

Corsham Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

Notes of the meeting held Thursday 16th October at Corsham Fire Station

Attendees

Gareth Rogers, Dave Roberts, Sheila Parker, Philip Whalley, Terry O'Neil, Alan Macrae, Paul Bollen, Kevin Gaskin, Dick Tonge, Ruth Hopkinson, David Martin, Phil Rushmere, Gemma Winslow, Anne Locke, Alan Clench and John Bull.

Apologies

Ivis Thompson and Spencer Drinkwater

Notes of last meeting

The notes of the last meeting held on 21st August 2014 were accepted as a true record.

Budget

GR informed the group that the budget remaining for 2014 / 2015 is £12,796

Extra Ordinary item Directional signs on B3353

Mr Paul Kefford was invited to the meeting to discuss this issue. He did not attend the meeting or send apologies.

In his absence DT gave an overview of the issue and drew attention to a report produced by officers that set out responses to Mr Kefford's concerns. It also set out recommendations:

- To install the new advance direction signs in the interests of road safety and traffic management.
- To remove the bend warning signs to help reduce the impact on the environment, resulting in three fewer sign assemblies than before.

The CATG agreed unanimously to the officers recommendations.

Action to prepare recommendations to Corsham Area Board

Update on priorities from last meeting

Skynet Drive

SD sent an update for the group.

A meeting was held with the MoD on 26th September to discuss the details of the Council's proposal to install a Puffin crossing on the B3109 Bradford Road, Rudloe and provide a bridleway along Skynet Drive. This had previously been agreed in principle with the MoD in April 2013.

Unfortunately, the MoD has decided that it cannot agree to a bridleway dedication along Skynet Drive as they do not think it is appropriate for use by horses and do not want to accept any liability for horses/horse riders, even though the possibility that equestrians would use it is very small.

The MoD accepts that adoption of Skynet Drive is out of the question and is becoming increasingly aware of its liability concerning the current public use of the road and its sub-standard nature, a situation anticipated to worsen as proposed development in the area comes on stream. As such, the MoD would like to progress

this matter on the basis of a permissive RoW as was originally suggested, although it is only willing to do this if traffic flow along this route can be minimised. The MoD is currently considering how this can be achieved and has gone away to look at the options.

This is likely to take some time and a formalised permissive access is unlikely to be agreed until a scheme to reduce traffic on Skynet Drive has been implemented. As the provision of the Puffin crossing on the B3109 is dependent on securing a public right of way along Skynet Drive it is not now possible to predict when this crossing will be able to be implemented.

The group voiced their concern and frustration over this. After careful consideration it was decided to wait for another cycle of meetings before escalating it to the MP for the area.

Corsham Estate permissive path

Corsham Town Council has prepared a planning application and a target date is 21st October.

Action PW to chase this

Potley Lane Weight Restrictions

Work is now 99% complete at this location.

Action Close issue

Vehicles contravening one way signs and no cycling High Street Corsham

GR reported that the majority of the work is now complete but there are some signs to be removed. CTC has met with some residents and will be making recommendations in due course.

Remove redundant signs A4 through Pickwick

Recommendations for funding were approved at Corsham Area Board in September. GR informed the group that work that CATG has approved will go ahead but further funding will not be available until April 2015 to complete the works.

Issue sheets

3432 Road safety Grove Road / Station Road

GR has prepared designs and is waiting for comment from CTC

3253 Commercial vehicles parking on Double Priory Street

This issue is part of all of the waiting restrictions for the Corsham Community Area. This is still waiting for a delegated decision to carry out works.

Action GR to chase the report for next CATG

3040 Litter bins Park lane

GW informed the group that there is no funding to put new bins in place and that on visits litter did not appear to be an issue in this area. There have not been any further issues of litter reported by any other residents.

Action update and close issue

2934 Dangerous ditch Arc Lane / Tutton Hill

JB stated that he is happy that the works are being completed satisfactorily.

Action close issue

3303 Phasing of traffic lights at A350 Lacock

Traffic engineers are still investigating this location with a view to re designing the layout of this junction. Lacock PC stated that they would like to see the phasing of the lights so that the lights change simultaneously in both directions.

Action PB to meet directly with Lacock PC

3284 Cars blocking driveway 8 Ivy Field Corsham

No planning applications have been received and no further issues have been reported.

Action close issue

3427 The speed of traffic across B3109 near Broadwood School

No further progress has been made at this location and much depends on the issues at Skynet Drive. However, it was felt that a letter from Box PC and the chairman of CATG be sent to the school and governors outlining concerns about parking by parents at this location.

Action GR to attempt to bring forward the double yellow lines.

Box PC to send copy of letter and DT to write to the school.

3504 Speeding traffic Linleys

The speed limit has recently been changed at this location with this in mind new signs will be erected at this location to inform motorists of the new limit.

This location also qualifies for CSW.

The complainant has also asked for other traffic calming measures to be put in place.

Action to update the issue sheet and inform the complainant that any other measures need to be supported by CTC before being brought back to CATG

3502 Dangerous pavements in Colerne

PB reported that some work has been carried out with patch work being undertaken.

Action PB to update at next CATG

3451 Danger to pedestrians Lacock Road

This issue is all tied in with the measures being taken at this location and attempting to create a walk way though Corsham Estate. There are ongoing issues at this location. CTC and GR are in contact with the school.

Action update CATG

New Issues

3575 Dangerous crossing Priory Street Corsham

CATG considered this and reached the conclusion that there is insufficient footfall to justify a crossing and that the central refuge was adequate at this location.

Action update and close issue sheet

3609 Speeding traffic Prospect

A metro count has been carried out at this location. This area qualifies for SID

Action update issue sheet, put this location on SID list and close issue

3612 Speeding traffic Elley Green

A metro count has been carried out at this location.

This area qualifies for CSW

Action update issue sheet, inform complainant and refer to CSW

3624 HGVs turning left off A4 onto A365

Box PC informed the group that road signs at this location have been struck several times and other damage is occurring as a result of HGVs trying to negotiate this section of road. Several suggestions were made with possible solutions including trying to divert HGVs.

Action Box PC to consult with local residents and bring recommendations to CATG

Road safety between Katherine Park and Broadwood School

This issue is dependent on the outcome of Skynet Drive so no further progress is possible until a solution to Skynet Drive is found. It was noted that if the Bridleway is installed and a pedestrian crossing this would resolve the issue.

This issue is linked to Skynet Drive above.

National speed limit sign Colerne

GR informed the group that metro counts and data collection were being undertaken at this location.

Date of future meeting

**Thursday Wednesday 17th December 2014 11.00 am
Venue TBC**