

Corsham Community Area Transport Group

Notes of the meeting held 6th September 2012 at Corsham Corsham Fire Station

Attendees

Dick Tonge, Alan MacRae, Spencer Drinkwater, Sheila Parker, Mary Harvey, Kevin Gaskin, Dave Roberts, Peter Davis, Gareth Rogers, Margaret Rousell, Kristian Price, Peter Biggins and Peter Anstey

Apologies

Terry O'Neil, David Martin, Phillip Glenn and Ruth Hopkinson

Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the last meeting held on 21st June were accepted as a true record.

Update on Priorities from last meeting

Skynet Drive

A further meeting has taken place with MoD outlining proposals regarding using and adopting Skynet Drive. MoD are stating that they will investigate the costs associated with bringing Skynet Drive up to standard but will not meet the costs of upgrading the road. They also stated that they would not allow permissive rights of way and only consider adoption. Wiltshire Council does not have funding to bring this road up to standard. Corsham Town Council would like to explore using Section 106 funds for this purpose. MR raised the issue of crossing in this location. DT advised that no crossing will be installed without proper consultation.

Action SD to write to MoD Corsham to raise the content of a letter received 30th April 2012 that suggested that MoD were in the process of drawing up a draft agreement to allow use of the road.

GR to forward a copy of the crossing report for this location.

St Patricks School

Flashing amber lights have been installed.

The bollards as suggested on the plan will be put on hold until the waiting restrictions are in place and the outcome of changes are known. The paperwork for the waiting restrictions are ready for publication and a Traffic Regulation Order will be advertised as soon as a response from the school has arrived.

The school are also asking for 60 car parking permits for parents.

Action GR to arrange for TRO as soon as paperwork is in place along with other TROs agreed at the last meeting.

DT to follow up on car parking permits.

Pickwick Road, Corsham

A survey was carried out on 29th March 2012. This location fits the criteria laid down and a Zebra Crossing is the desired outcome for Pickwick Road as described in the report.

CATG made a successful bid for substantive funding to install the crossing at this location. This scheme should be ready for advertising by October 2012.

Action GR to prepare the paperwork and actively promote this crossing locally

South Place – Corsham

A trial at South Place commenced 16th April 2012 and concluded on 30th April 2012

A report was circulated and highlighted the main findings.

GR also circulated a paper that outlined the advantages and disadvantages of widening the footpath at South Place to allow safe passage for pedestrians. The same paper also highlighted advantages and disadvantages of seeking an alternative route for pedestrians.

St Patricks School supported the idea of an alternative route.

Discussion also took place about Corsham Town Council taking the lead on this with full technical support from GR.

PA stated that although in principle he supported this approach owing to the relationship CTC have with Corsham Estate he was not in a position to commit to this without permission from CTC.

The group considered that widening the footpath at South Place a further 300mm. This would involve considerable road works and flooding issues might have to be considered. They decided that the disadvantages would outweigh the advantages.

There have been discussions with Corsham Estate which have indicated that they might allow a new access to be formed from the car park to the rear of the Methuen Arms to the gates at the side of the war memorial, thus by-passing South Place. Discussion took place around the various issues with ownership of paths, rights of way, buggies and wheelchairs gaining access through the gates and lighting through the wooded area. However the group felt that this was an avenue worth pursuing and could be seen to be helping the parking and general traffic situation in Lacock Road.

After careful consideration the group decided to recommend to the Corsham Area Board to abandon plans to widen the footpath at South Place and to enter into further discussion with Corsham Estate to provide an alternative footpath.

Recommendation to Corsham Area Board.

Abandon plans to widen the footpath at this location and enter into further discussions with Corsham Estate. Subject to approval from Corsham Area Board and Corsham Town Council.

High Street Lacock

Lacock Parish Council wish to proceed with an experimental closure of Lacock High Street and are happy to proceed with the consultation with support from Wiltshire Council Highways with the questions for the consultation.

Action GR to work with Lacock PC on the questions.

Bus Shelter Box Hill

The bus shelter installed by Wiltshire Council offers some protection from the elements but an issue was raised about the shelter not offering enough protection from high winds that occasionally gust through this area.

KP advised that installing a new bus shelter at this location would cost in the region of £4,000. After careful consideration the group decided not to proceed with installation of a new bus shelter.

Action DR to close issue on issue tracking system.

Road safety Easton

KP advised that the road markings have been refreshed and that officers are of the opinion that little more can be done at this location.

Action DR to close this issue on the issue tracking system

Issue Sheets

2505 Missing Bollards Pound Pill Corsham.

GR informed the group that alternatives to bollards are being considered at this location but at the very least the bollards will be replaced.

Action GR to offer a timescale for these works.

2484 Increased traffic at Westwells

A metro count has been carried out at this location. The results stated that a total of 9498 vehicles were checked and that 85 percent of traffic was travelling at 29.1mph or below therefore as far as speeding traffic was concerned no further action to be taken. However the issue sheet also mentioned the volume of traffic and MoD allowing traffic to turn left through the village.

A metro count was carried out prior to the development of the MoD site.

Action SD to track down the survey and bring to the next meeting.

2440 Footpath at Waverley Court

This item was a considerably sticky issue and involved rights of way. Residents want this closing to deter night time anti social behaviour. The rights of way officers have stated that it is not a simple solution and that closure of a public footpath is rare.

Action to defer to next meeting and ask rights of way officers to attend and provide maps.

2514 Vehicles over 3.5t using lanes form Ben Cross, Box to Colerne via Tutton Hill or Drewitts Mill

Both Colerne and Box PC are in favour of weight restrictions to deter HGVs using this route. Concerns were also raised about HGVs causing damage to properties owing to cars parking inappropriately. Double yellow signs were seen as one possible solution to solving part of the issue.

A process is in place for town and parish councils to request parking and weight restrictions.

Action defer to the next meeting and GR to supply copies of highway report

Date of next meeting

Thursday 18th October 2012 10.30 venue Corsham Fire Station