

**Hampshire Action Team for Test Valley**

**Action Notes for HAT Highways Meeting  
Tuesday 6th April 2010, 2:00pm, Romsey Town Council**

**Attendance** (P = Present NP = Not Present A = Apologies Received)

**HAT Members**

Cllr Gibson (HAT Chairman) (P)  
Cllr Mutton (HAT Vice Chairman) (P)  
Cllr Kirk (P)  
Cllr Perry (P)  
Cllr West (P)  
Cllr Dowden (P)  
Cllr Cooper (P)

**HCC Officers**

Jo White(P)  
Dominic McGrath (P)  
Ruth Olczyk (P)  
Dave Irving (P)  
Kevin Fuller (A)  
Mike Wickenden (P)  
Liam Presley (P)

**Partners**

Cllr Hatley (TVBC) (P)  
Cllr Hawke (TVBC) (A)  
Cllr Stallard (TVBC) (P)  
Cllr Milner- Williams (NP)  
Steve Lees (TVBC) (P)  
Dave Wilson (TVBC) (P)

Steve Abbotts (Amey) (P)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Hawke, Kevin Fuller and Annie Tomlinson.

**2. Notes of Highways Meeting held on 16 November 2009**

The notes were agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising: Councillors asked when the A&B Speed Limit Review would be completed.

**Action: Ruth Olczyk to investigate and report back to Cllr West.**

## **List of previous actions on local issues**

Only new items were detailed since the Autumn Highways meeting 2009.

### **3. Presentation from Amey**

(Item 4 : Review of winter maintenance and implications of the winter weather for the highway network was also dealt with at the same time as Item 3).

Amey gave a presentation which focused on winter maintenance, potholes and network restoration.

#### **Winter Maintenance**

Amey described how they responded to the worst snow event for the past 30 years.

- There are 41 Priority Routes in Hampshire.
- They have HGV equipped with snow ploughs.
- On average 9,000 tonnes of salt are used during a usual winter but this winter 20,000 tonnes were used.
- There were 21 gritting days in January

#### **Lessons learnt**

- Need for larger salt storage and more reserves
- There are plans to build an additional salt depot in Micheldever
- More salt bins allocated to areas (up to 4000)
- Reviewing priority routes
- Looking at community based salting as opposed to just a highways point of view

#### **Potholes**

- As a result of the bad weather there have been a large number of new or worsened potholes.
- Amey have 50 gangs dedicated to sorting out immediate safety issues
- Developing a phased programme to improve the state of the network in the long-term.
- "Find and Fix" initiative for pothole repairs where operatives identify a number of repairs that can be completed simultaneously rather than returning to the same road a number of times
- Jet buster in operation in some areas.

#### **Network restoration**

- The bad weather has had a big effect on the work programme
- Focusing on how to get the network back to where we were before the bad weather
- Looking at a restoration programme with Hampshire County Council

## **Questions/Issues raised**

Councillors expressed concern that although many pot holes had been filled, it was only a temporary solution and the quality of repair was often poor and pointless as the tarmac simply disappeared.

Concern was also expressed about the quality of the road surfacing work that had been carried out at the Tesco Roundabout, which was not satisfactory. It was noted that the roundabout would be resurfaced in June 2010. Developers contributions were currently awaited for the scheme therefore the work that had been carried out was a temporary measure as part of a cost effective solution overall.

Concern was raised about the work rate in regard to Amey contractors out on the road. It was noted these contractors are subject to working time directives, restricted working and curfew periods. The investigation of previous complaints has confirmed that 60% of Amey contractors were in the right place at the right time. However, this matter would be investigated and the whereabouts of the remaining 40% of the workforce would be established.

In response to a query about reporting potholes, it was confirmed that potholes over 25mm should always be reported and that hunching repairs are carried out on the edges of roads.

A request for Hilingbury Road to be included as a priority route was noted.

### **Action: Dave Irving to take this forward.**

Concern was expressed that only schools with over 500 pupils were on a priority 1 route. Amey acknowledged the concern and would look into the matter with a view to appropriate action being taken.

It was noted that the County Council's Policy and Resources Select Committee are carrying out a review of the severe winter weather experienced in Hampshire in 2009/10. The interim findings will be available in July. Councillors requested that how schools are treated during extreme weather conditions should be fed into the winter resilience review.

## **5. Progress with 2009/10 Capital Programme**

Updates on the maintenance, special maintenance, minor works, capital programme scheme and traffic management had been provided. Councillors were asked to take up any issues relating to schemes in their divisions with officers after the meeting.

### **Table 1: Maintenance and special maintenance schemes update**

Most schemes had been completed or are in progress. Schemes deferred to 2010/11 was as a result of the bad weather.

There was a query over the location of C174 Woodman Lane listed on table 1.

### **Action: Dave Irving to investigate and report back.**

## **Table 2: Capital Programme Scheme update**

All the schemes had been delivered with two exceptions: Northern Avenue Cycle Route, which had been re-programmed to commence in 2010/11 and Romsey Rail Station improvements which has been delayed and is subject to the securing of funding by First Great Western.

It was reported that in regard to Flexford Bridge phase 1 had been completed. Test Valley Borough Council are willing to contribute S106 monies for phase 2 to provide a cycle route.

Councillors requested that future schemes directly affecting cross boundary routes be detailed in future reports. Examples were:

Extension of Woolworth Road (Picket Piece)

B3400 Andover to Whitchurch

A request for a more specific date for the start of works on Raglan Close

**Action: Dave Irving to advise**

## **Table 3: Traffic Management Programme update**

It was noted that a lot of the schemes/speeding reviews were carried forward to 2010/11.

Councillors requested that timescales and target dates be added into the table.

**Action: Ruth Olczyk to action.**

It was confirmed that the Village 30 Scheme had come to an end. Outstanding schemes would be diverted into the A and B speed review.

The omission of the 30 mph request in Longparish was brought to officers attention.

**Action: Ruth Olczyk to amend table 4 and to provide more detail about the traffic management issues with regard to Hurstbourne Tarrant.**

Disappointment was expressed that Flexford Road/Pound Lane was still on the reserve scheme list.

## **Table 4: Agency Traffic Management Programme**

It was reported that all the schemes had been successfully implemented.

## **5. Priorities for Minor Capital Programme 2010/11**

### **Table 5: Minor Works Sub-Programme**

Priorities for the Minor Works sub programme had been agreed by Councillors at the previous Local Highways meeting held on 16 November 2009.

Councillors reconfirmed the following priorities for recommendation to the Executive Member for Environment:

Wellow War Memorial  
Romsey Road, Awbridge  
Greatbridge Road, Romsey

#### **Table 6: Traffic Management Programme**

It was reported that there is a long list of schemes in the current programme which would be dependent on funding and resources being available.

**Action: It was agreed that the A3090 Romsey and Flexford Road/Pound Lane were priorities**

**Action: It was agreed that Ruth Olczyk would consult further with Councillors to confirm other priorities.**

#### **Table 7: District Agency Traffic Management Programme**

**Action: David Wilson to amend table to reflect Disabled Bays would be advertised in 2010.**

### **6. Proposed Capital Programme 2010/11 Maintenance and Special Maintenance**

Councillors noted the Maintenance Capital Programme for 2010/11 and the Schemes and Study Programme.

#### **Table 8: Maintenance and Special Maintenance Schemes**

Councillor Cooper raised the condition of the north footway in Middlebridge Street Romsey.

**Action: Dave Irving agreed to place in this years programme if there is sufficient funding.**

#### **Table 9: Capital Programme Scheme**

It was reported that due to very limited funding, one single named scheme would be delivered: Northern Avenue Cycle Route, Andover, which has been reprogrammed from 2009/10.

### **8. Local and Strategic Issues**

- (a) David Wilson presented on the Andover Town Centre Enhancement Review.

Strong support was expressed for the proposals to pedestrianise the town centre and re-positioning of disabled parking spaces from the top of the High Street.

It was noted that there will be a small feeder taxi rank in the High Street and by October the top part of the High Street will be pedestrianised.

- (b) It was noted that Test Valley Access Plan is currently out for consultation until the 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- (c) Forthcoming Network Rail Upgrade: long notice of bridge works planned for 2011/12 to accommodate modern standard 'high cube' containers.

The bridge works will be funded by Network Rail. Councillors expressed concern about the loss of attractive and historic brick bridges. It was noted that Test Valley Borough Council had some planning powers over the visual amenity of the new bridges.

**Action: It was agreed that officers would update the HAT at the next Highways meeting in the Autumn about the Andover Bus Station and the Andover Roundabout works.**

## **9. Any other business**

No matters arising.