

# CHIPPENHAM COMMUNITY AREA PARISH FORUM

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
7.00pm

in The Stanton St Quintin Village Hall, Church Road, Stanton St Quintin SN14 6DE

## NOTES OF MEETING

<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	Wiltshire Cllr Howard Greenman	Kington Division (Chair of Forum)
	Wiltshire Cllr Ross Henning	Chippenham & Villages Community Area Board
	Wiltshire Cllr Nick Botterill	By Brook Division
	Wiltshire Cllr Liz Alstrom	Chippenham Hardens & Central Division
	Ian Plowman	Yatton Keynell & Grittleton Parish Council (Clerk)
	Vivian Vines (Meeting Clerk)	Kington St Michael Parish Council (Clerk)
	Alison Butler	Chap, Rural Rep and Carers Champion
	Cllr Di Webb	Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Council
	Cllr Fred Winup	Castle Combe Parish Council
	Cllr Jenny Budgell	Chippenham Town Council
	Cllr Stephen Eades	Chippenham Without Parish Council
	Cllr Howard Ham	Chippenham Without Parish Council
	Cllr Katerina Johnstone	Langley Burrell Without Parish Council
	Cllr Mike Barber	Seagry Parish Council
	Cllr Gabrielle Horton	Stanton St Quintin Parish Council
	Cllr Serena Parker	Stanton St Quintin Parish Council
	Cllr Adam Carwardine	Sutton Benger Parish Council
	Cllr Fiona Plowman	Yatton Keynell Parish Council
	Cllr Alistair Parker	Yatton Keynell Parish Council

### 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES:

Wiltshire Cllr Howard Greenman welcomed all to the Forum Meeting. He thanked the Stanton St Quintin Parish Council for hosting the Meeting and noted that apologies had been received from Cllr Julie Hoskins (Langley Burrell Without PC), Cllr Graham Trickey (Kington Langley PC), Cllr Adrian Andrews (Stanton St Quintin PC), Inspector Peter Foster and Sgt Jamie Ball (Wiltshire Police) and Susan Hart (Kington Langley PC Clerk).

### 2. NOTES OF LAST MEETING:

The Notes of the Parish Forum Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 in Kington St Michael Village Hall, Stubbs Lane, Kington St Michael SN14 6HX were received and noted.

### 3. ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING:

Suggested topics for consideration from the last Forum Meeting had been the LYN (Local Youth Network) and Guest Speaker/s including "Planning". The former had been invited to this Forum Meeting.

### 4. AREA BOARD MEETING:

Chippenham and Villages Community Area Board had last met on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, Cocklebury Road, Chippenham. The Area Board had hosted an "All Things Roads" session in December 2023 and there remained a delay in responding to the many questions raised in writing and at the Forum Meeting. Wiltshire Cllr Ross Henning (Chippenham & Villages Community Area Board) acknowledged these concerns. He highlighted the Community Area Joint Needs Assessment, the work of the Health & Safety Forum and the Health & Well-being Group

## 5. GUEST SPEAKER: LOCAL YOUTH NETWORK (LYN)

Wiltshire Cllr Liz Alstrom (Chippenham Hardens & Central Division) updated Forum Members on the progress of LYN and their upcoming Teen Takeover project to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 weekend at which over 20 organisations would be involved in a variety of free activities and workshops taking place across the whole of Chippenham covering the arts, performances, meditation, music, sports and more. She emphasised that there was a need to publicise these young persons activities (ages 13-19 + up to 24 for those with SEND needs) to provide the opportunity for all of the Community Area villages to become involved.

She provided a provisional schedule of events and venues and advised that all details would appear on the One Chippenham website. Booking would be available from the 25<sup>th</sup> April and it was estimated that venues could accommodate 500+ on the Saturday and 400+ on the Sunday. A "Save the Date" poster had been made available for Parish notice boards. Although all venues were within Chippenham it was hoped that the weekend would be supported by the whole Chippenham Community Area.

One of the aims was to identify future needs and a youth survey would provide feedback. It was hoped that the event might act as an embryo and potentially become an annual or bi-annual project, perhaps in the future linked with other Community Area Boards. It was hoped that some legacy projects might be achieved.

It was acknowledged that transport was a problem for the rural areas and in future years there would need to be more engagement with Parishes to create links with transport companies. Following questions the Chair of the Forum and all present thanked Liz for her attendance and presentation.

## 6. FORUM MEMBERS ISSUES:

- a) **Traffic Speed Management - Community Speed watch – Installation of Autospeedwatch and SIDs.** The engagement process still remained incredibly slow for many. Seagry PC reported that their SID was now up and running and to enhance the scheme they were purchasing a second SID. Some progress had been made, as it was now possible to register with the PCC to allow collected data to be uploaded for action. Regular TEAMS meetings with the PCC were now taking place.
- b) **Wiltshire Highways and the Chippenham Local Highway and Footpath Group (LHFIG).** Progress of LHFIG matters remained slow. The Yatton Keynell PC question on the remit of LHFIG had yet to be answered. Wiltshire Highway Consultants, Atkins, surveys remained outstanding that were critical to resolving accident black-spots and speed limits. There needed to be a change in philosophy in assessment where minor accident and near misses were given a higher profile rather than simply officially recorded accidents. Greater involvement of Parish Councils could assist.
- c) **Chippenham & Villages Area Partnership (Chap).** There was no update on this occasion.
- d) **Chippenham Older People's Forum and Chippenham Health & Well-being Group.** Alison Butler reported that there were concerns being expressed over parking meter payment changes. Payment methods must be acceptable to all. Forum Members had previously commented that it would be nice to see some notes of the Group's Meetings for background information.
- e) **Local Youth Network Chippenham Area (LYN).** The LYN representatives had provided details of the Teen Takeover project earlier in the Forum Meeting.
- f) **Local Highway Services etc.** The difficulty in contacting upper-tier Officers and gaining responses remained. Advice had been received that with the continuing changes being made to staffing structures it was felt that a "Family Tree" would not be practical. Reference was made to the recently introduced gully cleaning strategy and the importance of submitting timely requests using the What3Words method.
- g) **Fly-Tipping – Portable CCTV.** Wiltshire Cllr Howard Greenman reported that a new funding application for new/replacement signage in fly-tipping hot-spots would be made.

- h) **Chippenham Gateway-Junction 17 M4.** St Modwen Park-Phase 2. The planning application remained under consideration and it was understood that National Highways had not removed their objections. It was also understood that there were difficulties in letting units on the Phase 1 development.
- i) **Emergency Planning.** There was a brief discussion on membership of the Wiltshire & Swindon Prepared Community Resilience Scheme and the emergency contact hub scheme recently launched. The scheme had been tried and tested over a variety of scenarios and was intended to be run through community emergency plans by local communities, not local Authorities.
- j) **Collection of Waste – Emptying of Parish Council owned waste bins.** Yatton Keynell PC reported that there had been no change in circumstances since the last Forum Meeting.
- k) **Wiltshire & Swindon Tree Warden Scheme.** Reference was made to the Wiltshire Council Briefing Note 23-22 in regards to the Wiltshire & Swindon Tree Warden Scheme. Chippenham Without PC felt that there was a need to know what was trying to be achieved and that rather than individual Parishes being asked to become involved a collective approach could be more productive. It was suggested that a representative be invited to a Forum Meeting to provide more information.
- l) **Wiltshire Council – Local Nature Strategy Recovery (Jan 2024).** Councils' had received details of the Wiltshire Council Strategy and intentions to engage with stakeholders over the next 6-12 months. Chippenham Without PC had suggested that the Parish Forum should discuss involvement. Attendees were not conversant with the details involved and asked for them to be re-circulated.
- m) **Lime Down Solar Park – Community Consultation.** Local Councils had received notification of a Stage One consultation in regards to a new solar park and battery energy storage project proposed to be built on areas of land in North Wiltshire. Details were circulated and the opportunity of attending face-to-face events or joining one of the briefing webinars were available. Initial comments related to the cumulative impact of similar proposals in the area, particularly concerning the use of valuable agricultural land. In this case as it was a major project Wiltshire Council would not be a decision maker on any planning application. It was pointed out that the NPPF was generally in favour of solar proposals and that the Wiltshire Local Plan needed to comply with the NPPF. There would be vastly differing views on the proposal and it was noted that there would be several other consultation stages before the Secretary of State would determine any planning application.

## 7. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL & OTHER ORGANISATIONS:

The Agenda item related to issues raised and information received by Parish Councils from Wiltshire Council and other Organisations since the last Forum Meeting.

- a) **Neighbourhood Policing.** The Forum had recently met (21<sup>st</sup> February 2024) and there was no report on this occasion.
- b) **Neighbourhood Policing- Neighbourhood County Parish Forum (NCPFs).** Parish Councils had been advised that with changes in the targeted operating model, just commenced, all Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Wiltshire sit under Chief Inspector of Neighbourhood Policing, James Brain. His intention was to hold two NCPFs a year, one in April and another in November. The first of these was 1900-2030hrs on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. These would not replace contact with local teams but would provide an opportunity to come together for him to provide updates. The Meetings would be split into two sections. The first being a presentation followed by questions and answers. The opportunity would exist for questions on the night but pre-submitted questions would be welcomed. The Meetings would be virtual using Microsoft Teams and with likely numbers he was looking for just one representative from each Parish Council. Queries and questions could be submitted to Inspector Peter Foster at [peter.foster@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:peter.foster@wiltshire.police.uk)

**8. FORWARD PLAN:**

- a) Suggested topics for consideration were: Guest Speaker/s from Carer Support/Age Concern Wiltshire, a "Planning" themed session, the Local Nature Strategy Recovery, the Wiltshire & Swindon Tree Warden Scheme and also from St Modwen in regards to M4 Jct 17.

**9. AREA BOARD AGENDA PLANNING MEETING:**

The next Area Board Meeting was scheduled for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, Chippenham, with the following on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024. Notes of Forum Meetings should be submitted to become an Agenda item under the Partner and Community Updates.

**10. AOB:**

Wiltshire Cllr Howard Greenman provided a brief update on the Post Office Inquiry that at this time continued as evidence gathering.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next Forum Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7.00pm in The Christian Malford Village Hall, Station Road, Christian Malford SN15 4BL