

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

### **Note of Meeting on Monday 8th September 2014 at County Hall, Trowbridge**

1. **Present:**

Rosemary Brown and Magnus Macdonald, Wiltshire Councillors  
Gwen Allison and Martin Newman, Bradford on Avon Town Councillors  
Andrew Pearce, Holt Parish Council  
Bob Broadhead, Limpley Stoke Parish Council  
Linda Ladner, Winsley Parish Council  
Shay Parsons, Lorry Watch  
Alex Machin and Tamsin Daddoe, BoA 20s Plenty  
PC Martin Annetts, Wiltshire Police  
Dave Thomas, Traffic Engineering Manager, Wiltshire Council  
Spencer Drinkwater, Principal Transport Planner, Wiltshire Council  
Peter Dunford, Community Area Manager, Bradford on Avon Area Board

2. **Apologies:** Ian Thorn and Trevor Carbin (Wiltshire Councillors), Roger Rowe (Winsley PC), Allan Parker (Westwood PC), Matthew Midlane (Monkton Farleigh PC), Andy Cadwallader (Highways Engineer, Wiltshire Council)

3. **Notes of CAT-G meeting on 16 June**

Priory Close: on-street parking and traffic issues to be discussed at Town Management Committee on 24 September  
Newtown: Metrocount results to be chased  
Monkton Farleigh: £ 300 not now needed from CATG budget for new road markings at Avon Wildlife Trust car park

4. **Budget Position – update**

Dave Thomas reported that £ 7,844 remains uncommitted from the BoA CATG budget for 2014/15. The future years overall Integrated Transport budget will be £2.18m for each of the next three years, this compares to this years budget of £3.7m.

5. **Historic Core Zone – Parish Poll**

Dave Thomas reported that Councillor John Thomson had invited Bradford on Avon Town Council to hold a Parish Poll to canvass public opinion over the HCZ scheme to help him decide whether to authorise public expenditure for the Phase 1 works. Wiltshire Council would organise and pay for the poll.

6. **Wiltshire 20 mph policy – assessment criteria**

Spencer Drinkwater outlined the assessment criteria that he had been asked to produce by the CATG earlier this year to help the prioritisation process for assessments for 20 mph zones and limits in Wiltshire. Most felt the measures were reasonable but felt the process was overly technical. Most other CATGs were making decisions based on common sense not on complex scoring criteria.

Alex Machin requested that the group waits to see the outcome of the 20 mph Scrutiny Review before proceeding to assess bids.

**AGREED: to defer further consideration to the March 2015 meeting**

7. **Substantive Highways Scheme 2014**

Dave Thomas reported that the Winsley Road zebra crossing scheme had been successful in attracting SHS funding of £ 35,000. The project would involve relocating 2 bus stops. Construction is planned for April/ May 2015.

**AGREED: The CATG confirmed its funding contribution of £ 3,500 towards the scheme costs**

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

Spencer Drinkwater reported that the BoA Study had now been completed and a presentation had been given by Atkins to the BoA Air Quality Alliance. An action plan would now be prepared in response to the study findings.

The Holt HGV study was also now available in draft form and would be shared with the Parish Council for comment.

9. **Local Highways Investment Fund 2014/15 - to agree priority sites for maintenance in 2015/16**

This matter had been discussed briefly at the last meeting. Copies of the schedules of proposed maintenance works has been sent to Parish Councils for comment and no issues had been raised. It was agreed to follow the technical advice received.

**AGREED: To agree the schedule of priority sites for maintenance in 2015/16**

10. **Lorry Watch - update and new signage**

Shay Parsons reported that locations for new Lorry Watch signage had been agreed with Dave Thomas in 4 locations: at Knees Corner; at Frome Road railway bridge; at Holt Road/ Springfield junction; and at Christ Church roundabout.

All existing signage had been appraised and was found to be satisfactory. HGVs and through-traffic was not being signed through the town centre (although some were obviously using local knowledge to take these routes).

Despite continued success with prosecutions, the Lorry Watch is having to reduce its work to 2 months of action per year due to administrative constraints within Wiltshire Trading Standards. It was agreed that the siting of number-recognition cameras on the Town Bridge would be prohibitively expensive.

#### 11. Update on CAT-G priority projects

- i) **Newtown bollards, Bradford on Avon** - in response to a resident request the bollard outside 18 Newtown has been removed. New thinner bollards at No 18 and signs at the junction of Newtown and Masons Lane are to be installed in an effort to dissuade larger vehicles from using this route.
- ii) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon** - pedestrian crossing near Huntingdon Street junction to be funded through the Substantive Highways Fund. Estimated project costs £35,000. **AGREED: a funding contribution of £3,500 from the CATG budget.**
- iii) **White Hill, Bradford on Avon** – enforcement of “Access Only” restrictions through additional signing and bollards at top of hill. Works have now started.
- iv) **Huntingdon Rise, Bradford on Avon** – Concrete over-run apron along back of kerb. Works complete.
- 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 complete.
- vi) **Palairt Close/ Poulton Cycle Link, Bradford on Avon** – new signing and cycle ramp installed. Works complete. Three signs were taken down but one has now been put back up.
- 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 nearly complete. Works order to be made soon.

#### 12. 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. The budget cutbacks and staffing reductions have meant that little progress is being made against a backlog of requests which is giving rise to increasing complaint. An alternative system to deal with these issues is being considered.

- ii) **Bath Road, Bradford on Avon** – pedestrian crossing to Christchurch School, linked to an update of the School Travel Plan. The STP has been completed although is felt to be rather 'lightweight'. Bids to the 'Taking Action on School Journeys' fund can be made from late September to implement priority measures.
- iii) **Berryfield Road, Bradford on Avon** – traffic calming, linked to Christchurch School Travel Plan, see above.
- iv) **Highfield Road, Bradford on Avon** – parking bays requested to organise on-street parking. Site visit held.
- v) **Huntingdon Rise** – wooden posts requested to control parking on grass verge. Site visit held.
- vi) **Kingsfield, Woolley Street** – yellow lining requested to control on-street parking by non-residents in the day time. Site visit held.
- vii) **Kingston Farm, Bradford on Avon** – the temporary closure of Cemetery Lane is part of the Kingston Farm proposals; it is also proposed as a permanent measure within the Spitfire development to the north of Holt Road.
- viii) **Moulton Drive, Bradford on Avon** – a 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 by the Town Council.
- ix) **Wiltshire Music Centre, Bradford on Avon** – parking issues in Churches caused by the School and Music Centre have been discussed previously. Since then, a further complaint has been received. The School Travel Plan promotes walking cycling and public transport journeys to school. Parking available on campus is limited. The Town Council have previously written to the two institutions to ask their customers to avoid parking in residential areas. Reminders to be issued.
- x) **Winsley Road, Bradford on Avon** – near Grove Leaze, metrocount confirms speeding issue. Volunteers now trained to deliver Community Speedwatch initiative. The courtesy crossings are worn and require a refresh. **AGREED: Dave Thomas to cost out the works**
- xi) **Holt, Lions Orchard** – vehicles turning in cul-de-sac causing nuisance. No complaint made to Parish Council. No further action.
- xii) **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. The area in question is not in Wiltshire.

- xiii) **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. Works complete.
- xiv) **South Wraxall** - direction sign to South Wraxall & Monkton Farleigh to be placed at the top of Kingsdown Hill. On ad-hoc signing list.
- xv) **Staverton** – on street parking and road safety from Slip Way turning into Marina Drive. Formal advert of waiting restrictions estimated for implementation in October.
- xvi) **Staverton** – speeding on New Terrace  
Metrocount survey confirms eligibility for deployment of Speed Indicator Device in this location. Community Speedwatch soon active.
- xvii) **Westwood** – extension of virtual pavement opposite New Inn PH  
Works ordered. Funding from 20mph budget. Works complete.
- xviii) **Wingfield** – the speed indicator device will be deployed on the B3109 on an occasional basis to reflect the speeding issue.
- xix) **Wingfield** – request for traffic calming measures. Proposal plan prepared and agreed with Parish Council. Possible funding contribution from solar farm development. Next steps with Parish Council and linked to School Travel Plan.
- xx) **Winsley** – parking restrictions to control conflict with buses. Formal advert of waiting restrictions estimated for implementation in October.
- xxi) **Winsley** – need for bus stop markings outside shop/ surgery at Tynning Road. School have also raised concerns about parking in the same area and will include the issue within their School Travel Plan. Bus shelter in wrong place.  
**AGREED: site visit to be held**

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

14. **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
- v) St Margaret's Hill

Quotes from supplier awaited. **AGREED: Site visit with Town Councillor present**

15. **Any Other Highways Business**

**Holt** – request for yellow lining at The Midlands.

**AGREED: Dave Thomas to investigate**

**Kingston Mill** – one way system. PC Annetts raised concerns regarding delivery lorries reversing into Lamb Yard causing traffic chaos. The road is still privately owned because the developer has not yet applied for the Council to adopt it as public highway. The 'No Entry' signs on Kingston Road are also being ignored.

**AGREED: Matter to be referred to Roger Witt in Highways**

**Avoncliff Lane** – articulated lorries are still getting stuck in this lane due to confusing signs

16. **Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 10 December, County Hall at 4pm