

Note of Bradford on Avon Community Area Transport Group held on 1st October 2012 at County Hall, Trowbridge

1. Present:

Gwen Allison, Bradford on Avon Town Council

Alan Mines, Wingfield Parish Council

Martin Annetts, Wiltshire Police

Linda Conley, Wiltshire Councillor

Linda Ladner, Winsley Parish Council

Shay Parsons, Lorry Watch

Andrew Pearce, Holt Parish Council

Bob Broadhead, Limpley Stoke Parish Council

Martin Moyes, Holt Parish Council

Trevor Carbin, Wiltshire Councillor

Malcolm Hewson, Wiltshire Councillor

Spencer Drinkwater, Highways

Peter Hanson, Highways

Dave Thomas, Highways

Peter Dunford, Community Area Manager

Apologies: Keith Brendish (Wingfield Parish Council), Andy Cadwallader (Highways)

2. Notes of CAT-G meeting on 25 June and matters arising

Amendment proposed by Wingfield Parish Council re. Substantive Highways Scheme: Wingfield Footways Phase 4 to be split over 2 financial years – this year construction from south of traffic signals to 21A Frome Road.

ACTION: PD to amend minute

3. Budget Position 2012/13

Budget unallocated: £ 5, 591

4. Outcome of bids to Substantive Highways Scheme 2012

Successful bids for Wingfield Footways (£16,800) and Mythern Meadow, Bradford on Avon, footpath resurfacing (£ 15,000).

5. Update on appeal against the proposal by Bath and North East Somerset Council to impose an experimental 18 tonne weight restriction on HGVs at A36 Cleveland Bridge in Bath

Decision delayed but due by New Year

6. Update on Town Bridge advance weight limit signs

Signs ordered, awaiting programmed installation.

ACTION: DT to install before Xmas

7. Lorry Watch update

The initiative has resulted in a 65% reduction in offences. Only 1 prosecution to date, but others are pending. The group has contributed detailed comments to the signage review. After one year, the group has agreed with Trading Standards to stand-down the rota and to re-introduce it occasionally – probably in March and September 2013 – to monitor the situation and the impact of the new signs.

ACTION: PD to chase Legal re. progress with prosecutions. SP to attend CAT-G in Spring 2013 with an update.

8. Steps towards an Air Quality Action Plan for Bradford on Avon

PD reported on the public consultation events and recommendations agreed by the Area Board. An Air Quality Partnership would be established to oversee this work; surveys of public health, carbon dioxide/ particulates and traffic origin and destination would be undertaken; the promotion of electric buses and cars is being investigated by the Climate Friendly group on the lines of initiatives elsewhere such as the Dorchester–Poundbury electric bus.

ACTION: Launch of Air Quality Partnership by end 2012

9. Historic Core Zone - consultation with vulnerable groups on planned improvements at the Market Street/ Church Street junction

RB impressed with the plans recently on display in St Margaret's Hall – a further round of consultation with the general public is planned in the New Year.

The Integrated Transport Block has funded the planning to date and capital funding for implementation of Phase 1 will be sought after the consultations are complete.

10. Speed Limit Review – A363/ B3105/ B3107 Bradford on Avon and Holt

Reductions in speed limits to 50 mph on these routes.

20 mph trial sites in 6 locations – a Cabinet report is drafted which includes the results from metrocounts and resident questionnaires – a decision will be taken in the New Year on the way forward once final guidance from the DfT is issued.

B&NES have implemented a policy of 20 mph zones in residential areas across its district. KB not happy that WC is waiting and doing nothing.

ACTION: DT to report back on evaluation of 20 mph trials next time

11. Update on CAT-G priority projects

- i) Bollards, Newtown: estimated cost of £7, 400; needs a road closure to implement; cannot use temporary traffic lights as requested by the Town Council
- ii) Limpley Stoke - Woods Hill and Midford Lane – on carriageway footways: completed
- iii) Limpley Stoke - Lower Stoke – feasibility study: report being considered by Parish Council
- iv) Wingfield – phase 4 footways: Substantive Highways Funding received
- v) Mythern Meadow to Avon Close – footway: Substantive Highways Funding received
- vi) Priory Close, Bradford on Avon – streetlight: completed and operational
- vii) Winsley – junction to Avon Park – warning signs: Winsley PC have written to Avon Park requesting £1000 funding, awaiting a response
- viii) South Wraxall – gateway surfacing: done

12. Other urgent highways and transport matters:

- Woolley Street, Bradford on Avon – residents parking zone request: delegated process through Town Council
 - Church Street, Bradford on Avon – residents parking zone request: delegated process through Town Council
 - Woolley Terrace, Bradford on Avon - ratrunning and speeding:
ACTION: site visit with ‘Friends of Woolley’ to agree site for metrocount
 - Holt Road to Springfield, Bradford on Avon – pedestrian safety: pedestrian facilities to be improved as part of Kingston Farm development. Thick canopy of trees overhanging highway needs cutting back. **ACTION: contact Shaun Moulton**
Sodium lights need to be converted to mercury white lighting - Kingston Farm to pay for it? New junction on Frome Road vetoed by planners.
 - Bath Road, Bradford on Avon - crossing to Christchurch School:
ACTION: chase progress of School Travel Plan with Headteacher
 - Frome Road, Bradford on Avon – traffic calming and pollution:
ACTION: highways officers to inspect
 - Frankleigh, Bradford on Avon – speeding on A363:
ACTION: speeding in 40 mph zone to be monitored through metrocount as a first step
 - Holt Manor - removal of illegal bollards and signs: legal battle with owner. Bollards a hazard on the public highway. Parish Council thankful for support from Area Board. Brown signs still in place. Awaiting report from DT to be signed off by Dick Tonge.
ACTION: Update to next Area Board meeting
 - Monkton Farleigh – bus stop: children waiting for bus stop to Corsham School outside Kingsdown Golf Club – in Melksham community area!
 - Widbrook – road safety: speed limit reduced to 50 mph. No engineering solution obvious. Problem with water on carriageway, PH to investigate drainage.
ACTION: Site visit
 - Wingfield – hidden dip sign on approach to Swansbrook Farm entrance
ACTION: AM to send details to DT
- Wingfield - petition from Mrs Novotini re. pavement from Trowle Farm Lane to Loves Lane
ACTION: Petition to be sent to Parish Council for its consideration

- Winsley – signs: Parish Council pleased. Further signs needed to direct to shops.
- Woolley Green - speed limit and safe crossing point:
ACTION: Site visit required with Friends of Woolley
- Staverton – on street parking: near top of priority list for on-street parking improvements. Remove parking on roundabout through Traffic Regulation Order

13. Any other highways issues not raised elsewhere on the agenda

Winsley School concerns - refer to Ruth Durrant, Travel Plan officer.

Kingston Farm construction traffic route – MH suggested should be agreed by Development Control as a reserved matter **ACTION: Put on agenda for next time. Write to Shaun Moulton to advise now**

Puffin Crossing on Trowbridge Road – Town Council want to keep on agenda.

Kingston Mill – parking tickets rescinded – pedestrian crossing outside Budgens to be moved to desire line. **ACTION: DT to consult with Development Control**

Mrs Long, Grove Leaze near Winsley Road - concern re lack of pavement. **ACTION: Site visit**

14. Date of Next Meeting – suggested Monday 7 January 2013, County Hall at 4pm