

## **Note of Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group**

**Monday 16th June 2014 at County Hall, Trowbridge**

### **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

Martin Newman, Bradford on Avon Town Council

Bob Broadhead, Limpley Stoke Parish Council

Philip Wise and Barbara Wise, Monkton Farleigh Parish Council

Linda Ladner, Winsley Parish Council

Shay Parsons, Lorry Watch

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

### **1. Apologies:**

Gwen Allison, Andrew Pearce, Maggie Novotni, Matthew Midlane, Roger Rowe, Allan Parker

### **2. Notes of CAT-G meeting on 3 March**

Notes approved subject to clarification of 20 mph policy: the locations agreed for assessment in 2014/15 are Woolley and Turleigh and for 2015/16 will be decided from a short list of Monkton Farleigh, Limpley Stoke and Bradford on Avon town (exact locations yet to be determined).

3. **Budget Position**

Dave Thomas reported that the BoA CATG budget allocation in 2014/15 is £ 14,562 and, after commitments, £ 5,984 of this remains unallocated.

4. **Historic Core Zone**

Dave Thomas updated that his report on the outcomes and recommendations from the Restricted Parking Zone consultation had been submitted some weeks ago to Councillor Thomson and that he anticipated the Cabinet Member report would be published soon. Has now been published.

5. **Wiltshire 20 mph policy**

Dave Thomas reported that the assessments of the priority sites of Woolley and Turleigh would be undertaken in September.

Philip and Barbara Wise presented a case for Monkton Farleigh to be included as a location for a 20 mph zone/ limit in the village centre to combat the effects of rat-running through-traffic. A reduced speed limit of 30 mph at the junction to the village on the A363 is also requested. The results of metrocount and School Travel Plan processes would be examined.

**AGREED: There would be an opportunity for all parishes to present their cases for inclusion in the 2015/16 assessment list to the CATG at its December meeting. Ahead of this, the assessment criteria for the prioritisation process would be revisited at the meeting in September.**

A Scrutiny Task Group is also looking at the detail of the Wiltshire 20 mph Policy.

6. **Substantive Highways Scheme 2013:**

Woolley Green – complete

Limpley Stoke, Lower Stoke footway – retaining wall owned by Network Rail, design scheme by Atkins nearly complete. A 2 week road closure will be needed which will affect the Hotel and Pub. Timetabled for November. Now programmed for January to minimise impact on hotel and other businesses.

**SHS Call for Bids 2014:** Scheme to be submitted for pedestrian crossing on Winsley Road/ Huntingdon Street.

7. **Traffic Survey of Bradford on Avon and Holt**

The report had previously been circulated. Spencer Drinkwater reported on the headline findings:

Cars account for 75% of traffic; HGVs only 2%

40 % of through-traffic is from within 5 miles; 70 % from within 25 miles.

Through-journeys account for 16% of the total on weekdays and 15% of the total on Saturdays.

The busiest spot is the Town Bridge. 16750 journeys are made across the bridge on an average weekday. This falls to 13292 on a Saturday, a reduction of 26% vs weekdays.

Trowbridge and BoA are the key traffic origins @ 40 % combined.

Atkins would be invited to present the study findings to a meeting of the Bradford on Avon Air Quality Alliance in the near future. Questions of detail to be invited in advance. Ian Thorn asked for a summary of the report in "plain English".

**AGREED: Shay Parsons to produce a plain English version of the Executive Summary**

The findings of the HGV study of Holt are still awaited.

**8. Lorry Watch**

Dave Thomas reported that the locations for proposed new Lorry Watch signage had been agreed and Shay Parsons is in negotiations with Wiltshire Highways to finalise the design and size of the signs.

Shay reported that a survey in March 2014 showed that numbers of overweight lorries was again on the rise despite a record number of prosecutions. Even though the study showed only 2% HGVs by volume, the impact of this was disproportionately severe.

As the long term sustainability of the Lorry Watch could not be guaranteed consideration should be given to installing automated cameras on the Town Bridge.

**9. Local Highways Investment Fund 2014/15**

Andy Cadwallader reported that the sites for major maintenance in 2014/15 are:

A363 - Masons Lane - resurfacing

B3107 - Forewoods Common/Bradford Road, Holt – resurfacing

A366 – West of Trowbridge – resurfacing

A list of possible sites for treatment in 2015/16 was briefly reviewed.

**AGREED: Priorities to be agreed at the September meeting following further consultation with Parish Councils**

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

- i) **Newtown bollards, Bradford on Avon** - scheme complete, 6 month monitoring period complete. Monitoring report shows that the bollards have helped to protect properties at 18 and 19 Newtown but at the cost of some structural damage to buildings on the opposite side of the road which have been impacted by HGVs. A decision needs to be taken whether to keep the bollards or to have them removed.

Alternative measures which could be considered include an experimental order for a “width limit” on vehicles or flower boxes on the pavement.

**AGREED: Councillor Thorn requested the removal of the bollard outside 18 Newtown**

- ii) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon** - pedestrian crossing near Huntingdon Street junction to be the subject of a bid to the Substantive Highways Fund. Estimated project costs £35,000.

**AGREED: CATG to contribute matching funding of £ 3,500 and a similar matching contribution of £ 3,500 to be sought from the Town Council**

- iii) **White Hill, Bradford on Avon** – enforcement of “Access Only” restrictions through additional signing and bollards at top of hill. Order issued to BBLP 29/4/14, awaiting works start.
- iv) **Huntingdon Rise, Bradford on Avon** – Scheme is concrete over-run apron along back of kerb. Works due 30<sup>th</sup> June for 5 days under road closure.
- v) **Springfield to Woolley Street** – scheme is tightening of entry radii from Springfield into Woolley Street and visual carriageway narrowing / priority working at eastern end of Woolley Street together with “unsuitable for HGV” signs at either end of Woolley Street. Works commenced on 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- vi) **Palairt Close/ Poulton Cycle Link, Bradford on Avon** - signing work substantially complete, two signs outstanding. Cycle ramp installed.
- vii) **Wingfield** – footway from Trowle Farm Lane to Loves Lane. Wingfield Parish Council had agreed to contribute £ 2,000 towards these improvements in 2013/14 and a further £ 2,000 in 2014/15, to be match funded £ 4,000 by the CATG. Detail design substantially complete, work order to be issued to BBLP by end of July. BBLP to programme works.

11. **Other urgent highways and transport matters**

- i) **Waiting Restrictions – requests for residents parking zones** have been made by the Town Council and are with Highways Network Management team. Action at Treewood Industrial Estate awaiting further guidance from Town Council.

Dave Thomas reported that the revenue budget for waiting restrictions work had been cut from £120, 00 to £ 16,000, hence the delays in implementation.

**AGREED: Martin Newman to chase WRV1 form**

- ii) **Bath Road, Bradford on Avon** – pedestrian crossing to Christchurch School, linked to an update of the School Travel Plan. Draft STP has been reviewed by WC officers, comments have been made and the STP is now back with the school for further development.
- iii) **Berryfield Road, Bradford on Avon** – traffic calming, linked to Christchurch School travel plan, see above.
- iv) **Cumberwell Golf Course, Bradford on Avon** - road traffic accidents on A363. Drainage works to intercept water runoff from fields is complete.
- v) **Kingston Farm, Bradford on Avon** – Closure of Cemetery Lane. Developer of site to the south of Cemetery Lane has agreed to include the closure as part of their works. Timescale not yet known.
- vi) **Holt Road, Bradford on Avon** – pedestrian safety issues. Kingston Farm proposals should ameliorate.
- vii) **Moulton Drive, Bradford on Avon** – speed indicator device to be deployed at this location on an occasional basis to reflect the speeding issue. As part of speed monitoring, metrocounts readings will be taken at this site. Yellow lining requested opposite junction requires Town Council to submit a WRV1 form.

**AGREED: Request metrocount results from Road Safety Team**

- viii) **Newtown, Bradford on Avon** – proposal for “No right turn into Market Street” and “Access Only” signs to Bath-bound traffic to dissuade rat running on Newtown via Wine Street and Winsley/Turleigh. Considered by the Police to be unenforceable and also likely to exacerbate the air quality problem on Masons Lane/ Market Street.

**AGREED: No further action**

- ix) **Priory Close, Bradford on Avon** - on street parking and traffic issues.

**AGREED: Awaiting further details and funding from Town Council**

- x) **Widbrook, Bradford on Avon** – road safety to be improved through revised chevron boards at the bend. Funded through the ad hoc sign budget. All works complete.
- xi) **Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon** – parking issues agreed to be only very occasional and with no easy solution.
- xii) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon** – speeding near Grove Leaze, metrocount confirms speeding issue. Volunteers now trained to deliver Community Speedwatch initiative.

- xiii) **Limpley Stoke** - the markings on the road by the bridge at the bottom of Winsley Hill (coming from Bath) are not very clear and there was an accident there recently. Police suggest improvements to the right of way signing.

- xiv) **Limpley Stoke** - The A36 end of Midford Lane (right hand side coming up the Lane) is being used quite regularly for parking. Whilst this is not illegal, it does cause problems if you are travelling towards the A36 as there is a blind bend just after the entrance to the mines. The parked cars force you out into the middle of the road and it is feared that there will be a nasty accident there before long. Police suggest double or single yellow lines installed. Area in question is not in Wiltshire.

**AGREED: Limpley Stoke Parish Council to monitor situation**

- xv) **Monkton Farleigh** – overspill parking on road from Avon Wildlife Trust car park above Bathford. Proposal plan has been prepared and agreed with local member and residents.

**AGREED: CATG to contribute £300 towards new road markings**

- xvi) **South Wraxall** - direction sign to South Wraxall & Monkton Farleigh to be placed at the top of Kingsdown Hill. On ad-hoc signing list.
- xvii) **Staverton** – on street parking and road safety from Slip Way turning into Marina Drive. Formal advert of waiting restrictions due July.
- xxiii) **Staverton** – speeding on New Terrace  
Metrocount survey confirms eligibility for deployment of Speed indicator Device in this location.

**AGREED: Road Safety Team to deploy Speed Indicator Device at this location**

- xxv) **Westwood** – extension of virtual pavement opposite New Inn PH  
Works ordered. Funding from 20mph budget. Awaiting programme from Balfour Beatty.

- xxvii) **Wingfield** – the speed indicator device will be deployed on the B3109 on an occasional basis to reflect the speeding issue.
- xxviii) **Wingfield** – request for traffic calming measures. Proposal plan prepared and agreed with Parish Council. Possible funding contribution from solar farm development.

**AGREED: CATG to defer funding of £4767 for this scheme to 2015/16**

- xxix) **Winsley** – parking restrictions to control conflict with buses. Formal advert of waiting restrictions due July.
- xxx) **Winsley** – need for bus stop markings outside shop/ surgery at Tynning Road. School have also raised concerns about parking in the same area.

**AGREED: Further discussions with Parish Council and School required**

**14. Dropped Kerbs programme** – All phase 3 works are complete.

**15. Hand Rails** – request for match funding from the Town Council:

- i) Church Acre
- ii) Budbury to Tory
- iii) Upper Regents Park
- iv) St Margaret's Street

**AGREED: Site visits necessary and a request to the Town Council for 50 % match funding contributions**

**16. Any Other Highways Business**

None.

**17. Date of future CATG Meetings, County Hall at 4pm**

Monday 8 September  
Monday 10 December