

Minutes from the Shrewton Traffic Working Group (STWG) held at 1800 on 11 Jun 2024.

Attendees:

Cllr Richard Harris
Cllr Nick Sage
Karen Allen (Speedwatch)
Cllr Paul Mckernan (Chair / Sec)

Agenda

1. Review of Shrewton Traffic Plan.
2. Consider Candidates for Substantive Bid.

Minutes

1. We discussed the 2017 Shrewton Traffic Plan issues to identify items for the 2024 revision:
 - a. Shrewton (Weight Limit). The 3.5T weight limit is in place and reasonable compliance is being achieved.
Decision. Not needed in new plan.
 - b. London Road Traffic Calming. We discussed at length the history of traffic calming efforts in London Road and agreed that, whilst it remained a major concern, it would not be the subject of a substantive bid in 2024 as: it has been rejected on the 5 previous submissions; the planned redevelopment of the Rollestone Crossroads is the first activity in the A303 tunnel project, as such this would hinder any substantive bid and, we hope that the redevelopment will reduce traffic volumes, whilst not necessarily reducing speeds; we are making progress on the installation of a SID in London Road. Until the impact of these changes has been assessed a further substantive bid is unlikely to be successful.
Decision. Include in revised traffic plan as potential future work.
 - c. High Street, Tanners Lane and B3083 Salisbury Road. Alterations to these roads to improve separation between vehicles and other road users. It was agreed that this should be a high priority, however, much of this work will be to support safety around the Primary School (not Salisbury Rd) and we need to align with the School travel plan to avoid conflicts over funding.
Decision. Include.
Action 1. Cllr McKernan to speak to Headmaster re School Travel Plan.
 - d. 20mph speed limit through village (except A360). It is our belief that this work would not meet the threshold for a substantive bid.
Decision. Include in the traffic plan and raised at the LHFIG as an issue.
 - e. Amesbury Road / Salisbury Road / Maddington Street A360. This main road divides the village and work should be aimed at reducing vehicle speed and volume through the village. We discussed including this in the 20mph submission but felt that it would not be supported. We also discussed ideas like: removing the bus stop to create a slowing of traffic but there are safety issues with this proposal; improving signage to deter vehicles from turning onto the High Street; removing the mini roundabout to deter traffic from using

London Rd into High Street but there are challenges to this approach as well; providing a 40mph speed limit from before the Gibbet (Orcheston turn) down to the existing 30mph limit and finally the construction of a roundabout at the Chitterne Rd/A360 junction. I

Decision. Propose 40mph change to the LHFIG as an issue.

Decision. Create a substantive bid for the roundabout with the aim of; reducing traffic speed at the North end of the village, improving traffic flow and safety through this busy junction.

New item

- f. Salisbury Rd/Rollestone Rd corner. We discussed the risks to motorists and pedestrians in this section of the Salisbury Rd. Options include fixed or vehicle activated electric signs indicating 'oncoming traffic in middle of road', road narrows and caution pedestrian signs. Of these proposals we felt that the electric signs would be most effective.

Decision. Propose new signage to the LHFIG as an issue.

Action 2. Cllr McKernan to raise items: d .20mph limits; e. 40mph limit and f. Salisbury Rd signage to the LHFIG as issues.

Action 3. STWG to update the Shrewton Traffic Plan and propose to Shrewton Parish Council (SPC) for adoption and implementation. Noting that this will require further discussions with stakeholders to ensure all options/opinions are considered.

2. Substantive bid.

We discussed the process for submitting a substantive bid. We re-considered our decisions at item 1 and confirmed that our proposal for a 2024 substantive bid would be the roundabout at the A360/Chitterne Road junction. To be considered for this year, the issue must be raised with the LHFIG at their 3rd July meeting. SPC agreed in principle (6 Jun) to a substantive bid being raised for 2024. However, since the submission to LHFIG is before the next SPC meeting, agreement to the actual substantive bid will be sought ex-committee. Ideally our Traffic Plan would be reissued before the substantive bid application. Timings for this year's substantive bid process preclude a rewrite/release of the revised Traffic Plan before the bid is submitted.

Action 4. Cllr McKernan and STWG to submit a draft substantive bid issue for the roundabout at the A360/Chitterne Road junction to the SPC for agreement prior to 3 Jul meeting.

Action 5. Subject to SPC assent, Cllr McKernan to submit an issue for the roundabout at the A360/Chitterne Road junction to the 3 Jul LHFIG meeting for consideration as a substantive bid. Post Minute Note – Agreed(PM/RH 18 Jun 20:47) that since substantive bid was not a commitment we would progress under the 6 Jun Agreement.

