

MINUTES

Amesbury Community Area Transport Group

Meeting: 4th September 2012

Attendees:

Cllrs Mike Brunton, Roger Fisher, Mike Hewitt (Chairman), Carole Slater, John Smale, Ian West, Graham Wright

Graham Axtell (Area Highways Engineer), Spencer Drinkwater (Principal Transport Planner), Tom Gardner (Senior Transport Engineer), Karen Linaker (Community Area Manager)

Keith Elmer (General Manager of Community Transport South Wiltshire)

	<u>Item</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Apologies</u>	Apologies from Cllrs Janet Tidd and Howard Jarvis	
2.	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>	Cllr Wright raised concerns on a technicality of how Cllr Hewitt had been elected chairman of the group. The meeting noted, that the Area Board had agreed the chairmanship of the group at the 24 th May 2012 meeting.	
3.	<u>Current / Ongoing Schemes</u>		
(i)	<u>Steeple Langford new footway</u>	Tom has assessed this now as a feasible scheme that could cost approximately £30k. He advised the group to set aside £1.5k from the 2012/13 CATG budget for a topographical survey, to prepare for a substantive bid in 2013/14. The group agreed with this advice and asked Tom to proceed with the necessary negotiations.	Tom
(ii)	<u>Shrewton High St – lack of footway</u>	The Parish Council was asked to consult with residents about the introduction of a new footway, particularly due to the concern that drivers may resort to parking on the new footway. Graham Axtell was arranging a re-angling of the pedestrian sign to see if this could assist the situation	Carole Graham
(iii)	<u>Shrewton, London Rd</u>	The metrocount reading for this road was not yet available, and the vegetation hampering view of the speed limit had not yet been trimmed – Karen to chase. The Parish Council had resolved not to fund a new SID, but to await Wiltshire Council's new policy, and the Area Board's subsequent ruling on whether or not to assign a SID to this site.	Karen
(iv)	<u>Orcheston: Elston Lane & Whatcombe Brow speed limit</u>	The Parish Council noted that these two roads would be added to the list of other C roads that may be nominated by the CATG in 2013/14 for review (on the understanding that the CATG would need to prioritise two only).	Karen

(v)	<u>A303 Winterbourne Stoke – need for 30mph limit</u>	The Area Board wrote to the Highways Agency in August requesting an urgent review of the speed limit on this road. A standard response has been received, but councillors remain unsatisfied. Cllr Smale suggested that energies behind the move by west country MPs and MEPs to resolve this issue for the sake of the region should be harnessed in some way. Cllrs also disputed the most recent metrocount reading for this site which had not recommended action. Associated with this road, cllrs raised concerns about congestion on Countess Roundabout, despite its new layout, and how this also impacted upon Winterbourne Stoke. Karen was asked to alert the Highways Agency to this concern in time for their visit to the Area Board in September	Karen
(vi)	<u>Church St, Amesbury – footway widening</u>	The Traffic Regulation Order was advertised in July and 2 objections were received, so ultimate approval of this scheme is referred to the Cabinet Member. If approved, the scheme will require a road closure in order to safely undertake the construction and vehicles will be signposted to the A303. Work on this cannot therefore commence until completion of the Broken Cross Bridge works, as the A303 is a diversion route for this scheme – so March 2013	
(vii)	<u>Cold Harbour, Amesbury</u>	This site had been inspected, and cllrs were advised that work to implement dropped kerbs would cost approx. £3.5k. introduction of double yellow lines was not considered to be suitable in this instance, but bar markings were raised as an alternative. Cllr Fisher and Graham Axtell agreed to meet on site to further assess this aspect of the issue. Amesbury Town Council were asked to see if they could contribute to the cost of these works.	Roger/ Graham
(viii)	<u>Salisbury Rd, Bulford to Solstice Park – cycle way</u>	Cllr Smale explained that negotiations were still ongoing, but that these remained slow in pace. He would continue to apply pressure to the parties involved, particularly bearing in mind the pedestrian/cyclist highway safety concerns associated with this route.	Cllr Smale
(ix)	<u>Porton Down Entrance – 30mph red surfacing</u>	Funding and works now all agreed.	Tom
(x)	<u>Newton Tony – 20mph limit</u>	Cllr Smale continues to liaise with the parish council on this matter, and will inform them that a new policy is to be published on the introduction of 20mph in Wiltshire, following the recent pilots conducted elsewhere in the county.	Cllr Smale
(xi)	<u>Winterbourne Earls – assisted crossings / school warning</u>	In order to assess the correct positioning of the assisted crossings in the proximity of Earls Rise and The Shop, the group was asked to approve funding for the pedestrian counts at approx. £800. Regarding the flashing warning sign, the	Karen

	<u>sign</u>	group were advised that a school crossing patrol person would need to be recruited. Officers would make further enquiries on this and liaise with the Parish Council/School	
(xii)	<u>Figheledean – road surfacing</u>	These requests had been followed up, and temporary repairs would be conducted where possible	Graham
(xiii)	<u>Durrington/Amesbury – footpath from Stonehenge Roundabout to Todderdown House</u>	This scheme had been approved for substantive bid and CATG funding and would proceed in Nov/Dec 2012	
(xiv)	<u>Durrington – substandard footpath from Hackthorne Road to Cemetery</u>	This matter was being pursued, led by Cllr Wright	
(xv)	<u>Pinkneys Way, Durrington – redundant bus shelter</u>	Cllr Wright had secured the agreement of Wiltshire Council to remove this bus shelter.	
4. <u>New Schemes / Issues</u>			
(i)	<u>Shrewton, High Street – area of footway by bus stop</u>	The Parish Council requested alterations to the area by the bus stop so that people could wait safely and not have to stand out on the busy A360. Tom and Graham agreed to look at this, and advised that it could cost approx. £5k. Carole was asked to see if the parish council would contribute to the cost	Tom/ Graham Carole
(ii)	<u>Butterfield Drive, Amesbury – resize speed humps</u>	This issue, plus two additional issues, were put by the General Manager of the Amesbury Hoppa bus service to the group for its view and assistance. A number of options were discussed, and in relation to the speed humps, the group agreed that Tom should revisit the site to assess what re-engineering works would be feasible. Officers were also asked to work with Keith in resolving his other issues	Tom Tom
(iii)	<u>Amesbury, High St – review of parking restrictions</u>	Cllr Fisher provided a full report on this request to the board, explaining that it specifically referred to the taxi ranks on the High Street. In support of local requests, Amesbury Town Council was keen to see the restrictions on parking removed from these ranks, except between 10pm and 2am between William Hills and A S Witt. The group expressed support for this request, and referred this matter to the relevant officers to investigate.	

(iv)	<u>Shrewton, Nett Rd – turning circle</u>	Large vehicles, sometimes contractors, but mainly fuel deliveries, were finding it difficult to turn around in this road, and the group was asked to consider introducing a turning circle. Graham agreed to look at the matter	Graham Axtell
(v)	<u>Barn Down Close, Winterbourne Gunner – improved visibility splays required</u>	Now that this junction is in greater use, there is a need for improved visibility splays. Cllr Hewitt explained that the vegetation would be trimmed on landowner hedges, but officers needed to look into the situation to see how it could be resolved.	Tom / Graham A
(vii)	<u>Shrewton, Salisbury Rd – need for dropped kerb</u>	The parish council would like a dropped kerb close to the weight restriction sign, as the width of the footway was sufficient at this point. This would provide a suitable spot to cross in the road, and prevent wheelchair users and parents with prams from having to walk in the road. The group noted that this would cost approx. £1.5k and that the parish council would look to see if it could also contribute.	Tom / Graham A
5.	<u>Broken Cross Bridge - Update</u>		
	The group noted the update in the agenda, and that the key issue remained that of the access permits scheme. This would be the subject of a meeting on the 17 th September. Cllr Hewitt asked officers to provide reassurance that any road surfacing works on the A338 through the Winterbournes be done so during the bridge works		Graham A
6.	<u>Amesbury Community Area Schools – Parking Review</u>		
	The group agreed to defer discussion on this matter until the School Travel Plan Advisor was able to comment on the report and attend the next group meeting		Karen
7.	Date of Next Meeting – 14th January 2013, 10am		Karen