



# Atworth Traffic Action Group (ATAG)

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## Report of a meeting of the Organising Committee of the Group (Meeting reference 20120227)

A meeting of the Organising Committee of ATAG was held on Tuesday 27th February 2012, at 194c Bath Road, Atworth. The intention was to review the outcome of the Residents' Meeting 22nd February 2012 and to plan the Public Meeting for the third week in May.

### 20120227/1 Present

Paul Escott (Chair), Ruth Griffin, Mavis King (Vice Chair), Alan Lee, Lynne Spencer, Kenneth Spencer. Apologies were received from Pippa McVeigh. We welcomed Alan Lee to his first meeting of the Organising Committee.

### 20120227/2 The Residents' Meeting

Everyone agreed that it had been a lively meeting, with much discussion, and that the majority of comments had been positive and constructive. KAS read the report that he has emailed to everyone. 35 questionnaires had been filled in. However some were incorrectly completed. Alan Lee had volunteered for this committee, and there were several volunteers for sub-groups. KAS will have the collated results of the questionnaires emailed to everyone very soon.

### 20120227/3 The Public Meeting

It was agreed that this should be held in May.

Paul wished to have a target list of officials - suggestions included:

Duncan Hames MP; Highways Authority for Wiltshire (an official and an elected person); Wiltshire Council (an elected member and an official); Road Safety Representative; Wiltshire Fire & Rescue; Environment Representative; Planning Representative.

It was stressed that we need elected members as well as officials in order to avoid getting different stories and answers.

It was also suggested that at least two of the campaigning organisations may be approached - 20sPlentyForUs and the Brake organisation were suggested.

The invited participants will be given a brief and some indication of likely questions prior to the meeting. This committee will organise the public meeting; the sub committees are to be separate.

The press will be invited. Melksham Independent News and Wiltshire Times.

It was noted that the County Council are now empowered to decide speed limits (although not on routes managed nationally by the Highways Agency).

Ruth will ask if we could have the use of the Farm Shop again.

There was a felt need for a PA system because of the noisy environment. Lynne will ask the church.

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## 20120227/4 A VILLAGE SURVEY

It was felt that the Priority Sheet Survey should go to all residents - Alan and at least one other attendee at the Residents' Meeting had asked for this. Therefore KAS will prepare a tear out page in the April Magazine, in order that results can be back and collated for the May meeting.

It was considered that we should ask for the respondents' postcode in order to establish whether concerns were different in different locations.

Dropping off points for completed questionnaires:

Neston Park Farm Shop - Ruth to ask

Paul Tyler - Mavis will ask him

White Hart - Lynne to ask

Bear Garage - Lynne to ask

Paul also offered 194C Bath Road.

It was decided that we will try for the 15th, 16th, or 17th May. KAS will write to Duncan Hames.

## 20120227/5 Publicity

KAS will make a summary of the Residents' Meeting with its conclusions available to the press and the Parish Council. It will also appear in the magazine. The opportunity to advertise the Public Meeting will 'piggy-back'.

(All those who agree to attend the Public Meeting in an official capacity will have the summary).

## 20120227/6 Action Sub-Groups

It was agreed that a member of this committee should be in each of the sub-committees, or a member of the sub-committee should attend the parent committee.

## 20120227/7 Division of 'labour'

Paul expressed his concern that KAS is doing too much, but KAS OK about it. (Alan is willing to help KAS).

## 20120227/8 ATAG 'visibility'

It was considered that we should all attend the next Parish Council Meeting with ATAG badges.

## 20120227/9 AOB

Alan asked who he should contact regarding speed watch - PC Barry Dalton.

## 20120227/10 Date of next meeting

Monday 12th March at 8 Clock Tower View.