highways Assets & Commissioning for a technical response.

- **Recently received issues on the Area Board system**

The group discussed all issues currently live on the Area Board issues system including:

- **3211 Bus Shelter – A4 Springfield School**

This issue is also the subject of a Councillor initiative that will be proposed to the next Area Board meeting by Councillor Trotman. The group discussed the fact that the current CATG budget is likely to be committed to schemes linked to current CATG/Area Board priorities and that it was therefore unlikely that CATG funding would be available in the foreseeable future to address this issue. It was also noted that this is an issue

JV send invitations to all Parish Clerks

AHill ask Area Board to devolve decision to the CATG.

JV refer letter to DT

that has been raised at a number of different forums including the Town Council and the Community Hub/Partnership. It was decided that the group should report to the Area Board that this is a scheme that could be resolved with relative ease if funding is to be found elsewhere and if the Town Council is prepared to provide written confirmation of its commitment to undertake future maintenance of a shelter and it would therefore recommend support for the Councillor initiative.

AHill report to the Area Board - recommend support for the Councillor initiative being proposed on 04/02/2014

- **3198** Footpath at junction of Bentley Lane/A4 in Calne
Widening the footpath/installing pedestrian safety barriers on both sides of Bentley Lane was discussed. AHill explained that this issue related to road safety concerns and fears that, at busy periods there is a danger of people falling/stepping/being pushed onto the busy road. MS reported that the location is under Wiltshire Council ownership and suggested it may be a priority for next year. MS was asked to undertake further investigations and the issue would be added to potential priorities for 2014/15.

MS investigate JV add to potential priorities.

- **3178** A4 near 57 Curzon Street
The issue proposes the extension of existing white zigzag lines. MS reported that he is investigating the legal process that is required to facilitate this and will report back to the next meeting.

MS report to next meeting

- **3147** Subsidence on A3102 Calne bypass
Martin Cook had sent apologies to the meeting but had sent an update that – this issue has been forwarded to Major Maintenance and has had no further update from them as yet. The group discussed that as a Major Maintenance issue, this should not be dealt with by the Area Board. However it was decided to keep the issue log open so that progress can be monitored.

- **3132** Road narrowing/signage Old Derry Hill
MS reported that investigations have taken place into this issue. There is a visible centre line which means there is adequate width and as this line is in reasonable condition suggesting that there is little crossover by traffic using the road. Mark also reported that adequate signage is in place indicating road narrowing, bend and gradient warning signs. The group agreed that no further action is possible and that this issue should be closed.

JV close issue

- **3088** Abberd Way/Oxford Road junction
MS reported that a site visit had taken place and measurements had been taken. In its present form there is not enough width to create an additional filter lane for a right turn out of Abberd Way. It was also noted that this junction has previously been narrowed to assist pedestrians and it would, therefore not be appropriate to widen it again. As such it was felt that no further action is possible at the present time and the issue should be closed.

JV close issue

- **3078 Cycling in Phelps Parade**
MS reported that it would be possible to replace existing signs and add an additional sign to cover the market place area. This would incur a cost of approximately £250. It was decided that the Area Board should be recommended to approve this spend from the CATG budget.
- **2827 Church Road Derry Hill - speeding**
With the resumption of metro counts JV was asked to submit a metro count request in the location previously identified by a Calne Without Parish Councillor.
- **Calne Community Area Partnership (CCAP) – Community Transport Strategy for the Community Area:** Anne Henshaw had sent apologies to the meeting and so no update was available.
- **Recommendations to the Area Board:**
 - **Approve an assessment at the A4, Curzon Street near to Springfield School with regards to a pedestrian crossing.**
 - **Devolve prioritisation of 2 nominations for 20mph speed limit/zones to the CATG, conditional upon all Parish Councils being invited to send representation to the next CATG meeting.**
 - **Support the Councillor Initiative being proposed to the Area Board by Councillor Trotman with regards to a Bus Shelter outside Springfield School.**
 - **Approve a CATG spend of £250 to replace and provide additional no cycling signs at Phelps Parade/Market Place Calne.**
 - **To note actions laid out in these meeting notes**
 - **To note discussions/actions relating to new issues and existing priorities.**
- **Date of next meeting**
Jane Vaughan was asked to arrange the next meeting for April 30th 2014 at the Calne Community Hub

AHill recommend Area Board approves this spend from the CATG budget.

JV submit request

AHill make recommendations to the Area Board.

JV arrange next meeting