



DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

PARISH COUNCIL FORUM

Update for Devizes Area Board May 2011

The Parish Council Forum met on Tuesday 3rd May 2011.

A presentation was given by Nick Bate of Wiltshire Council on 'Community Resilience', inviting parishes to create or renew emergency plans, using a new template produced by the Government. Identifying local 'assets and vulnerabilities' would enable communities to use their own skills and resources to complement those of the emergency services and local authority in the event of an emergency.

There had been a positive response from many parishes to the offer of a visit from the Chairman of the Area Board and the Community Area Manager. It was generally felt that the opportunity to meet face to face enabled greater listening and understanding. Each parish would be offered an annual visit.

As the pilot year of the Forum was now at an end, those present spent time looking at model 'Terms of Reference' for the future. A further meeting would be needed to complete this piece of work.

Clarification was sought from the Area Board about the number of Parish Council representatives at Area Board meetings. Cllr Mayes clarified that any number of Parish Councillors could attend the AB meetings, but only one should have the mandate to be the spokesperson for a Parish.