

Malmesbury Area Board 15 September 2010

Chairman's Announcements

Councillor Jane Scott

Councillor Jane Scott, Leader of Wiltshire Council, will be attending the next Malmesbury Area Board meeting on Wednesday 10 November 2010 at Brinkworth Earl Danby's Primary School. Please submit any questions to Councillor Scott in advance to Alexa Smith, Democratic Services Officer, on 01249 706612 or alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk by Wednesday 27 October.

Temporary Road Closure on Part of Callow Hill, Brinkworth

There will be a temporary road closure on Callow Hill in Brinkworth from a point 860 metres north of its junction with Whitehill Lane for a further 50 metres covering the road over rail bridge. The closure will commence on the 27th September 2010 and is anticipated to take one week to complete.

Dauntsey Bridge Replacement Works

Construction works are currently programmed to start on Dauntsey Bridge from October 2010 and are anticipated to take 6-8 weeks to complete. Part of Dauntsey Road from its junction with Winkins Lane in an easterly direction to its junction with Church Lane will be closed to vehicles only for the duration of the works. Access for pedestrian, cyclist & equestrian users will be maintained. A diversion route will be provided and fully signed for the duration of the road closure. Wiltshire Council Passenger Transport are hoping to provide a shuttle bus between Little Somerford & Great Somerford.

Updates from Parish Councils

As partners of Malmesbury Area Board, if Parish Councils could supply an update on their work to be included in the agenda pack, this would be appreciated. Please contact Alexa Smith, Democratic Services Officer, on 01249 706612 or alexa.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk, if you would like to supply a regular update and a timetable of deadlines and report template will be sent to you.

Reminder to Parish Councils regarding Community Flooding Consultation

Please could any parishes that have not yet returned their flooding information request details, do so as soon as possible. These should be sent to Renate Malton (Project Officer) at the address below:

Derby Court
White Horse Business Park
Trowbridge
BA14 OXG.

If you have lost your original pack or require an additional one for any reason, please contact Renate Malton, on 01225 712514 or renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Wiltshire Council has a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act to establish, quantify and record the levels of flooding within the county following on from the Pitt review and recent major flooding events. As a lead authority, Wiltshire Council can ask other bodies within the county to provide relevant information in order to allow the discharge of duty. This duty is on both lead and local authorities, which includes town and parish councils.

Wiltshire Council is beginning to get enough data to start making statistical comparisons, for example the number of parishes who have reported internal property flooding, have flood supplies and are on the Environment Agency warning telephone list. This is providing information on where in the county Wiltshire Council might like to prioritise storing flood supply equipment, or where the parish have identified issues with blocked culverts/drains enabling us to investigate the current schedules.

The information Wiltshire Council has received to date has been on the whole very good, it has been loaded onto the GIS system and the overlay is taking shape and is very informative.

If issues are subsequently raised at Area Board level by the parishes who have not responded, this will impact the time taken for their work to be undertaken and it will impact on any planning issues, as access to this information is very important. This work will benefit the parishes as well as county.

Community Payback – Call for Grot Spots

Wiltshire Probation Services is launching a new scheme, 'Community Payback, Involving Local Communities'. The scheme works with offenders to offer free labour to local communities to enhance the local environment. This includes clearing undergrowth, removal of graffiti or litter, repairing and redecorating community facilities and other environmental projects.

The Community Payback initiative has been supported by our Area Boards to receive Performance Reward Grant funding to provide mobile facilities which will enable the work to be carried out more efficiently and to broaden the reach of the project to include more rural parts of the county.

Area Boards are asked to call for 'Grot Spots', local areas which need clearing or community facilities which need decorating, litter picking or graffiti removal. These can be referred to the Community Payback Scheme, either directly using the referral form on the Community Payback leaflet or via their Community Area Manager through completion of a community issues sheet.

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026

The Council has a statutory duty to review and publish a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) by the end of March 2011. In essence, Local Transport Plans steer the implementation of national transport policies at the local level.

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan is made up of:

- A long-term transport strategy that seeks to:
 - support economic growth
 - reduce carbon emissions
 - contribute to better safety, security and health
 - promote equality of opportunity
 - improve quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment
- A shorter-term implementation plan based on a realistic assessment of available funding, and
- A number of supporting strategies and technical documents.

In addition, the Local Transport Plan provides the framework for all other organisations with a direct or indirect involvement in transport in Wiltshire.

Consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan will run from **4 October to 26 November 2010**.

The preferred method of communication is for comments to be submitted online at: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>, where electronic copies of all the documents will be available. Paper copies of the summary document, questionnaire and a reference copy of the Local Transport Plan will also be available from all libraries and main Council offices.

The Council's Cabinet and full Council will consider the results of the consultation in February 2011 prior to the publication of the final Local Transport Plan in March 2011.

Consultation Portal Link: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation

Consultation planned on possible new Gypsy and Traveller sites following on from the work carried out in April and June this year has now been put on hold. The issues consultation used figures proposed in the draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy as the basis of future need for Gypsy and Traveller sites. The Regional Spatial Strategy has now been revoked and it falls to local authorities to determine the right level of site provision. Officers are currently assessing existing information about the level of need for new Gypsy and Traveller sites in Wiltshire to make sure the development plan document progresses with the correct local targets for new site provision. This has affected the overall timetable for the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations document. The Area Board will be informed once a revised project timetable on the provision of new sites for the travelling community is available.