SWWAB CATG 20MPH Sub-Committee

Wiltshire Council has offered to carry out 2 studies per Area Board for 20MPH limits selected by the AB.

A meeting was held at the Churchfields Depot on Wednesday 9th April 2014.

Present were:

- WC Officers: Dave Thomas, Julie Wharton, Steve Harris.
- CATG Tony Deane: Unitary Councillor.
- Community Area Representatives: Michael Scott, Roger Weaver, Roger Little.

Dave Thomas introduced the 20 MPH project emphasising that speeds of less than 28 MPH might reduce (on average) by 1.6 MPH on introduction of the limit; clearly the scheme is not to reduce excessive speeds but to make low speed areas safer for children & pedestrians.

There were 10 applications from parishes in the Community Area.

The criteria for selection were discussed based on a model drawn up by Officers for Bradford upon Avon.

Based on discussions and local knowledge the two locations chosen were

- 1) Tisbury High Street from the Cross to the Catholic Church, which because of the slope encourages pedestrians to cross frequently as they shop. A metro count last year suggested that speeds at the top of the High Street were less than 28 MPH.
- 2) Broad Chalke, representing a larger rural community with school, community shop, pub plus narrow roads with sharp bends.

Although other villages had qualifications for inclusion it was agreed that these two projects would be of benefit to a higher number of residents and visitors than the remainder, which could be included for consideration in the 2015-16 programme.