

10th August 2017 Transport Group

No Quorum meeting notes

Present: Dr Mike Bedford (Chairman of Transport Group), Andrew Williamson, Moya Brannan and Rob Macaire.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence NA
2. Declarations of interest NA
3. Acceptance of minutes of 5th June 2017 NA
4. Actions from minutes:
 - a. Update WHS Atkins progression : MB has call with Steve Hind next Friday and will update by email after the call regarding the outcome of the pre-survey with Atkins. MB to ask Steve how much is needed to start the process so we can start billing CATG fund asap. Suggested that MB and RM ask to SH attend the next meeting with Atkins. CATG still good with the progress we have made.
 - b. Double Yellow Lines in Avebury Trusloe and Speed limit in Trusloe. Flyer produced by MB and JC and 50 copies printed ready for distribution this week. Residents are requested to respond to JC and MB and comments will be compiled.
 - c. Footpath 22. Issue has been logged on Wiltshire County site. Highways **SERVICE REQUEST # 1212756. CATEGORY Public Rights of Way** Details as of 10th August : During the financial year of 2014 – 2015 the Local Area Highway Engineers were asked for a ‘Top Ten’ list of roads that they considered in need of some attention. It was intended to add this footpath to that list because it was considered an important recreational route into the Avebury heritage area. The following years saw fortunes of the local authority change and so did the priorities for determining the programme for works. This meant that this scheme was put back on the shelf. It is confirmed that in December 2016 again a list of footways requiring attention was produced. Subsequent meetings with the Council’s Consultant Highways Engineers have carried out preparation works and preliminary design / costings. Currently this scheme is intended to be delivered later this year
5. Dangerous road surface at A4 Calne / Beckhampton roundabout
 - a. Noted several accidents at roundabout and the solution is to follow the plans in the WHS which encourages narrowing of the road around the roundabout.
6. Plan for extra double yellow lines in the Parish – See above
7. Visitor parking in the High Street and Green Street
 - a. Specifically regarding coach parking in the high street blocking access for emergency vehicles, locals and school buses. Suggested we start a log of the bus companies involved to record times and dates of parking on double yellow lines at the top of the High Street together with contact details of each coach company so that Liz can write to them on behalf of APC. Collection of details in the log to be driven, if they are prepared to help, by Andrew Blackall at The Lodge B&B and Ryan Rawal at the Red Lion. Others at the Community Shop, Henge Shop, Elements shop and local residents could also be asked to help

- b. Green street – Agreed discussion should hold off until residents are present
- 8. Aircraft flying over Avebury
 - a. Helicopters training over the ridgeway are quite noisy and disturb B&B guests. Likely best route is to contact the landowner of the area involved if this happens again.
- 9. Interim solutions to parking on Nursery Site
 - a. No solutions at present as nylon metting is v expensive. The results of the housing survey is due soon and the decision has to be made in context of the needs for housing, parking, swings etc
- 10. Footpaths including:
 - i. Resurfacing footpath 22 - in process
 - ii. Changing the footpath between Silbury Hill and Beckhampton into a circular route. No progression. Wait till T Lewis present at next meeting.
 - iii. Creating a new footpath adjacent to A4361 from Avebury towards Swindon and within the newly extended 30 mph zone. Recent injury highlights the danger of this stretch. Current footpath finishes at bus stop. Many events at Laura Coopers farm and B&B north of the footpath means that there is a constant stream of pedestrians along this stretch of road as far as Dorwyn Manor. Many are foreigners which means that they may be expecting traffic on the wrong side. Footpath should be on west side of the road where there is space. Action is to get some photos and rough count of pedestrians and poll the need from locals (Laura and Mike Daniels) so that an evidence based request for a footpath installation can be made to Wiltshire Council.
 - iv. Creating a new footpath adjacent to A4 from Gunsite Road to the Avenue. Same issue as above - pedestrians have to walk in the road between these two sites to the bus stops, to the Avenue. Essential this is part of the plans for the WHS transport discussions
- 11. Fundraising ideas - Local businesses should be approached such as Wadworths and Red Lion. Thoughts to be brought to the next meeting.
- 12. Avenue Closure including pros and cons template and traffic flow data from Wiltshire Council
 - a. Re-send the template to encourage more ideas. The table listing current pros and cons of avenue closure will be re-sent around the transport group for further additions/amendments before being finalized and presented to the Parish Council with a recommendation that we do a consultation of the parish based on the document. The purpose would be to gather opinion from parishioners of their views on the document.
- 13. Any other business
- 14. Date of next meeting
 - a. Doodle poll for Oct/Nov meeting