

Melksham Local Highways & Footway Improvement Group

	Item	Update	Actions and recommendations	Who
	Melksham LHFIG – Meeting Notes - Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 18:00 hrs			
1.	Attendees and apologies			
	Attendees:	Cllr Mike Sankey – Chair, Cllr Jonathon Seed Cllr Jon Hubbard, Cllr Nick Holder Cllr Phil Alford, Jonathon Tapper – Steeple Ashton PC Colin Wade – Semington PC, Pat Aves - Melksham TC Sarah Dow – Clerk to Keevil PC, Pat Tucker - Keevil PC Alan Baines – Melksham Without PC, Mary Winterburn - Great Hinton PC, Andy Cadwallader – Area Highway Engineer, Martin Rose – Principal Traffic Engineer Mark Stansby – Principal Traffic Engineer		AB
	Apologies:	Linda Roberts - Melksham TC		
2.	Notes of last meeting			
		The notes of the previous LHFIG meeting held on 03/08/23 2023 were presented to the Area Board at its 12/09/23 meeting with members passing all recommendations.	LHFIG to note.	All

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3.	Financial Position			
		<p>The closing balance for 2022/23 is now confirmed at £51,247.70 (see Appendix 1). This surplus is carried forward to this financial year.</p> <p>The current balance for 2023/24, less previous commitments stands at £44,431.53</p>		AB
4.	Live Priority schemes			
a)	<p>Issue 6055 – Broughton Gifford - Gateways and Traffic Management measures.</p>	<p>The outstanding bollards have now been installed and we await the bill from our contractor.</p> <p>Remedial work to the road markings is to be done imminently. https://www.google.com/maps/</p>	<p>Remedial works now complete. Awaiting billing for additional bollards.</p> <p>Remove from next Tracker.</p>	
b)	<p>Issue 9-20-9 Melksham Sandridge Road – request to improve footway link to Maple Close</p>	<p>The Legal Team report that the final document was issued to the Landowner via his solicitor for sign-off at the end of May, but this has yet to be returned. The Town Clerk has since advised that the landowner has passed away, but his partner will now oversee matters. For legal reasons, it is likely to further delay this project.</p> <p>Once the legal process has been completed, Highways will instruct the arborist team to remove the hedgerow and root system and erect Haras fencing to maintain a boundary between the highway and private property. This work is anticipated to take place in November. Once completed, the Town Council can mobilise their builder to construct the new boundary wall.</p>	<p>Town Council to continue to liaise with the landowner’s legal team to move this matter forward.</p> <p>Works on hold whilst Legal issues (probate) relating to free dedication with new owners is resolved. Completion unlikely in 23/24. Update at next meeting</p>	<p>MR Town Council</p>

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		<p>Work to widen the path is programmed to commence on 2nd January next year and should be completed within 10 days, although the programme might be affected should the legal process stall.</p> <p>https://www.google.com/maps</p>		
c)	<p>Issue 9-22-12 Bowerhill Halifax Road – request for drop kerbs to link Brampton Court with Sunderland Close</p> <p>Issue 9-22-13 Bowerhill DeHavilland Place and Dowding Way – Request for footway extensions and drop kerbs</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>The work at both sites has been completed under a single Order. Interim bills have been received to the value of £6,452.73. HIAMS order M00027</p>	<p>Final account received for £6452.73. Invoice request to PC raised 30/10/23.</p> <p>Remove from next tracker.</p>	MR
d)	<p>Issue 9-22-17 –</p> <p>Melksham Without (various roads) Request for Parking Control Measures</p> <p>To also include Issues 9-23-3 Beanacre, 9-23-5 Bowerhill and 9-23-7 Melksham</p>	<p>Issue Submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>Request for a Parking Review at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semington Canal Bridge • Lancaster Road Bowerhill • Avro Way Bowerhill • Merlin Way Bowerhill • Mitchell Drive Bowerhill <p>It was noted that the canal forms the boundary between Melksham Without and Semington Parishes and that measures would be needed on both sides of the bridge.</p>	<p>Mark S has commenced review. Update to be provided at next meeting.</p>	MS

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		<p>Semington Parish confirmed that they are content for measures to be included on their side of the bridge but no other sites have been identified for review within their Parish.</p> <p>Investigation work to commence late July / early August.</p>		
e)	<p>Issue 9-19-11 Bowerhill Portal Road – Request for Bowerhill nameplate and white gates</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>An order (M00174) has been placed to undertake this work. Contractor is currently awaiting delivery of the gate.</p> <p>https://www.google.com/maps</p>	<p>Order Value £2422.10 Works complete but awaiting final account. Invoice to be raised for MWPC</p>	MR
f)	<p>Issue 9-22-2 Melksham The Crays – request for drop kerbs</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Town Council</p> <p>The work has been completed and an interim bill has been received to the value of £2,388.78.</p> <p>Highways to chase contractor for outstanding bills.</p>	<p>Final account submitted. Cost of £2388.78. Invoice request for MTC raised 01/11/23</p> <p>Remove from next tracker</p>	MR
g)	<p>Issue 9-22-11 A350 Beanacre - request for measures to control entry speed at north end of village</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>Design work now underway. Proposals and an estimate will be issued to the Parish in advance of the next meeting.</p> <p>https://www.google.com/maps</p>	<p>Plans submitted to Melksham Without for consideration. Projected cost of both road markings / Gates, Signs is £13,300.</p> <p>Alternate option to omit Central Hatching / road Studs and only install gates, signs, yellow transverse base at a cost of £6600. Remaining work to be picked up as part of future MM.</p> <p>MWPC have confirmed their preference for this option and member agreed for this to progress to implementation. MWPC 50% contribution.</p>	MS

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h)	<p>Issue 9-22-20</p> <p>Keevil, Martins Road – request to alter barriers and improve condition of footpath surface.</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Keevil Parish Council</p> <p>Issue concerns Right of Way, KEEV27 which provides access to the recreation ground.</p> <p>Resurfacing work has been completed by the ROW team’s contractor and we await their bill. Highways have removed the life expired safety barrier and provided new drop kerbs and hard standing.</p> <p>With the Parish’s brief to make the path more accessible for buggies and wheelchair users, and taking into account the slow speeds and low traffic volume on Martins Road, officers decided against replacing the barrier.</p> <p>However, having received concerns from parishioners about this decision, the Parish have asked for a new, smaller barrier to be installed. This was agreed at a site meeting and Highways have this in hand.</p> <p>https://www.google.com/maps/</p>	<p>Barrier works complete</p> <p>Note increase in costs from original estimate of £10,650 to £13,200.</p> <p>PC to be invoiced for 25% contribution.</p>	MR
i)	<p>Issue 9-22-22</p> <p>Shaw Corsham Road – request to reinstate louvre shuttering on approach to signals</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>Louvres were omitted on the new signal heads when the traffic lights were replaced in 2020.</p> <p>An order has been placed with our Traffic Signal Consultants to undertake this work. Cllr Alford asked if this could be completed before the start of the Autumn term?</p>	<p>Louvres fitted to signal heads 25/09/23. Site to be monitored for residual problems following the change. Estimated cost £460.00. Awaiting Billing.</p> <p>To be removed from next tracker</p>	MR
j)	<p>Issue 9-23-2 –</p> <p>Great Hinton – request to replace a wooden stile</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Great Hinton Parish Council</p>	<p>Works Complete. Awaiting final billing. Area Board to note.</p>	MR

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	with a Kissing Gate to create better access to a number of local Footpaths	Work has been delayed due to late delivery of the new gate. Gate has now arrived and installation is to be undertaken by the ROW team.	To be removed from next Tracker	AB to note
k)	Issue 9-23-3 – Beanacre Westlands Lane – request to prohibit parking at the access to the new water pumping station.	Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council Parking would need to be restricted on both sides of the lane, from the A350 to the new access. Refer to Item 4i of the agenda. https://www.google.com/maps	Mark Stansby to include this location as part of Site included in parking review under Issue 9-23-5. Update for next meeting	MR AB to note
l)	Issue 9-23-4 Bus Gate at Semington Road – request for Camera Enforcement.	Issue submitted by Semington Parish Council Wiltshire Council has a camera available, and the Parish have asked if this could be installed for enforcement. Semington have liaised with Melksham Without who are supportive of this proposal. Since the last meeting, the road markings have been refreshed and the signs inspected for compliance to enable enforcement by the Police. Maintenance of the metal gate is the responsibility of the local highways office and defects should be reported using the MyWilts App. Having considered the suggestion of relocating the gate, it is officers' recommendation to maintain the gate where it is, and to undertake a traffic survey to gauge the level of non-compliance prior to committing to any expenditure. Parish is content for the survey to take place.	Currently awaiting metro-count survey.(Est. Jan 24) Andy Cadwallader has inspected the gate and has indicated the gate whilst damaged, is serviceable. The current padlock is locked shut with no key and cannot be used. New Padlock to be acquired and keys provided to authorised permit holders in due course Email received from Melksham without Pc 11/10/23 re. informal monitoring data submitted by Semington PC. Mobile Site has been put forward for possible mobile enforcement by ANPR camera, however approval for the necessary powers from the DfT not expected until spring 24. (site would require local consultation) Fixed ANPR camera will require costs to	MR AHE

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		https://www.google.com/maps/	<p>relocate existing camera (Salisbury) approx. £10,000 and annual running costs £10,000. Cost would have to be borne by LHFIFG less any fine revenue.</p> <p>Member agreed that given the commitment from the police to undertake enforcement, the forthcoming Jan 24 metro count and imminent removal of the Staverton road closure to review the situation at the Feb 24 meeting.</p>	
m)	Issue 9-23-5 – Bowerhill various sites – request for Parking Review	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council.</p> <p>Parking concerns have been raised at the following sites at Bowerhill:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pathfinder Way 2. Westinghouse Way 3. Lancaster Road <p>Refer to Item 4i of the agenda.</p>	Mark S has commenced review. Update to be provided at next meeting.	MR AB to note
n)	Issue 9-23-7 – Melksham various roads – request for Parking Review	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Town Council</p> <p>Parking concerns have been raised at the following locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Union Street – could parking be permitted to create chicanes? 2. The City / Alms Houses – request for residents parking scheme 3. Cranesbill Road – issue at school times 4. Skylark – no details submitted. 	<p>Highways to write to Town Clerk. 2. The City / Alms Houses request for residents parking scheme to be removed from list.</p> <p>Mark S has commenced review. Update to be provided at next meeting.</p>	AB to note MS

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		Highways to request further details of these issues from Town Council, prior to the review.		
o)	<p>Issue 9-22-21 – Melksham Snarlton Lane,</p> <p>Crossing point from Nightingale Close – request for coloured road surface due to safety concerns</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Cllr Sankey and Melksham Town Council</p> <p>View of the crossing is often restricted due to vegetation and a warning sign was previously funded through the CATG / LHFIFG process. The hedgerow is protected by a preservation order and will receive a flail cut as part of the routine maintenance programme.</p> <p>It was agreed to pursue an estimate to provide a coloured high friction strip to highlight the crossing area to motorists. Highways have suggested the use of a buff coloured material which will provide sufficient contrast against the regular road surface.</p> <p>The area to be treated is just under 28 square metres and the estimate to undertake this work £2,909.15, which includes legal fees for a temporary road closure. A provisional date to undertake this work has been agreed with the Contractor as 30th August, in time for the start of the new school year.</p> <p>Following a discussion the group were in agreement to take this forward. Town Council are content to make a 50% contribution.</p> <p>Recommend to the Area Board that this Issue is added to the Priority Schemes list, and to allocate a sum of £1,454.58</p>	<p>Works complete awaiting final account (Order M00364).</p> <p>Melksham TC to be invoiced.</p>	

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5.	Non LHFIFG Funded Schemes (Section 106, Active Travel etc)			
	Melksham Dunch Lane – funded by Section 106 monies from George Ward Gardens development	<p>Consultation on full closure over rail bridge or one way operation from east to west and new parking controls to be carried out by the Town Council.</p> <p>Town Council to undertake consultation in the New Year (2023). Section 106 monies Expires 1/11/2026</p>	<p>Ongoing discussion re. consultation for Dunch Lane to be held with Melksham Town council.</p> <p>Consultation on options for Dunch Lane anticipated during Dec 24</p>	Melksham TC
	<p>Issue 9-22-10</p> <p>Berryfield Semington Road – request to install 2 bus shelters</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>There is a Section 106 fund of £20,662 to provide 2 x shelters with seating, high access kerbs with RTI facility (or to be ready for RTI installation.</p> <p>Design work is underway with a start date for installation now confirmed as 27/11/23.</p>	<p>Delay to implementation due to issues relating to power supply to facilitate future RTPI. Cut out boxes for future electrical supply to be installed. Currently no RTPI is planned as part of works</p> <p>Order for Civils work placed (£6305.60 M00485), with bus shelter order to follow (Note: 8 week lead in for shelters) Issue with adopted highway extent that will need to resolved. Update at Feb 24 Meeting.</p>	AB to Note
	A365 Shaw Bath Road Footway improvements – funded by Section 106 monies from George Ward Gardens development.	<p>Due to the cancellation of a project this scheme had been brought forward in the work programme and work on the ground has now been completed. Highways are awaiting bills from the contractor.</p> <p>Representatives from the Town Council questioned why they were being asked for a contribution with the work having been carried out within Melksham Without's area. Officers reported that this had been agreed at a previous</p>	<p>Final account agreed £25,249.91</p> <p>Funding via Section 106 monies from George Ward Gardens development = £20,000.00 and Melksham AB = £7,000 (deposited)</p> <p>No requirement for contribution from Melksham TC. Confirmed via email</p> <p>S106 Monies transferred to LHFIFG Budget.</p>	AB To note

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	Active Travel Scheme - Signing to promote use of shared use cycle routes in town	<p>Scheme to be funded from a third tranche of Section 106 money from the George Ward Gardens development. There are funds remaining (£13,034.35) specifically to improve cycleway signing within the town.</p> <p>Town Council to submit a list of locations for signing improvements.</p>	MR to work with Melksham TC to look at sites within the town for cycle signing improvements. Likely early 2024.	MR / Town Council
6.	New Requests and ongoing Issues			
a)	<p>Issue 9-22-15 – Melksham junction of Church Street and High Street and Lowbourne – request for audible warning at signal controlled crossing points</p>	<p>Issue submitted by Melksham Town Council</p> <p>Highways have commissioned their Traffic Signal Consultants (Atkins) to investigate this matter.</p> <p>Town Council were content with the previous response on the disablement of the audible warnings, but asked why the crossing by Costa had the audible warning enabled?</p> <p>Most last update from Atkins read:</p> <p><i>The “Costa” crossing bleepers are audible at the junction but are very quiet. Usually we would say switch them off to be on the safe side but considering the issues identified by the visually impaired pedestrian (which are quite significant and not easily resolved by other means i.e. second push button) we are going to propose a second site visit with Telent (the signal</i></p>	<p>Audible signals at both crossing now switched on. Sites to be monitored for issues. MR to email Melksham TC.</p> <p>Remove from next tracker.</p>	

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		<p><i>engineers) to turn the beepers down at the crossing and switch on the beepers at the junction (at their lowest level) and review if the beepers can be heard between the two sites. If they can't be heard, then we will leave the crossing ones on and switch the junction ones on too, which would be a great benefit to the resident. If the beepers can be heard at the lowest setting then we will likely switch the crossing ones off and leave the junction ones off too.</i></p> <p><i>We will programme in a visit with Telent and provide more feedback when completed. Sorry this isn't a more definite answer. The crossing ones have been left on for now as they are only just audible and the risk of confusion is low especially for those familiar with the sites.</i></p> <p>We now await their findings of a second visit to the site with their contractor.</p>		
b)	<p>Issue 9-23-8 Melksham Bank Street – request for railings and / or other measures to improve safety</p>	<p>Issue submitted to Melksham Town Council</p> <p>The unprotected high pavement offers a risk of falling, particularly for those who are visually impaired. Suggestion is for railings and / or tactile paving.</p> <p>This has been explored before and it was requested that Highways circulate previous information concerning this, for further discussion. Please refer to Appendices 4 and 5 for background information. Appendix 6 indicates work previously undertaken on behalf of this group in 2014.</p> <p>Whilst noting the previous actions and reports, the Town Council asked that this matter be given further consideration. Highways suggested that this be passed to their consultants who are considering various</p>	<p>Request made to Atkins to include Bank Street for feasibility work as part of A3102 Safer Roads Study. Awaiting update.</p> <p>Cllr Sankey has asked that ideas for improvement are considered away from Safer Roads study. MR to examine options and report back to Feb 24 meeting.</p>	<p>AB to note</p> <p>MR</p>

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		measures as part of the A3102 Road Safety Study, and that no costs would be incurred by the LHFIG. The LHFIFG were content to follow this suggestion.		
c)	Issue 9-23-9 Speeding traffic on A365 Shaw and Whitley Corsham Road – request for SLOW road markings	New issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council Request is for SLOWs to be painted at; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Folly Lane, Shaw nr Beltane Place (inbound) • Shaw Hill just after signals (outbound) • Whitley Corsham Road near Mavern House <p>Following a discussion it was agreed that Highways should investigate and formulate a proposal with ball park costings, ahead of the next meeting.</p>	Speeding concerns. 30mph roundels not possible. Amended request for 3no. SLOW markings at locations indicated. <u>Cost Estimate.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment = £509.00 - 3no. SLOW markings = £136.44 - Stop /Go 2 hours = £60.00 Total = £705.00. <p>Group agreed to move to progress sites without need for 3rd party contribution. Agreed to combine with other LHFIFG sites required lining work to reduce establishment costs.</p>	MR
d)	Issue 9-23-10 – A350 Beanacre – request to review the signs which indicate the weight limit on Westlands Lane	New issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council Request for signing review. Following a discussion it was agreed that Highways should investigate both ends of the lane, and formulate a proposal with ball park costings, ahead of the next meeting. https://www.google.com/maps/A350 https://www.google.com/maps/	Proposal presented to group. Estimated cost including 20% contingency. £3134.00 (western end only) Advance signing already in place at Corsham Road end of Westlands Lane. Additional advance signs B3353 on likely to cost an additional £800-£1,000. Group agreed to move to 'Live priority schemes' subject to confirmation by MWPC	MR

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e)	<p>Issue 9-23-11 A365 Bowerhill, Devizes Road junction with Hornchurch Road – request to introduce double white line system to prevent overtaking.</p>	<p>New issue submitted by Melksham Without Parish Council</p> <p>Concerns have been raised of vehicles overtaking through and around the ghost island.</p> <p>Highways reported that solid white lines are not considered appropriate for speed limits below 40 mph. Other options, such as the placement of an island to deter overtaking could be considered.</p> <p>Highways to investigate and formulate a proposal with ball park costings, ahead of the next meeting. https://www.google.com/maps/</p>	<p>Proposal presented to group.</p> <p><u>Option 1</u> - Kerbed traffic islands x 2 with internally illuminated 'keep left' bollards Cost estimate incl. 20% contingency. = £11,325.00</p> <p><u>Option 2</u> - Rediweld 'Redipave' bolt down rubber traffic islands x 2 with solar powered rebound bollards (no ducting) Rediweld install. Cost estimate not including contingency £14,062.44</p> <p>Melksham without PC to consider options and report back to Feb 24 meeting.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MWPC</p>
f)	<p>Issue 9-23-12 Steeple Ashton, Sandpits Lane – request for signing measures and SLOW marking</p>	<p>New issue submitted by Steeple Ashton Parish Council</p> <p>Concerns over speed of vehicles in the vicinity of access into playing field, which is also a ROW. The speed limit at this point is National Limit.</p> <p>Following a discussion it was agreed that Highways should investigate and formulate a proposal with ball park costings, ahead of the next meeting. https://www.google.com/maps/</p>	<p>Request for Village gateway sign, SLOW markings, pedestrians in road signs Refer to proposal.</p> <p>Cost Estimate including 20% contingency = £1077.14.</p> <p>Group agreed to move to 'Live priority schemes' subject. SLOW marking to be picked up alongside Issue 9-23-9 to reduce establishment cost.</p>	<p>MR</p>
g)	<p>Issue 9-23-13 Steeple Ashton Sandpits Lane – request to improve access / egress into the playing field</p>	<p>New issue submitted by Steeple Ashton Parish Council</p> <p>Request for hard standing and footpath surface improvements into playing field access.</p> <p>Following a discussion, it was agreed that Highways should investigate and formulate a proposal with ball park costings. This will require a more detailed study and Highways requested that this be added to the Priority</p>	<p>Refer to proposal Plan - New steps constructed using timber, stakes, type 1 sub base and compacted road plantings. Non-scheduled work so standalone price will be required - Wessex Tree Care Estimate £2.5k - £3.5k</p> <p>NOTE: Investigate option to create new entrance in playing field via existing footway</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>Steeple Ashton PC</p>


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		Schemes List (without funding at this time) for consideration when staff resources become available. The group were content to follow this process. https://www.google.com/maps/	east of current entrance. Steeple Ashton PC to consider option including new entrance into field and report back	
h)	Issue 9-23-14 Steeple Ashton Common Hill / Newleaze – request for pedestrian barrier at exit of children’s play area	New issue submitted by Steeple Ashton Parish Council The play area is a thoroughfare for residents accessing Common Hill and a barrier would give protection for children who are witnessed running from this area towards th main road. Following a discussion it was agreed that Highways should investigate and formulate a proposal with ball park costings, ahead of the next meeting. https://www.google.com/maps	Existing path from play area 1.0m wide. Width insufficient for provision of pedestrian barrier. Main footway only 1.2m wide which is insufficient to accommodate barrier at 450mm offset. Option 1 - Provide splay at end of existing footpath to maintain through width and install single pedestrian railing 1.0m wide on existing footway. Cost approx. £1800 . Group agreed to move to live priority schemes subject to confirmation from Steeple Ashton PC	MR Steeple Ashton PC
i)	Issue 9-23-15 Halifax Road Bowerhill ‘H’ Bar Marking request.	New issue submitted by MWPC. Following a request via LHFIG, dropped kerbs have recently been installed on Halifax Road to enable those with wheelchairs/mobility scooters to access facilities on Bowerhill, such as Tesco and the Pub. However, vehicles are regularly parking in front of the dropped kerb and therefore stopping anyone with mobility issues crossing the road at this point. https://www.google.com/maps/	Group agreed to move to live priority schemes with no requirement for 3 rd party contribution. H bars x 3 to be picked up alongside Issue 9-23-9 and 9-23-12 to reduce establishment cost.	MR
j)	Issue 9-23-16 Magister Road, Bowerhill Request for ‘Children at play sign’	Residents had previously sought a change in the grass-cutting regime from wildflower cut on the green at the bottom of Magister Road, in order to create a play area at the front part of the green for children to play and kick a ball etc. Subsequently residents had contacted Wiltshire Councillor Nick Holder with concerns that drivers were not necessarily aware that children may be playing on	Group agreed to move to ‘Live priority schemes’ Estimated Cost £100.00	MR

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		the green and therefore not aware of the potential for children to run out into the road, chasing a ball for instance. https://www.google.com/maps/		
k)	Issue 9-23-17 Mitchell DR, Bowerhill Estate, Market Place Melksham	The installation of Realtime Information (RTI) on Mitchell Drive, Bowerhill and Market Place x 2 bus shelters. https://www.google.com/maps/Mitchell Drive https://www.google.com/maps/Market Place	Approx cost per site £6000. Group agreed to move to 'Live priority schemes' for RTPI at 3 sites, Market Place Street, Melksham x2, Mitchell Drive, Bowerhill with match funding (50%) where necessary. MR to speak to passenger Transport for sites to be assessed. Not financial commitment at this time. Update at Feb 24 meeting.	MR
6.	Other items			
a)	Pavement and Footway Improvement Schemes (pre-LHFIG)	<p>There was no footway patching carried out in 2022, therefore the work at Philips Close remains outstanding.</p> <p>Major Maintenance report that there are no resources available to progress the Ebenezer Chapel footway between Union Street and King George V playing field. The footpath is due to be inspected again to determine whether it can remain open for the time being.</p> <p>For the sites approved for footway reconstruction, Corfe Road, Melksham has been completed and Sherwood Avenue Melksham remains outstanding.</p> <p>No update was available for the Footway Slurry sites at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashley Close, Whitley 	AC's update presented to group. MR to update Cllr Holder Re. Birch Grove	AB to note

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tower Road, Melksham including cul-de-sac off Blackmore Road • Sherwood Avenue/Savernake Avenue, Melksham • Wellington Drive, Bowerhill • Birch Grove, Bowerhill • Elm Close, Bowerhill • Blackmore Road Cul-de-sacs, Melksham 		
b)	Deadline for submitting LHFIF Requests	<p>All requests are to be submitted two weeks prior to a meeting taking place. Requests received after the deadline will be deferred until the following meeting.</p> <p>Requests to be sent to LHFIFRequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>The deadline for our next meeting is 25th January 2024</p>	All to note	All
7.	Any other business			
	 Parking bay at the entrance to Union S			
8.	<p>Dates of future meetings:</p> <p>8th February 2024.</p> <p>Meetings to commence at 18:00 hrs and will be held on-line until further notice.</p>			

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Highways Traffic Officer – Martin Rose

Area Highway Engineer – Andy Cadwallader

1. Environmental & Community Implications

1.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LHFIG during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

2. Financial Implications

2.1. All decisions must fall within the Highways funding allocated to Melksham Area Board.

2.2. If funding is allocated in line with LHFIG recommendations outlined in this report, and all relevant 3rd party contributions are confirmed, Melksham Area Board will have a remaining Highways funding balance of: **£41,424.83**

3. Legal Implications

3.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

4. HR Implications

4.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

5. Equality and Inclusion Implications

5.1 The schemes recommended to the Area Board will improve road safety for all users of the highway.

6. Safeguarding implications

6.1 There are no specific Safeguarding implications related to this report.

7. Recommendations to Melksham Area Board

7.1 To add the following Issues to the Priority Schemes List with funding

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- **Issue 9-23-9** Speeding traffic on A365 Shaw and Whitley Corsham Road – SLOW road markings (£300 - 100% LHFIG)
- **Issue 9-23-12** Steeple Ashton, Sandpits Lane - signs / road markings (£1077.14 - 100% LHFIG funded)
- **Issue 9-23-14** Steeple Ashton Common Hill / Newleaze – request for pedestrian barrier at exit of children’s play area (£1,800.00 – 75% LHFIG, 25% PC)
- **Issue 9-23-15** Halifax Road Bowerhill ‘H’ Bar Marking request (£300 – 100% LHFIG)
- **Issue 9-23-16** Magister Road, Bowerhill Request for ‘Children at play sign’ (£100 – 100% LHFIG)

7.2 To add the following Issues to the Priority Schemes List without funding at this time

- **Issue 9-23-17** RTPI at Mitchell Drive, Bowerhill Estate, Market Place Melksham x 2