

# Melksham Community Area Transport Group Meeting Notes

5<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 4pm

## Melksham Fire Station

**Attendees:** Cllr Jonathon Seed – Wiltshire Council (JS), Rhys Schell - Wiltshire Council (RS), John Ellis – Steeple Ashton Parish Council (JE), Cllr Terry Chivers – Wiltshire Council (TC), Rolf Brindle – Bowerhill Residents Action Group (RB), Alan Baines – Melksham Without Parish Council (AB), Tim Coleman – Poulshot Parish Council (TC), Mitch Roberts – Atworth Parish Council (MR), Spencer Drinkwater – Wiltshire Council (SD), Mark Stansby – Wiltshire Council (MS), Andy Cadwallader – Wiltshire Council (AC), Cllr Jon Hubbard – Wiltshire Council (JH), Cllr Pat Aves – Wiltshire Council (PA)

### Notes

#### 1. Apologies

No apologies noted.

#### 2. Active Priority List Updates

##### a. Melksham Bank Street – high friction surface.

MS and team are monitoring. Another hand sweep is required. The work is still under a 12 month warranty period.

##### b. C165 speed limit review

Results of the review are expected middle of February. Result will have included a metro count. MS will update at next meeting.

##### c. C244 speed limit review

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##### d. Devizes Road, Poulshot – footway improvements

Work has been completed.

##### e. C19 Steeple Ashton 40mph speed limit

Work will be completed by the end of February.

##### f. Bowerhill Lancaster Rd pedestrian crossing

MS has been in contact with Valldata. AC stated the road is scheduled for major maintenance, which may affect initial plans.

##### g. Seend High St traffic management within narrow section

### Actions

MS to keep on top of this.

MS to contact Peter Binley and report back at next meeting.

MS attended the parish meeting and proposed some options. Parishes preference is for intelligent signs that warn of oncoming vehicles (similar to West Lavington). Costs for 2 signs with sensors would be approx £20k including the installation work. Potential for request to be put in for this to be considered as a major bid.

CATG proposal is for Parish, CATG and Area Board to pay 1/3<sup>rd</sup>, 1/3<sup>rd</sup>, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the capital cost of the signage (£8500). Therefore, the Area Board will be asked for provisional approval of 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the capital cost and the Parish will be asked to confirm their ability to fund 1/3<sup>rd</sup> capital. If the capital cost contribution is approved by both parties, an application will be put in for the cost of the installation work from highway sources major bids. Item to be discussed again at the next CATG which may move the project forward.

#### **h. Melksham Snowberry Lane, pedestrian crossing facility**

Ordered and contractor will complete late April/ early May 2015.

#### **i. Melksham various roads, new bus shelters**

3 sites for new bus shelters. Blackmore road, Semington road, and Snowberry lane. No action as is a town council project.

### **3. Budget**

SD stated the assumption is that there will be the same annual allocation as previous years, however, unconfirmed at this stage.

Highways substantive bid scheme will be available as well.

Current balance for remainder of 2014/2015 is just over £11k, with none currently committed.

### **4. Major Maintenance Schemes 15/16**

AC talked through the major maintenance schedule for Melksham and how they have been prioritised. JS proposed that AC circulate the Melksham specific schedule to the group and that he will introduce at the Area Board on 11 February and allow further comment until April Area Board.

### **5. SIDs**

RS summarised the letter that has been circulated from Cllr John Thomson regarding the withdrawal of SIDs as currently funded. Alternatives schemes are being reviewed but no further update at this moment in time.

The group discussed local groups/ parishes independent ownership and use of SIDs. All recognised that maintaining, setting up, moving, risk assessing spots etc of the SIDs requires a great deal of work.

Proposal from CATG was that the JH as Chair of the Area Board write to Cllr Thomson and request that SIDs are not disposed of and that the Melksham Area are interested in learning more about what may be

JS to check budgets with Cllr Thomson

AC to circulate Melksham schedule to CATG members.

JH and RS to draft letter to Cllr Thomson

required to operate SIDs locally.

## 6. CSW

Report from Leanne Homewood, Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator has been circulated to all. Summary is that there are 6 active groups in Atworth, Steeple Ashton, Seend, Snowberry Lane, Shaw and Whitley and Semington Road. Woodrow Road and Bowerhill on hold due to low volunteer numbers.

Melksham specific figures from September 2013 up to January 2015	
Speeding Vehicles	2,328 (upto 31/1/15)
Letters out	1704
NPT visits	60

JH stated there has been some confusion regarding risk assessments. RS will be meeting with Leanne Homewood shortly and can update at a future meeting.

## 7. 20mph limit requests

Results for these are imminent and will be circulated once ready.

MS to circulate when available.

## 8. New and existing Melksham Highways Issues

### 3025 – Speeding in Bollands Hill, Seend

Briefing note has been issued to the 5 Parish Councils. AC reported that this was on the planned major maintenance scheme. CATG agreed that they would like this completed as a priority in the 2015/16 schedule.

AC to ensure road is categorised as a priority.

### 3513 - Request for bus stop at Crossways Farm

Steeple Ashton parish still undertaking consultation, however, no requirement identified so far.

RS to close item.

### 3515 - Sandridge Road, A3102, Brick Hill junction

Insufficient evidence of accidents or incidents, despite e-mail update. A report or table with evidence is required or the item will be closed before the next CATG meeting.

RS to close if no further evidence provided.

### 3516 - Bowerhill footpath link between Hurricane rd and Grassmere

Estimated cost £4000 and Parish have formally offered to contribute 1/3<sup>rd</sup>. CATG recommends this be approved with 1/3<sup>rd</sup> from Area Board and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> from CATG.

To go to Area Board for approval.

### 3657 – Wildflowers on A350

Not feasible.

RS to close issue.

### 3668 – Speed limit reduction, Bell Hill, Seend C20

A review of this road has recently been completed and no further

RS to remove issue.

evidence has been provided.

**3715 – Request for footpath to link Tower Road to Devonshire Place**

Heavily used by cyclists and pedestrians, however, costs would be in region of £10-£15k.

AC to confirm the land ownership. JH to speak with Selwood Housing if their land.

**3716 – Dropped kerbs, Blackmore Road**

Long discussion on what the requirement is. MS confirmed alley is wide enough for cyclists. Dropped kerb to cost approx £1500. CATG recommends this be approved subject to Town Council putting in 1/3rd.

JH to speak with Town Council. To go to Area Board for approval.

**3740 – A361 The Stocks, request to close section of lay-by**

Defer to JS to establish further information.

**3751 – Semington Pound close, safety concerns on route to school**

MS has provided information for them to contact the Wiltshire Council Road Safety Unit who provide advice about school journeys.

RS to close issue.

**9. Future meeting dates**

Agreed as: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January

RS to book Melksham Fire Station

**10. AOB**

MR requested that the zebra crossing in Atworth be re-opened. MR, TC and MS to meet to discuss and bring to next meeting.

**CATG recommendations to the Melksham Area Board:**

- 1. To note the information provided within the Local Highways Investment Fund**
- 2. For the Chair of the Area Board to write to the cabinet member for highways, Cllr John Thomson regarding the potential local use of SIDs**
- 3. To approve funding for dropped kerbs, Blackmore Road, Melksham.**

Cost £1500 – approval for £500 CATG and £500 Area Board

- 4. To approve funding for Bowerhill footpath link between Hurricane rd and Grassmere**

Cost £4000 – approval for £1333 CATG and £1333 Area Board

- 5. To provisionally approve funding for Seend High Street traffic management**

Cost £20000 – approval for £2833 CATG and £2833 Area Board. Parish Council will be asked to match fund 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the capital cost and installation costs will be sought from major bids and other highway sources.