



# Atworth Traffic Action Group (ATAG)

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## Report of a meeting of the Organising Committee of the Group (Meeting reference 20120312)

A meeting of the Organising Committee of ATAG was held on Tuesday 27th February 2012, at 8 Clock Tower View, Atworth. The main intention was to complete the plan for the Public Meeting for the third week in May.

### 20120312/1 Present

Paul Escott (Chair), Ruth Griffin, Mavis King (Vice Chair), Pamela Colman, Alan Lee, Pippa McVeigh, Lynne Spencer, Kenneth Spencer. We welcomed Pamela Colman to her first meeting of the Organising Committee.

### 20120312/2 The Village Survey

Kenneth reported that he had designed and circulated to all members the survey form to be published in the April issue of the magazine. There was space for two respondents per household. 15 items were present as some of the suggestions of the Residents' Meeting attendees for splitting the issues more finely had been implemented. The responses were to be numerical and ranked 1-15.

Pippa asked that the 20mph proposal be split for Bath Road and Bradford Road, but as stated in Kenneth's email, the magazine had already gone to print. Pippa put the view that 20mph along the School Travel Route would attract opposition - Kenneth read from the analysis circulated to all members, indicating that this came high in popularity, and lower than many other actions in unpopularity. Kenneth read the percentages for each item from the analysis, as circulated, in support of this point. (Please note that the analysis has been redesigned for easier reading, and placed on the ATAG website).

Mavis reminded us that zig-zag lines are agreed for placement, by the school to restrict parking and congestion. The Slow sign would also be replaced on Bradford Road.

Paul suggested that 20mph along the full School Route might be a longer term objective. However Ruth and Kenneth considered that the benefits of pursuing this would be very significant in the volume, speed and mix of traffic.

Regarding the survey analysis, Kenneth asked whether members would agree to accept a share of the questionnaires, and to enter responses into a spreadsheet which he will circulate, so as to reduce his work in the analysis - several members agreed.

It was noted that dropping off points had been approached and agreed:

Neston Park Farm Shop; Paul Tyler; White Hart; Bear Garage; 194C Bath Road.

Paul hoped that the new survey should enhance the information which we had had from the Residents' Survey - postcodes will enable issues to be identified by village areas.

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## 20120312/3 Action Sub-Groups

It was agreed that a member of the Organising Committee should be in each of the Action Subgroups, or a member of each Subgroup should attend the Organising Committee.

Kenneth reported that he had contacted Paul Tyler, who had put forward valuable ideas at the Residents' Meeting, and he had agreed to participate in subgroup A (Speed).

**Paul asked that members circulate their interest and willingness to participate in the Action Subgroups.**

Paul and Kenneth agreed that some Action Subgroups might be involved in community actions and others in negotiations with the public bodies, and some items would need both.

## 20120312/4 The Public Meeting

Kenneth reported that as agreed he had invited Duncan Hames to the meeting, offering dates of 15th, 16th, or 17th May. The letter had been copied to all members.

Pippa explained the budgetary and staffing constraints of Wiltshire Council and the extra pressures on the police caused by the Olympics and the Jubilee, and so advised that the Public Meeting should be delayed until September. However, Paul, Lynne, Pamela and Kenneth indicated that they would prefer to stick with the agreed and publicised arrangements unless it proved impossible to have the arrangements in place in time. It is important to maintain our momentum.

Lynne stated that we need to shout loudly to ensure our bid against any budget.

There was discussion on the organisations to be invited. All agreed that elected members and officials of the Highways Authority for Wiltshire, Wiltshire Council, Atworth Parish Council and possibly Wiltshire Search & Rescue (for their *Safe-Drive Stay Alive* scheme) should be invited.

Ruth and Kenneth were keen to invite 20sPlentyForUs and the Brake Organisation, because they could show attendees at the public meeting exactly what can be achieved and how. Pippa explained that Wiltshire Council did not support the approaches of 20sPlentyForUs. Kenneth explained that Duncan Hames had actually been the lead into contact with 20sPlentyForUs, whom he supports.

All invited organisations must be given a brief and an indication of other organisations expected to attend.

**After considerable discussion, Paul asked that rather than prolong the meeting, members should circulate their ideas on which organisations should be invited and why, and we would decide finally at the next meeting.**

## 20120312/5 AOB

Mavis explained that there was to be a meeting of the Community Traffic Action Group for Melksham on Monday 19th. It was agreed that Mavis, Ruth and Kenneth would seek to attend.

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Kenneth explained that he had received details of the Melksham Community Action Plan, and placed it on the village website. It was relevant to this group because it included declarations on reducing HGV traffic in villages.

Ruth mentioned that HGVs through Wiltshire Villages was the subject of a website whose address is not fully known.

## **20120312/6 Date of next meeting**

Monday 2nd April at 7:30pm at 8 Clock Tower View. It would be essential to have all plans for the Public Meeting in place by that date in order to meet publicity deadlines.