

Note of Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group held on 5 March 2012

Committee Room 8, County Hall, Trowbridge

Present:

Malcolm Hewson, Wiltshire Councillor (Chairman)

Rosemary Brown, Wiltshire Councillor

Trevor Carbin, Wiltshire Councillor

Linda Conley, Wiltshire Councillor

Gwen Allison, Bradford on Avon Town Council

Martin Moyes, Holt Parish Council

Bob Broadhead, Limpley Stoke Parish Council

Matthew Midlane, Monkton Farleigh Parish Council

Ian Richardson, Westwood Parish Council

Linda Ladner, Winsley Parish Council

Alan Mines, Keith Brendish, Wingfield Parish Council

PC Martin Barrett, Wiltshire Police

Andy Cadwallader, Area Highway Engineer, Wiltshire Council

David Thomas, Traffic Engineering Manager, Wiltshire Council

Spencer Drinkwater, Principal Transport Planner, Wiltshire Council

Peter Dunford, Community Area Manager for Bradford on Avon, Wiltshire Council

1. Apologies

None.

2. Notes of CAT-G meeting on 9 January 2011

Agreed.

3. A36 Cleveland Bridge, Bath

Spencer Drinkwater gave an update. Bath and North East Somerset Council has refused to pay for joint monitoring of HGV vehicle movements, so Wiltshire has had to commission its own counts at a cost of £ 20,000. Locations include A350 Semington, A350 Westbury, A363 Farleigh Wick, A363 Cock Hill, and B3105 Staverton.

B&NES has also not published the outcomes of any consultations on the issue and no signage plan. The Police have not even seen the proposals. It seems they are some way behind their original timetable of Spring 2012 for implementation.

No response has been received from the Information Commissioner and the MP is chasing this. No weight limit should be allowed on a primary route.

AGREED: To invite Councillor Roger Symonds, Cabinet Member for Transport at B&NES Council, to report on progress to the Bradford on Avon Area Board meeting on 16 May.

4. Additional £ 25, 000 funding from Area Board in 2011/12 – ideas for quick wins

The following programme of minor capital expenditure was negotiated through discussion:

Wingfield Phase 3 footways (programmed for April)	£ 6, 000
Westwood Signing of the Nursery School with associated carriageway markings Resiting of advance carriageway width limit sign to make more visible 2 no School warning signs 2 no 'SLOW' markings adjacent signs 1 no advisory carriageway width sign mounted on existing 20 mph sign 1 no removal of existing advisory carriageway width sign	£ 538
Newtown, Bradford on Avon 2 no flexible bollards within buildouts Road Closure Order	£ 3, 406
Limpley Stoke On carriageway footway on Woods Hill Road Closure Order	£ 1, 942
Limpley Stoke On carriageway footway at Midford Lane	£ 910
Limpley Stoke Feasibility Study for pedestrian route along Lower Stoke Match Funding contribution from Parish Council	£ 6, 738.10
Bradford on Avon Dropped Kerbs – see appendix Match Funding contribution from Town Council	£ 7, 497
Wingfield, Church Lane Dropped Kerbs	£ 1, 666
Total Costs	£ 28, 697

Matching Contributions	£ 3, 800
Grand Total	£ 24, 897

AGREED: To recommend the above programme, to the value of £ 24,897, to the Bradford on Avon Area Board for funding from its 2011/12 budgets.

AGREED: Matching contributions of £ 2,000 from Bradford on Avon Town Council and £ 1,800 from Limpley Stoke Parish Council to be levered into the programme.

Note: This expenditure will result in current budgets being fully spent up. A further £ 10, 602 will be available to the Bradford on Avon CAT-G in 2012/13, representing a stand-still budget on current funding levels. The Substantive Highways Scheme will be available again in 2012/13 with an enhanced budget of £ 250,000 available to bids on a competitive basis.

5. Update on CAT-G priorities:

i) Trowbridge Road, Bradford on Avon – traffic calming and Puffin Crossing

Parked cars and two way traffic resulting in large vehicles mounting low pavements, need for markings on the footways or bollards to deter. A radical solution would be to remove on street parking but this would not be popular with residents or politically acceptable. The crossing is recommended in the School Travel Plan but has not yet been confirmed in the capital programme.

AGREED: No feasible solution currently on the table, drop as a CAT-G priority.

ii) Holt Zebra Crossing

Now approved and timetabled for construction from 10 April for 2 weeks.

iii) Wingfield Phase 2 Footways

Phase 2 footways implementation starting 12 March with Phase 3 to follow-on.

iv) Westwood on-carriageway footways

Road patching work carried out late February, footway painting early March.

6. Other urgent matters:

i) Historic Core Zone

The next meeting of the HCZ Working Group is on 7 March, hosted by the Town Council and attended by highways officers from Wiltshire Council and Mouchel.

ii) Budbury Place Car Park, Bradford on Avon

Site visit by Councillors still awaited. Report back to Area Board.

ACTION: MH to visit Budbury Place Car Park with HAG and report back to Area Board in May to agree action.

iii) Well Path, Bradford on Avon

Andy Cadwallader reported that the Council had now agreed to stabilise the wall and reclaim the monies from the owner once ownership has been established. Quotes being sourced, costs in the region of £ 15-20,000. Once works complete the Closure Order on the path can be removed.

iv) Bus Shelters on Berryfield Road

Referred to and approved by Bradford on Avon Town Council.

v) Woolley Street, Bradford on Avon

Issues of the state of the road/ pavement and congestion caused due to the volume and size of vehicles trying to pass parked cars. Possible solutions include introducing waiting restrictions (which would be unpopular amongst residents in Woolley Street and adjacent streets); reducing the speed limit to 20 mph; and stopping lorry traffic at either end (other than refuse vehicles and those loading/unloading).

ACTION: Councillor Brown to discuss solutions with 'Friends of Woolley'.

vi) Coppice Hill

Longstanding issue of illegal parking caused by holiday let. Police unable to enforce waiting restrictions at all hours. Resident, Mrs Seward, wishing to install bollard(s) outside her property. Wiltshire Council willing to commission the bollard and install for free, but unable to cover the cost of purchase.

ACTION: Letter to Mrs Seward to notify her of the proposal.

vii) Signage

Winsley Parish Council has identified:

- 1) Sign required from Bradford Road and Winsley by-pass to direct people to village amenities i.e. School, Pre-school, Doctors and Shop.
- 2) Sign to warn of emerging traffic from Avon Park as view of exit difficult and many of the drivers are elderly.
- 3) Dilapidated signs in Murhill (photos supplied).

Wingfield Parish Council has identified:

- 4) The placement of additional 40mph carriageway roundels on both sides of the B3109 to/from the X roads to/from 150m south of Chapel Lane to complement the relocation of the existing signage in Sept 2012.

(Note – Use of repeater signage in this location supported by PC Colwill in his June 2011 report to Highways)

As dangerous overtaking at speed is a serious problem in this location, the Parish Council would wish to bid for double white lines to be installed.

ACTION: Dave Thomas to investigate and provide costings

viii) Staverton Old Bridge

Concerns raised by Staverton Parish Council over the impact of a possible HGV ban in Bath and knock-on impacts to the infrastructure and volume of heavy goods traffic at Staverton Bridge. Request to make a formal application for a weight restriction to be placed on the bridge.

Officers have investigated and found there is no reason to impose a weight limit on any of the bridges through Staverton on structural grounds due to strengthening works in recent years. As reported at Item 3, it is unclear what is happening with regards to proposed HGV restrictions at Cleveland Bridge in Bath.

Trevor Carbin voiced his concerns at the volume of traffic passing through the village and supported a 20 mph speed limit at the old bridge junction.

Dave Thomas reported that the report on the 20 mph trials in Wiltshire would be complete by Summer 2012.

7. Deployment of Speed indicator Device

The Bradford on Avon community area currently only has one Speed indicator Device (SID) regularly deployed in its area, at the B3109 in Wingfield. There is therefore capacity to identify further sites for deployment.

Following a 'metrocount', Moulton Drive in Bradford on Avon has been assessed as eligible for Community Speed Watch but the community has been unable to raise sufficient volunteers to implement the scheme.

As a special case under the directive of the Area Board, a SID could be deployed on site for a 2 week duration on rotation every 3 months. A further metrocount would be taken in 12 months time to assess the impact of the SID.

ACTION: Partners agreed to recommend to the Area Board that a Speed Indicator Device be deployed at Moulton Drive, Bradford on Avon.

Dave Thomas clarified that other nominations for SID deployment on 30 mph and 40 mph roads suffering from excessive speeding could be considered by the Area Board. Trevor Carbin recommended the B3105 at New Terrace, Staverton.

ACTION: Re-circulate the criteria for Community Speed Watch to the Town and Parish Councils as a reminder of the process for reporting speeding issues

8. C and Unclassified Roads - Speed Limit Review Programme

Dave Thomas circulated a map and list of the C Roads in the community area together with collision rates. Nominations were sought for a maximum of 3 C class and Unclassified roads to be assessed in 2012/13.

ACTION: The following routes were agreed for assessment under the Speed Limit Review Programme: C225, C213, C217

9. Waiting Restrictions Review

Following some mis-communication with the Town and Parish Councils on this newly delegated power, the deadline for responses has been extended. Covers proposals for residents' parking and yellow lining.

10. Any other Business

Clarification was requested on Wiltshire Council's policy on flyposting following some illegal activity in Wingfield. The Parish Stewards have powers to remove unauthorised posters etc.

ACTION: Andy Cadwallader to investigate flyposting in Wingfield.

Gwen Allison reported that adjustments had been authorised to the barriers at Church Lane.

Concerns have been notified to Linden Homes regarding implementation of the one way system through the Kingston Mills development as there have been instances reported of 'near misses' at the entrance outside Budgens caused by vehicles exiting onto the main road.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 18 June, County Hall, Committee Room 8 at 4pm.