

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (1)

Meeting: Melksham Area Board
Place: Assembly Hall, Market Place, Melksham SN12 6ES
Date: Wednesday 11 February 2015
Time: 7.00 pm

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Melksham Community Area Transport Group Meeting Notes

5th February 2015, 4pm

Melksham Fire Station

Attendees: Cllr Jonathon Seed – Wiltshire Council (JS), Rhys Schell - Wiltshire Council (RS), John Ellis – Steeple Ashton Parish Council (JE), Cllr Terry Chivers – Wiltshire Council (TC), Rolf Brindle – Bowerhill Residents Action Group (RB), Alan Baines – Melksham Without Parish Council (AB), Tim Coleman – Poulshot Parish Council (TC), Mitch Roberts – Atworth Parish Council (MR), Spencer Drinkwater – Wiltshire Council (SD), Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council (MS), Andy Cadwallader – Wiltshire Council (AC), Cllr Jon Hubbard – Wiltshire Council (JH), Cllr Pat Aves – Wiltshire Council (PA)

Notes

1. Apologies

No apologies noted.

2. Active Priority List Updates

a. Melksham Bank Street – high friction surface.

MS and team are monitoring. Another hand sweep is required. The work is still under a 12 month warranty period.

b. C165 speed limit review

Results of the review are expected middle of February. Result will have included a metro count. MS will update at next meeting.

c. C244 speed limit review

Results of the review are expected middle of February. Result will have included a metro count. MS will update at next meeting.

d. Devizes Road, Poulshot – footway improvements

Work has been completed.

e. C19 Steeple Ashton 40mph speed limit

Work will be completed by the end of February.

f. Bowerhill Lancaster Rd pedestrian crossing

MS has been in contact with Valldata. AC stated the road is scheduled for major maintenance, which may affect initial plans.

g. Seend High St traffic management within narrow section

Actions

MS to keep on top of this.

MS to contact Peter Binley and report back at next meeting.

MS attended the parish meeting and proposed some options. Parishes preference is for intelligent signs that warn of oncoming vehicles (similar to West Lavington). Costs for 2 signs with sensors would be approx £20k including the installation work. Potential for request to be put in for this to be considered as a major bid.

CATG proposal is for Parish, CATG and Area Board to pay 1/3rd, 1/3rd, 1/3rd of the capital cost of the signage (£8500). Therefore, the Area Board will be asked for provisional approval of 1/3rd of the capital cost and the Parish will be asked to confirm their ability to fund 1/3rd capital. If the capital cost contribution is approved by both parties, an application will be put in for the cost of the installation work from highway sources major bids. Item to be discussed again at the next CATG which may move the project forward.

h. Melksham Snowberry Lane, pedestrian crossing facility

Ordered and contractor will complete late April/ early May 2015.

i. Melksham various roads, new bus shelters

3 sites for new bus shelters. Blackmore road, Semington road, and Snowberry lane. No action as is a town council project.

3. Budget

SD stated the assumption is that there will be the same annual allocation as previous years, however, unconfirmed at this stage.

Highways substantive bid scheme will be available as well.

Current balance for remainder of 2014/2015 is just over £11k, with none currently committed.

4. Major Maintenance Schemes 15/16

AC talked through the major maintenance schedule for Melksham and how they have been prioritised. JS proposed that AC circulate the Melksham specific schedule to the group and that he will introduce at the Area Board on 11 February and allow further comment until April Area Board.

5. SIDs

RS summarised the letter that has been circulated from Cllr John Thomson regarding the withdrawal of SIDs as currently funded. Alternatives schemes are being reviewed but no further update at this moment in time.

The group discussed local groups/ parishes independent ownership and use of SIDs. All recognised that maintaining, setting up, moving, risk assessing spots etc of the SIDs requires a great deal of work.

Proposal from CATG was that the JH as Chair of the Area Board write to Cllr Thomson and request that SIDs are not disposed of and that the Melksham Area are interested in learning more about what may be

JS to check budgets with Cllr Thomson

AC to circulate Melksham schedule to CATG members.

JH and RS to draft letter to Cllr Thomson

required to operate SIDs locally.

6. CSW

Report from Leanne Homewood, Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator has been circulated to all. Summary is that there are 6 active groups in Atworth, Steeple Ashton, Seend, Snowberry Lane, Shaw and Whitley and Semington Road. Woodrow Road and Bowerhill on hold due to low volunteer numbers.

Melksham specific figures from September 2013 up to January 2015

Speeding Vehicles	2,328 (upto 31/1/15)
Letters out	1704
NPT visits	60

JH stated there has been some confusion regarding risk assessments. RS will be meeting with Leanne Homewood shortly and can update at a future meeting.

7. 20mph limit requests

Results for these are imminent and will be circulated once ready.

MS to circulate when available.

8. New and existing Melksham Highways Issues

3025 – Speeding in Bollands Hill, Seend

Briefing note has been issued to the 5 Parish Councils. AC reported that this was on the planned major maintenance scheme. CATG agreed that they would like this completed as a priority in the 2015/16 schedule.

AC to ensure road is categorised as a priority.

3513 - Request for bus stop at Crossways Farm

Steeple Ashton parish still undertaking consultation, however, no requirement identified so far.

RS to close item.

3515 - Sandridge Road, A3102, Brick Hill junction

Insufficient evidence of accidents or incidents, despite e-mail update. A report or table with evidence is required or the item will be closed before the next CATG meeting.

RS to close if no further evidence provided.

3516 - Bowerhill footpath link between Hurricane rd and Grassmere

Estimated cost £4000 and Parish have formally offered to contribute 1/3rd. CATG recommends this be approved with 1/3rd from Area Board and 1/3rd from CATG.

To go to Area Board for approval.

3657 – Wildflowers on A350

Not feasible.

RS to close issue.

3668 – Speed limit reduction, Bell Hill, Seend C20

A review of this road has recently been completed and no further

RS to remove issue.

evidence has been provided.

3715 – Request for footpath to link Tower Road to Devonshire Place

Heavily used by cyclists and pedestrians, however, costs would be in region of £10-£15k.

AC to confirm the land ownership. JH to speak with Selwood Housing if their land.

3716 – Dropped kerbs, Blackmore Road

Long discussion on what the requirement is. MS confirmed alley is wide enough for cyclists. Dropped kerb to cost approx £1500. CATG recommends this be approved subject to Town Council putting in 1/3rd.

JH to speak with Town Council. To go to Area Board for approval.

3740 – A361 The Stocks, request to close section of lay-by

Defer to JS to establish further information.

3751 – Semington Pound close, safety concerns on route to school

MS has provided information for them to contact the Wiltshire Council Road Safety Unit who provide advice about school journeys.

RS to close issue.

9. Future meeting dates

Agreed as: Wednesday 13th May
Thursday 1st October
Thursday 14th January

RS to book Melksham Fire Station

10. AOB

MR requested that the zebra crossing in Atworth be re-opened. MR, TC and MS to meet to discuss and bring to next meeting.

CATG recommendations to the Melksham Area Board:

- 1. To note the information provided within the Local Highways Investment Fund**
- 2. For the Chair of the Area Board to write to the cabinet member for highways, Cllr John Thomson regarding the potential local use of SIDs**
- 3. To approve funding for dropped kerbs, Blackmore Road, Melksham.**

Cost £1500 – approval for £500 CATG and £500 Area Board

- 4. To approve funding for Bowerhill footpath link between Hurricane rd and Grassmere**

Cost £4000 – approval for £1333 CATG and £1333 Area Board

- 5. To provisionally approve funding for Seend High Street traffic management**

Cost £20000 – approval for £2833 CATG and £2833 Area Board. Parish Council will be asked to match fund 1/3rd of the capital cost and installation costs will be sought from major bids and other highway sources.

Melksham Seniors Forum,

A really good turn out of over 6 Seniors for our new "Activity" afternoon on the 2nd February when we had a very varied programme of events. Many members were able to tap into the big world of IT with lessons on iPad's and laptop's from staff from the Learning curve whilst others enjoyed the Sing N Smiles sessions, movement to music and games provided by friends from Age Concerns.

In fact, we realised that we are being far too ambitious in packing so much in to an afternoon.

Therefore in future the IT sessions will be held on a different day, leaving the 1st Monday in the month events as a fun, games & singing activities, with other projects on a different day. The activity project fits very well with the Councils desire to support Ageing Better and keeping older people healthier.

The film show on Monday afternoon the 16th February will be the Award winning Film "Cry Freedom" Directed by Richard Attenborough starring Denzel Washington. Doors open at 1330 for refreshments, film starts 2pm.

The senior forum is very concerned that the high costs of venues and associated add on costs, alongside cuts in grants is making it almost impossible for local voluntary organisation to fulfill the key purpose of their existence without identifying extra funding.

We would therefore seek the support of the Area Board in requesting Wiltshire Council to review its policies on grants to grass roots organisations, especially as it relates to revenue.

Regards

Brian Warwick
Chair, Melksham Seniors 55+ Forum

4th February 2015

