

**MINUTES of the Highways & Streetscene Committee of Melksham Without Parish Council held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at Crown Chambers, Melksham at 7.45p.m.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Alan Baines, Richard Wood (Council Chair), John Glover (Council Vice-Chair), Paul Carter, Mary Pile and Paul Taylor.  
Officers: Teresa Strange (Clerk) and Jo Eccleston (Parish Officer).

Cllr. Gregory Coombes as an observer.

Wiltshire Cllr. Phil Alford and three members of the public.

**Housekeeping:** Cllr Wood, as Chair of the Council, welcomed all to the meeting and explained the evacuation procedures in the event of a fire.

- 221/17 **Election of Chair of the Highways & Streetscene Committee:** Cllr. Wood invited nominations for the Chair of the Highways & Streetscene Committee for 2017/18. Cllr. Wood proposed, seconded by Cllr. Glover that Cllr. Alan Baines was elected as Chair of the Highways & Streetscene Committee. **Resolved:** *The Committee unanimously resolved that Cllr. Baines be Chair of the Highways & Streetscene Committee for 2017/18.*

*Cllr. Wood handed the Chair to Cllr. Baines.*

- 222/17 **Election of Vice-Chair of Highways & Streetscene Committee:** Cllr. Baines invited nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Highways & Streetscene Committee for 2017/18. Cllr. Wood proposed, seconded by Cllr. Pile that Cllr. Paul Taylor be Vice-Chair of the Highways & Streetscene Committee. **Resolved:** *The Committee unanimously resolved that Cllr. Taylor be Vice-Chair of the Highways & Streetscene Committee for 2017/18.*

- 223/17 **Apologies:** Cllr. Jo Pattison as she was on holiday. This was accepted by the Committee.

- 224/17 **Not Present:** Cllr. Terry Chivers

- 225/17 **Declarations of Interest:** None.

- 226/17 **Dispensation Requests:** None.

*The Council suspended Standing Orders for a period of public participation.*

- 227/17 **Public Participation:** There were three members of the public present.
- One resident wished to support agenda item 8a), a proposal for a new footpath at Lopes Close to connect the footway to the PROW (Public Right of Way) MELW40. The resident stated that he was a keen walker and that to be able to access MELW40 he was walking through Lopes Close and climbing over the Armco barrier in order to avoid walking down the A3102 which has a blind bend and no footway from the entrance to Lopes Close.

- Two residents of Beanacre, who were also members of the Beanacre Community Group and the Beanacre CSW (Community Speed Watch), wished to support agenda item 8k) and to make a request for funding for speed calming measures in Westlands Lane. Three metro counts have been carried out in Westlands Lane, two to check whether the traffic was exceeding the 30mph speed limit and one to establish whether this road qualified for a 20mph speed limit. The results of these metro counts established that Westlands Lane did not meet the criteria for either a 20mph zone or a CSW location. The residents felt very strongly that these metro counts were carried out in the wrong locations and at the wrong time, for example on a Bank Holiday Monday. It was acknowledged that there were certain criteria that had to be met when carrying out a metro count, such as attaching the device to a lamppost, additionally metro counts were carried out over a two-week period. It was highlighted that developers also carry out traffic volume counts in support of planning applications and thus this had the potential to be confused with metro counts undertaken by the Highways Authority. The residents considered that there was a serious problem of speeding in Westlands Lane and that 20mph speed limits didn't work in reducing speed. They requested that "chicanes" were installed and asked how they could push this issue forward. Wiltshire Cllr. Phil Alford felt that the section of Westlands Lane just of the junction with the A350 was very narrow, with no pavement, and he considered that the collection of data was questionable with regard to the criteria for speeding traffic. He reported that he had spoken to Mark Stansby, Wiltshire Council Senior Highways Engineer, who had stated that Wiltshire Council Highways were not happy with "chicanes" as an engineering measure, they felt that they were dangerous as people drive into them and they prefer the use of "speed cushions".

*The Council reconvened and agreed to bring forward agenda items 8a) and 8k).*

228/17 **Resident's Requests:**

- a) New Footpath at Lopes Close to Connect Footway to PROW MELW40:** It was noted that a PROW did not have to be constructed and therefore work did not need to be undertaken to make it a legal right of way. A discussion took place over land ownership, and it was considered that this issue needed to be raised with the Rights of Way Officer. **Recommended:** *The Council seek the advice of Wiltshire Council's Rights of Way Officer.*
- b) Traffic Calming on Westlands Lane:** A discussion took place over the pros and cons of installing "chicanes" at either end of the pinch point in Westlands Lane to create a single width carriage way with priority for drivers within the calming section. It was queried whether there was enough room on the highway to install "chicanes" at the pinch point and the costs that could be involved with such engineering; the Wiltshire Council Highways "Cost of Works" document indicated that such engineering works could cost in the region of £30,000. Additionally, installing calming measures could have unintended consequences for residents, such as issues with access to their properties. It was also noted that when commenting on recently planning applications the Council had objected to any proposal that would result in queuing traffic on the A350. The residents were asked whether they would be happy to consider the possibility of installing "speed cushions" if "chicanes" proved to be an untenable proposition. They replied that they would welcome any road calming measures. **Recommended:** *The Council investigate the possibility of road calming measures in the form of "chicanes" in*

*Westlands Lane with Wiltshire Council's Senior Highways Engineer, and if feasible arrange a site meeting.*

- 229/17      **Minutes of Last Highways & Streetscene Committee meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017:** The Committee noted the Minutes from the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.
- 230/17      **Wiltshire Council Highways Newsletters:** The Committee noted the Newsletters for April, May, June, July, August and September, 2017.
- 231/17      **Minutes of last CATG (Community Area Transport Group) meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017:** The Committee noted the following from the minutes of the CATG meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June:
- i) From Issue 3843 – Dropped Kerbs in Corsham Road:** This Issue was now complete including additional work to the footway in Middle Lane paid for by the Parish Council and undertaken at the same time.
  - ii) From Issue 5035 – SLOW Road markings on the A350 at Beanacre:** Wiltshire Council Highways had agreed to the provision of 2 x SLOW markings, 1 for the southbound approach and 1 for the northbound approach by the bus stop lay-by on the approach to Westlands Lane. This is to be funded from the Wiltshire Council Central budget and is awaiting a gang in the area to carry out the works.
  - iii) From Issue 5040 – Request to extend 30mph Limit on Woodrow Road:** CATG had stated that the existing 30mph limit is imposed by virtue of street lighting. There is scope to extend the limit towards the New Road junction without the requirement of a TRO (Traffic Regulation Order), again by virtue of street lighting. The extended limit would commence just before the first outbuilding on the south side of the road. The estimate to complete this work is £500. Cllr. Baines reported that the signage could be erected between lamppost 42 & 43 by the horse rider signage. It was noted that more than one resident has requested the relocation of the signage. **Recommended:** *The Parish Council support this proposal by CATG and commit to the one third costing split.*
  - iv) From Issue 5095 – Request for 20mph Limits at Westlands Lane and Whitley, Top Lane to Purlpit, Shaw Hill:** It was noted that Assessments for 20mph limits are charged at £2,500 per site, and as this issue was not supported by the Parish Council, it was recommended by CATG to the Area Board that this issue was closed.
  - v) From Issue 5163 – Speeding A365 Shaw Hill:** This issue was passed to CSW for further monitoring.
  - vi) From Issue 5351 – A350 Beanacre, Request for White Gates and Signs at 30mph Entry Points:** This was referred back to the Parish Council's Highway & Streetscene Committee for discussion and was considered under agenda item 8c).
  - vii) From Issue 5375 – Request for Speed Limit Assessments on Woodrow Road:** It was considered that no adjustment to the speed limit was considered appropriate at this time as a full assessment of all the road categories and speed limits had been carried out by Wiltshire Council recently. **Recommended:** *The Parish Council do not support this issue further.*
  - viii) From Issue 5381 – Improvements to Bus Stop Hard Standing on Top Lane, Whitley:** This issue has been added to the Priority Scheme.
  - ix) From CATG Agenda Item 7a): Briefing Note re Improvements to Dunch Lane:** The CATG Minutes state that:

“Melksham Without has asked for an opportunity to consult with residents of Shaw, Whitley and Beanacre”.

The Committee considered that this minute did not reflect the response that was sent to Wiltshire Council, which was:

“The Parish Council wished to respond to this Briefing Note stating that they, in partnership with the Town Council, are taking on the ownership and management of the old George Ward Sports Fields (to the north of Dunch Lane) from Wiltshire Council and intend to develop them for community use. This will increase the amount of traffic using Dunch Lane. The Council noted from the Briefing Note that Wiltshire Council had received contributions from the Shurnhold development and therefore would like to request a financial contribution towards the provision of a car park in order to provide off street parking for users of the field in order that they do not have to park in the residential roads.

The Council also have concerns with regard to one of the proposed options for Dunch Lane, which is to permanently close off the eastern end of this road from Southbrook Road. They consider that this will have an adverse effect on the volume of traffic using Westlands Lane as an alternative route.

Additionally, the Council were disappointed that this Briefing Note was only sent to the Town Council when the boundary between the two parishes is Dunch Lane, and any traffic measures put in place on Dunch Lane will also affect the residents of the Parish in Shaw, Whitley and Beanacre.”

**Recommended:** *The Council resend this response to the following Wiltshire Council representatives; Mark Stansby, Senior Highways Engineer, Rhys Schell, Melksham Community Engagement Manager, Cllr. Roy While and Cllr. Alford.*

- 232/17 **CATG Funding Split:** The Committee noted that following requests to the Melksham Area Board to reconsider the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> funding split for financing CATG Issues (each issue to be funded equally between the Area Board, CATG and the Parish in question), they had resolved at their meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September to continue with this funding split.
- 233/17 **Wiltshire Council Briefing Note No.329 – Disabled Parking Bays:** This Briefing Note was noted.
- 234/17 **Park and Ride Scheme at Bathampton Meadows:** The Committee noted that Bath & North East Somerset Council had scrapped their plans for a Park and Ride Scheme as it could have put Bath’s World Heritage status at risk.
- 235/17 **Highways Budget:** The Committee noted that the Highways Budget provision for 2017/18 was as follows:
- Contributions to CATG                      £5,000
  - Reserves    £2,000
  - SID (Speed Indicator Device)              £1,200
- 236/17 **Parish Council Policy for Undertaking Highway Improvement Schemes:** Cllr. Carter expressed concerns over the amount of time that it takes for works being undertaken in the parish at the request of residents and if Wiltshire Council adopt a policy of not paying for work and parishes pay instead. He quoted two schemes that he had put forward via CATG on behalf of parishioners which had both taken 20 months to be actioned. He proposed the following motion:

“That Melksham Without Parish Council adopt a policy of taking on these jobs from Wiltshire Council and fund them from its own resources in the shape of placing this expenditure into the budget and therefore being covered by the Precept. I propose that a fund be created for the above work by raising £3,000 per annum from the precept and used for these types of requests from our parishioners ”. It was noted that there was already budget provision for CATG issues. Cllr. Baines stated that there were two issues, funding and scheduling. He reported that often the funding was in place for a project, but there was sometimes an issue with scheduling in the work, this could be down to the availability of the correct gang to undertake the work, weather conditions, waiting until there are collectively enough jobs in the area for the work to be undertaken, such as line marking, traffic management, etc. Cllr. Carter queried why the Parish Council were not able to speed up this process by bypassing CATG and undertaking the works themselves. It was queried whether the Parish Council had the relevant knowledge and power to undertake highways works. This motion was not supported and so the proposal fell.

- 237/17 **Dropped Kerbs on Hercules Way, by Gerrish’s Yard:** The Clerk gave the Committee an update. The Business Owner had been asked by the Parish Council if he would be prepared to fund the installation of two dropped kerbs at the entrance to his yard following a request from a disabled resident who was unable to use the pavement at this location. The resident in question wished to access the Bowerhill Sports Field from her home on the residential side of Bowerhill. A previous request to CATG for dropped kerbs at De Havilland Road had been approved and the work was complete, so the resident could now get as far as Hercules Way using the existing pavements and dropped kerbs. A quote for £1,600 had been received from a contractor to undertake the work, but the Business Owner was not prepared to cover these costs stating that the entrance to his yard had been built in compliance with planning permission which never stated that dropped kerbs were required. **Recommended:** *The Parish Council support this issue going forward to CATG and include the quote of £1,600 as information when raising this as a new issue.*

238/16 **Resident’s Requests:**

- a) **Parking Restrictions on Lysander Road, Bowerhill Industrial Estate:** A business in Lysander Road had stated that there are parking issues in the road and that HGVs have difficulty in accessing businesses. A request had therefore been made for a review of traffic flow on Lysander Road with a view to the installation of double yellow lines. It was noted that parking was an issue on all roads in the Bowerhill Industrial Estate. **Recommended:** *The Council raise this issue with Wiltshire Cllr. Roy While in both his capacity as a Wiltshire Councillor and as Chairman of the Bowerhill Industrial Estate & Hampton Park Business Initiative.*
- b) **Village Gateways at Beanacre & New Signage:** The Beanacre CSW Group had raised a request via CATG for white village gates for both ends of the village and a new sign stating “Please Drive Carefully Through Our Village”. Wiltshire Council Senior Highways Engineer attended a Speed Watch session with members of the CSW Group. As Beanacre is on a major trunk road (A350), it does not meet the criteria for the installation of village gates and at this point in time he had no other engineering solutions to the speeding issues.
- c) **“Bowerhill” Sign on Leaving Melksham and Approaching Bowerhill on the A365 from The Spa:** Cllr. Baines reported that following his meeting with representatives from the Town Council and Wiltshire Council Highways to discuss the location of new “Melksham” signs, it had become apparent that there is not a

sign informing drivers that they are entering Bowerhill on the A365 Devizes Road. It was noted that a new sign cost in the region of £300. **Recommended:** *The Council support the provision and installation of a "Bowerhill" sign on the A365 Devizes Road and raise this as an issue with CATG.*

- d) **Improve State of Layby at the Bottom of Goodes Hill, Whitley:** As Cllr. Chivers was not present this item was deferred
- e) **Improve Dropped Kerb Crossing Dunch Lane:** A request had been received from a resident for improvements to the dropped kerb on the northern side of Dunch Lane as he was unable to use it with his mobility scooter. This issue had been raised via the Wiltshire Online Reporting System and the Parish Officer reported that remedial improvements had been made. **Recommended:** *The Officers contact the resident to check that he is now able to use this dropped kerb.*
- f) **Request for Raised Kerbs at Shaw Hill:** A resident had requested that the kerb height was raised outside of his property as the grass verge was being damaged by delivery drivers. **Recommended:** *The Parish Council do not support this request.*
- g) **Preventative Measures Following the Death of Two Sparrow Hawks Striking a Bus Shelter:** It had been reported that two sparrow hawks had been killed as they had flown into the bus shelter in Beaufort Close, Bowerhill. A resident had stuck some yellow tape on the shelter to try to prevent a reoccurrence. The Clerk had sought advice from Wiltshire Council but to date had not received a response.
- h) **Request to Prevent Parking Outside of Ashville Centre, Semington Road Between Traffic Calming and Hampton Park Roundabout:** A request had been made for parking restrictions to be imposed on this stretch of road in the traffic calming section. A resident stated that drivers were unable to get a clear view of the road due to parked vehicles. The Wiltshire Highways Engineer did not feel that there was a highways safety issue due to parked vehicles, and that there were relatively slow traffic speeds. **Recommended:** *The Parish Council do not support this request.*
- i) **Request to Prevent Speeding Tractors on Halifax Road, Bowerhill:** A report had been received from a resident concerned about speeding tractors on Halifax Road. It was noted that the Parish Council could not know who was driving these tractors and that tractors were only travelling on Halifax Road due to harvest. It was considered that no further action was required at this time.
- j) **Large Schemes or Projects to be considered for the Substantive Highways Scheme Fund:** The Committee had no schemes to put forward at this time.
- k) **CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) – Adding Footway to the Bus Shelter at Valldata, Bowerhill to List:** There is no footway to this bus stop, bus users have to walk across the grass, and it was considered that a pavement was required. **Recommended:** *The Council add a footway to the bus stop at Valldata, Bowerhill to the CIL list.*

#### 239/17 Highways Issues Outside Schools in the Parish:

- a) **Verbal report following Public meeting at Shaw School, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017:** The Clerk gave a verbal report following this meeting which considered the School's revised travel plan. It was noted that the school were trying to address the issue of parking and traffic outside of the school and were offering a staggered drop off time in the mornings, which was incurring additional staffing costs for them. Some of the proposals made fell as they were unfeasible. The Clerk had sought clarification on some issues and highways suggestions from

Wiltshire Council's Senior Highways Engineer who needed to discuss some of the points raised with the School Travel Plan Advisor, and she was awaiting a response.

- b) **Actions Following Shaw School Travel Plan Meeting:** It was noted that there were no actions required at present as the Council were awaiting a response from the Senior Highways Engineer.
- c) **Feedback from Request from the Public for Suggestions on How to Improve Parking Issues Outside Bowerhill Schools:** It was noted that most of the responses received suggested double yellow lines which the Council had previously acknowledged would only push parking issues onto other surrounding roads. No other positive suggestions had been made. One resident reported that some of the parking issues by Bowerhill Primary School were not caused by parents but by staff from the school. It was suggested that the approved planning application for the 450 dwellings East of Melksham (14/06938/OUT) was checked to establish what the proposals are with regard to footpath access to the rear of Melksham Oak Community School. **Recommended:** *The Council write to the schools in Bowerhill to query whether their school travel plans are up to date.*
- d) **Road Safety Week – 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November:** The committee noted that it was Road Safety Week 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> November and that there could be an opportunity to work with local schools and community groups to promote this event.
- e) **Joint Letter to parents from Stakeholders:** It was noted that this had not yet been actioned as the Schools in ATOM had undergone an Ofsted inspection and had been busy addressing issues raised in those reports.

240/17 **SIDS (Speed Indicator Device):**

- a) **Recent Repair of SID:** Cllr. Baines reported that the SID had now been repaired, was working again and had recently been erected in Woodrow Road.
- b) **Request from Holt Parish Council to Share SID:** It was noted that the SID was currently jointly used by Melksham Town Council, Atworth Parish Council and Melksham Without Parish Council, and that the two sets of replacement batteries had been funded by Melksham Area Board. A request had been received from Holt Parish Council to join this partnership and share the use of the SID, however, the Committee felt that this would not be appropriate as the village of Holt came under Bradford-on-Avon Area Board. **Recommended:** *The Council reply to Holt Parish Council stating that they are very sorry, but as Holt Village is not part of Melksham Area Board, and Melksham Area Board had given the funding for the two sets of new batteries, that they would not be able to share the use of the SID.*
- c) **Steeple Ashton Parish Council Considering Purchasing a SID:** The Committee noted that Steeple Ashton Parish Council were considering purchasing a SID and had asked for advice with regard to the best model to purchase and information regarding selection of site locations and installation. Erlestoke Parish Council had also sought advice.

241/17 **CSW (Community Speed Watch):**

- a) **Correspondence from Wiltshire Police - Speed Watch Signage:** The Committee noted that following requests from Beanacre CSW group for signage informing motorists that Beanacre is a speed watch area, the Parish Council had sought costings from Wiltshire Police. A response had been received from Wiltshire Police stating that they were in negotiations with Wiltshire Council with regard to the purchase of signage.

- b) **Correspondence from Wiltshire Police – New Inspector and Sergeant for CSW:** It was noted that Inspector James Brain and Sergeant Paul Harvey had taken over the CSW Project and were looking at all aspects of the scheme, in particular communication between the Police and CSW volunteers.
- c) **Recent Police Action in Beanacre:** It was noted that Wiltshire Police undertook a joint speed check operation with Beanacre CSW Group on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. 29 vehicles were observed speeding and will be dealt with via the CSW system. 8 vehicles travelling at approximately 40mph were stopped and given advice, and 1 vehicle was given a fixed penalty notice for travelling at 48mph in a 30mph speed limit. ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition) was also active during the operation.
- d) **Social Media Interest in Setting Up CSW Group for Woodrow/Forest Road Area:** It was noted that there had been interest on social media in setting up a CSW group for the Forest Road and Woodrow Road Area. Cllr. Baines explained that historically there had always been difficulty in getting and keeping volunteers for a CSW group in this location he considered that the SID was more effective as it operated 24/7.

242/17 **Footpaths and Rights of Way:**

- a) **Correspondence from West Wiltshire Ramblers:** The West Wiltshire Ramblers are undertaking a Ramblers Rights of Way survey of Melksham and wish to work with the Parish Council on this project and any other projects that the Parish Council Footpaths Wardens might have. They have offered to assist with applying to the Area Board for funding for improvements to PROWs (Public Rights of Way), such as replacing stiles with kissing gates, clearing blocked paths, etc and also have volunteers who would be willing to help with this. **Recommended:** *The Council take up the offer of assistance from the West Wiltshire Ramblers.*
- b) **Three Blocked Stiles at Shaw and Whitley:** CAWS (Community Action: Whitley Shaw) had reported 3 blocked and overgrown stiles to the Parish Council. The Parish Officer reported that she had written to the landowner but had yet to receive a response.
- c) **Request for a Kissing Gate to replace stile at Rear of Shaw Playing Field:** A request had been received from a resident of Shaw for the replacement of an old concrete “V” shaped stile with a kissing gate. It was difficult for disabled people and those with limited mobility to use this stile. **Recommended:** *The Council to request assistance from the West Wiltshire Ramblers with this request.*
- d) **Open Spaces Society – Rights of Way Designation Publication:** It was noted that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of this publication “Rights of Way – Restoring the Record” will shortly be available, this publication aims to assist in making definitive map modification order applications.
- e) **New Rights of Way Map:** It was noted that a new Rights of Way map and definitive list had been received in June 2017. This new version included the amended boundary line following the boundary changes under the Community Governance Review which came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017.

243/17 **Parish Steward:**

- a) **Completed Tasks:** The committee noted the list of completed tasks.
- b) **New Requests:** The Committee noted the list of ongoing and new tasks.

244/17 **Broughton Gifford Parish Council Highways Meeting:** The Parish Officer and Cllr. Carter attended a meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September hosted by Broughton Gifford

Parish Council who had engaged the services of a Highway Consultant to assist with their issues of parking and speeding. The Consultant advocated the removal of white road markings and road signage, and replacing these with different road textures and colours; the objective is that drivers will drive more carefully as they will be unsure of rights of way, centre of road and the different road textures give the impression of a narrower carriageway. Cllr. Carter found the presentation very inspirational. The Parish Officer felt that the potential resolutions put forward by the Consultant were aspirational, but he had not given any indication of the cost involved in some of the highways schemes, or how other councils had worked with their local highways departments to agree the removal of road signage. There was a publication to accompany the presentation – “Traffic in Villages – A Tool Kit for communities” Hamilton-Baillie Associates <http://www.hamilton-baillie.co.uk/files/publications/50-1.pdf>

245/17 **Provision of Grit Bins and Salt in the Parish:** It was noted that CAWS (Community Action Whitley Shaw) CEG (Community Emergency Group) had been looking at providing grit bins, and the Parish Council had been informed that they could have more than one tonne of grit for the parish. However, CAWS CEG had now decided not to pursue the option of having grits bins due to difficulties arising over the best place to locate the bins and how they would prioritise the distribution of the salt.

246/17 **Approve S96 Licence for Signature:** The Clerk advised that CAWS had now installed 3 planters at the entrances to the villages of Shaw and Whitley. The location of these planters had been agreed and approved by Andy Cadwallader, Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer, and the S96 Licence (Highways Act 1980 Maintenance of Highway Verge) needed to be signed by the Parish Council. **Recommended:** *The Clerk sign the S96 Licence on behalf of the Parish Council for the installation of 3no planters in Shaw and Whitley.*

247/17 **Roundabout Sponsorship:**

a) **Update on Ex Carson Tyres Roundabout:** There are two businesses potentially interested in sharing the sponsorship of this roundabout. The Committee considered that as the Parish Council had been funding the maintenance of this roundabout since Carson Tyres ceased sponsorship, that any signage should say that sponsorship is in association with Melksham Without Parish Council.

**Recommended:** *Any signage on the Ex Carson Tyres Roundabout should also include “In Association with Melksham Without Parish Council”.*

b) **Response from Melksham Town Council re Request to Contribute to Funding of Ex Carson Tyres Roundabout:** A response had been received from the Town Council following the Parish Council’s request for a financial contribution towards the maintenance cost of the Ex-Carson Tyres Roundabout, as this roundabout marked the gateway into the Town. The response stated that the Town Council wished to work with the Parish Council on various joint ventures, but was non-committal with regard to the contribution of funding.

c) **Approach from Wiltshire College re Roundabout Sponsorship:** Wiltshire College had made initial enquiries with regard to sponsorship of roundabouts in the parish. They wished to advertise the fact that they provide landscaping courses and qualifications at their Lackham Campus, and they wanted their students to have practical experience in landscaping projects. The Clerk had responded, giving information and the requirements for sponsoring a roundabout, but to date Wiltshire College have not replied.

Meeting closed at 10.37pm

Chairman, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017