



# Atworth Traffic Action Group (ATAG)

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## Notes of an Open Meeting of Interested Residents (Meeting reference 20160225)

A meeting of interested residents was held at 19:30 on Thursday 25th February 2015, in the Skittles Alley, The White Hart, Atworth. The principal purposes of the meeting were to agree on actions to pursue.

### 1. Attendees

Duncan Browne, Pru Browne, Alex Coomber, Sarah Horrell, Alan Lee, Althea Lee, Kenneth Spencer, David Webb

### 2. Atworth Parish Council

As Chair of ATAG, Sarah attended the last Parish Council meeting to gain a better understanding of its activities. It was noted that the council have requested that, to monitor the speed of vehicles and their size, MetroCount devices should be set up outside the Bear garage, and also mid-way between the Pulpit turning off the A365 and the business park roundabout. The council have also requested that a MetroCount be set up on the Bradford road just south of the school entrance.

### 3. Effective Speed Restriction

It was agreed that it would be very desirable to have an average speed device covering the whole village. This would be very expensive but should be a long-term aim. Meanwhile, chicanes at each end of the village and a 20mph limit would still be very effective and much cheaper. Alan will raise this with the Parish Council, although it was agreed that the 20 mph limit shouldn't stand in the way of having the chicanes, which would be very desirable in themselves. (Action Alan)

### 4. Air Quality and Pollution

The issue of air quality and its effect on asthma was discussed. Alan will ask the council to support the use of a device to measure air quality in the village (especially oxides of nitrogen and particulates) and Alex will find what statistics are available on the respiratory health of the village's school children. (Action Alan, Alex)

### 5. Village Gates

It was agreed that we should clean the white gates some time after Easter. We will discuss outside the meeting to fix a date to do it. (Action All)

### 6. Speeding Signage

We will put up a banner (about 6 feet long – plastic with metal rings) to give a pithy message to motorists to discourage speeding. Ken offered the use of his external wall to put up the banner and Duncan will find out where we could get one made and its cost. Sarah and Alex will investigate its design (e.g. the wording could be produced as a competition in the local school) (Action Duncan, Sarah, Alex)

### 7. Other Support

It was agreed that it would be a good thing to have both Snapdragons nursery and Churchfields school "on board" so that ATAG gets both their ideas and their support and also to help raise public awareness. Sarah and Alex will pursue. (Action Sarah, Alex)

### 8. Pedestrian Crossing

It was noted that halo lights are being put on the pedestrian crossing and the zig zag lines are being extended. This is going to cost about £6,600. We agreed that it would be nice to have pedestrian controlled lights. Because these are very expensive, they need to be seen as a long-term ambition.

### 9. Local MP Support

Alex put a note on Michelle Donelan's Facebook page concerning our last demonstration and has now found herself blocked from that page. Ken will contact Michelle Donelan about this, pointing out the support we used to be given by Duncan Hames. (Action Ken)

### 10. Demonstration

It was agreed that we do not, for now, need to organise another demonstration but Pru suggested that we could have some kind of social event to raise awareness. This will be considered outside the meeting. (Action All)

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## 11. CATG

Alan will raise with CATG the issue of moving the sign for the school, which is currently obscured by trees, and installing another sign on the A365. (Action Alan)

## 12. Stonar Signage

The position of the sign for Stonar gives motorists the impression that it is in Clock Tower View. Duncan will raise the issue with Mark Stansby (Ken to provide Duncan with the email address). (Action Ken, Duncan)

## 13. Bad Drivers

Sarah has raised issues of bad driving on the ATAG Facebook page. It was agreed that we would support people doing this but Ken offered to compile a regular report of local bad driving, which he would put on the ATAG page and that if people included pictures of cars, he would obscure the number plates. (Action All)

## 14. Next Meeting

We will determine the date of the next meeting outside this meeting. (Action All)