



Atworth Traffic Action Group (ATAG)

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Notes of an Open Meeting of Interested Residents (Meeting reference 20151124)

An Open Meeting of interested residents was held at 18:30 on Tuesday 24th November 2015, in the Skittles Alley, The White Hart, Atworth. The principal purposes of the meeting were to agree on actions to pursue, and to form a new ATAG Organising Committee (OC).

1. Attendees

The ten attendees signed a sheet, and provided email addresses so that they could be kept in touch.

2. Agreement of Chair for this meeting

It was agreed that Kenneth Spencer should chair this meeting.

3. Local Proposals

Two groups of issues and proposed solutions for discussion had been gleaned from Social Media comments by residents. These were *Speed Control Measures* and *School Travel & Pedestrian Safety*.

3.1 Speed Control Measures

The relative merits of CHICANES, SPEED HUMPS, ROUNDELS/REPEATERS, SPEED INDICATORS, SPEED CAMERAS (with number recognition+finer) were discussed. It was reported that Atworth Parish Council had made a bid for one of the mobile speed indicators (SIDs), for possibly rotational placement with one or two other villages. A request would be made for improvement of the worn rumble strips, and for 30mph roundels at the 30mph zone boundaries.

Although there was some support for other measures they would not be pursued at present.

Alan Lee will take these comments to the Parish Council.

3.2 School Travel & Pedestrian Issues

The issues of NARROW PAVEMENTS, 20mph ZONE (Bath Road **and** Bradford Road), 20mph ZONE (Bradford Road), AIR QUALITY (affecting Residents and Pedestrians), PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (Controlled Lights), PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (Improve Visibility **only**) were discussed.

It was agreed that provision of a 20mph zone along Bradford Road should be pursued. There was only limited support for a 20mph zone along the A365-Bradford Road School Travel Route.

Alan Lee will take these comments to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that the anticipated provision of Halo LEDs on the crossing would help visibility.

Terry Chivers quoted a price of approximately £30,000 (!) for controlled lights.

4. Community Action: The Next Demonstration

It was noted that participants in the planned Second Road Traffic Demonstration should be advised on safe behaviour to avoid risks of harm, especially to children. This would be done in the White Hart before the demonstration.

5. The Wider Campaign

It was discussed and noted that Wiltshire County Council has the budget and much legislative responsibility to resolve many of Atworth's traffic issues. Joining forces with nearby communities will strengthen ATAG's voice.

6. The Organising Committee

ATAG's previous Organising Committee (OC) has been inactive for nearly two years. ATAG needs a committed group of residents to organise its events, to pursue the objectives with the authorities, and to make contact with other communities and groups. A small number of volunteers agreed to help re-form the Organising Committee, but more members are needed.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

(These Notes were compiled by Kenneth Spencer)

*The Atworth Traffic Action Group is a community association formed by residents of Atworth.
Its aim is to protect Atworth from the effects of traffic through the village.*