

Highways Working Group (CATG)

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 1st October 2013

Attendees: Cllr Alan Hill (Wiltshire Council), Charles Boase (Calne Town Council), Ed Jones (Focus on Five Parish forum), Anne Henshaw (Calne Community Area Partnership), Richard Tucker (Bremhill Parish Council), Geoff Procter (HAGGIS), Spencer Drinkwater (Wiltshire Council Principal Transport Planner), Mark Stansby (Wiltshire Council Senior Traffic Management Engineer), Martin Cook (Wiltshire Council, Area Highways Engineer), Jonathan Moss, (Wiltshire Council, Area Co-ordinator, Local Highways & Streetview), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

1. Apologies:

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.

2. Community Speedwatch

JV provided an update on the scheme (see appendix1).

The group noted and were encouraged that the Police and Crime Commissioner is supporting this initiative.

3. SID (Speed Indicator Device) rota

It was noted that the previous update also referred to the SID programme and await further detail of future rota dates.

4. Update on outstanding work from 2012/13

- **Goatacre Refuge:** MS reported the last lighting column is now in place – but is not yet working.

5. Update on existing 2013/14 schemes

- **Hilmarton, erosion at Church Road:** MC reported that an instruction has gone to the contractors to lay kerbs and it is hoped that plant will be made available to undertake works in the near future. JM was asked to try and make this a priority issue.
- **Maud Heath's Causeway Study:** MS reported that this study has begun but there are no results yet. It is hoped that there will be more to report at the next meeting.

6. Priorities identified at Calne Area Board: 13th August 2013

- **Calne Community Area Partnership (CCAP) – Community**

ACTIONS

JM prioritise work at Church Road, Hilmarton.

Transport Strategy for the Community Area: AH reported that this had been discussed at the last CCAP meeting and also the Calne Area Transport (CAT) meeting. At both there was concern over the structure under which they should be operating and requested some more detailed instruction or 'terms of reference' before taking this further.

- The group had a general discussion about its relation to other work currently being undertaken locally, including the Masterplan, Neighbourhood plans, Campus project etc. It was felt that this should be more of a planning document to run parallel to a neighbourhood plan – similar to the Marlborough model. It was decided to arrange a meeting to scope out an appropriate 'terms of reference' and also support that could be available from Wiltshire Council Transport Planners. JV was asked to arrange a meeting after the next Area Board and to invite Alan Hill, Anne Henshaw, Malcolm Gull, Spencer Drinkwater and herself.
- **Withdraw speed limit review requests for 2013/14.** It was reported that this action had been forwarded to relevant officers and that this would need to be reconsidered later in the year with a view to submissions to the next review.
- **Priorities for 2013/14.** The group noted that the Area Board had asked them to identify potential schemes where possible, undertake feasibility studies where necessary and report progress back to each Area Board meeting:
- **Curzon Street Congestion** – MS had produced a briefing note (see appendix 2) which highlighted 5 predicted effects that prohibit the long mooted proposal to reopen the High Street to traffic. The group held a discussion that included the effects noted, that CB had written to the Deputy Leader of Wiltshire Council requesting money to help address this matter from Parking Fine revenue (he had yet to receive a response); that even if the CATG did a feasibility study this would raise expectations that the Area Board could not meet financially; and also, with regards to the whole issue, that it should be considered in line with other work currently underway (the Masterplan, Campus Project etc). AH suggested this was exactly why there is a need for a Transport Strategy. The group achieved consensus feeling that this matter should be considered through those other studies and a Transport Strategy.
- **Woodsage Way/Braemor Road/North Way/Lickhill Road traffic calming.** The group discussed the various problems involved in this issue, from possible lack of street features in

JV arrange
Transport Strategy
meeting.

AH report to Area
Board

the 20mph zone at Woodsage Way to the lack of pedestrian pavement at North Street/Lickhill Rd. It was decided that MS and MC would undertake a site visit and report back to the next meeting with any small or large scale schemes that could be considered.

- **Springfield School safe crossing for pedestrians.** MS reported that, because there is the potential of funding through 'Taking Action on School Journeys', he had held discussions with the School Travel Plan Advisor. She had advised that:

- i. The school is revising its existing travel plan
- ii. The school is about to undertake building works

The group felt that it was important to avoid duplicating or contradicting other work which may be planned. It was also felt that, if a significant extension is planned it could have conditions placed upon it re. safer routes to school. SD will contact Roger Witt (Senior Engineer Highways Development Control) to find out further information.

- **Stockley Bus stop.** MS is arranging for a scheme options to be drawn up. With and without a seat. EJ said that, when a scheme and a costing is available he will ask the Parish Council to consider making a contribution towards it.

7. CATG budget 2013/14

MS reported that the current Calne CATG balance for 2013/14 is £20,404.91.

This figure includes £12,465 – basic budget, £6,000 – Speed limit review and £1,939,91 final under spend on 2012/13 schemes.

8. Recently received issues on the Area Board system

The group discussed all issues currently live on the Area Board issues system including:

- **3088 Abberd Way/Oxford Road junction**
This requested alteration to the junction layout to facilitate easier right turn out of Abberd Way on to Oxford Road to encourage traffic to use the bypass and to help relieve congestion there at busy periods – The group discussed this issue and it was decided that MS/MC should visit the site to determine what might be possible.
- **3078 Cycling in Phelps Parade**
It was reported that the original route of Phelps parade is a right of way and that no cycling signs are there. However MS noted that the more recently opened up Market Square is not

MS/MC undertake a site visit.

SD contact RW re planning status

MS prepare scheme for next meeting

MS/MC site visit

MS identify any potential signage improvements

and so it is not possible to put signs there. The group discussed various possible alternative signs and it was decided that MS would look at the possibility of providing a changed signage scheme in the vicinity.

- **2827 Church Road Derry Hill**
The group was advised that metro counts are currently delayed due to staffing shortages. It is hoped these will resume soon and this site will be referred at that time. Meanwhile JV to find out from the Parish Council/local residents the most appropriate spot to locate a metro count.
- **1180 Quemerford traffic and noise**
The group felt that this matter had been ongoing for a long time and was beyond the remit of the local CATG group as it related to Strategic plans for transport regionally and nationally. It was felt that it would be better discussed under the proposed Community Transport Strategy. It should therefore, be closed as an Area Board issue.
- **739 Road surface/speed volume of traffic at A4 Quemerford**
MC reported that the road surface continues to be monitored by the Council's Highway Safety Inspection Team monthly and any defects that reach "intervention level" are patched as necessary. Speed and volume relates to the same issue as in 1180 (above). As such the group felt this would be referred to the Community Transport Strategy and the issue be closed.

JV identify location for metro count.

JV Refer to Community transport Strategy and remove from Issues system.

JV refer to Community Transport Strategy and close issue.

9. Recommendations to the Area Board:

- **To note a meeting will take place to set the parameters of the Community Transport Strategy.**
- **To note actions laid out in these meeting notes**
- **To note discussions/actions relating to recently received/outstanding issues**

AHill make recommendations to the Area Board.

10. Date of next meeting

Jane Vaughan was asked to arrange the next meeting in January 2014 and to circulate details.

JV arrange next meeting