

CHIPPENHAM COMMUNITY AREA PARISH FORUM

Wednesday 19th June 2024
7.00pm

in the Christian Malford Village Hall, Station Road, Christian Malford SN15 4BL

NOTES OF MEETING

ATTENDEES:	Wiltshire Cllr Howard Greenman	Kington Division (Chair of Forum)
	Sharon Neal	Hullavington Parish Council (Clerk)
	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 Stephen Eades	Chippenham Without Parish Council
	Cllr Howard Ham	Chippenham Without Parish Council
	Cllr Martyn Cox	Christian Malford Parish Council
	Cllr Stephen Depla	Christian Malford Parish Council
	Cllr Shelly Parker	Grittleton Parish Council
	Cllr Graham Slaymaker	Hullavington Parish Council
	Cllr Alan Lawer	Kington Langley Parish Council
	Cllr Karl Eaves	Langley Burrell Without 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 Christian Malford Parish Council for hosting the Meeting and noted that apologies had been received from Cllr Jenny Budgell (Chippenham Town Council), Cllr Nick Botterill (Wiltshire Council By Brook Division), Cllr Di Webb (Biddestone PC), Cllr Gabrielle Horton (Stanton St Quintin PC) and Susan Hart (Kington Langley PC Clerk).

2. **The Late Graham Trickey – Chair of Kington Langley Parish Council.** The Parish Forum noted the sudden death of Graham on the 20th April 2024. He had been a Parish Councillor since September 2006 and the Council's Chair since May 2021 and had been involved in many key roles on the Council and in the local community. He was a supporter of the Parish Forum and would be missed by all.

3. NOTES OF LAST MEETING:

The Notes of the Parish Forum Meeting held on the 20th March 2024 in the Stanton St Quintin Village Hall, Church Road, Stanton St Quintin SN14 6DE were received and noted.

4. ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING:

Suggested topics for consideration from the last Forum Meeting had been 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. These possibilities would continue to be investigated.

5. AREA BOARD MEETING:

The Chippenham and Villages Community Area Board had last met on Monday 10th June 2024 at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, Cocklebury Road, Chippenham SN15 3QN. There was no update.

6. TRAFFIC SPEED MANAGEMENT:

Sutton Benger PC had raised the issue of extreme speeding, their attempts to reduce speed levels by providing two Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and how legal enforcement could potentially assist in resolving the problems within their 30mph speed zone. Similar circumstances had been raised at the Forum in the past by Seagry PC, who had themselves invested in two SIDs and the difficulties in seeking a reduction in village speed limit, with similar village traffic speed issues in Kington St Michael and Langley Burrell Without and many other Parishes who seek reductions leading to potential 20mph speed zones. In addition Chippenham Without and Yatton Keynell Parishes had National speed limit problems on the A and B roads within their Parishes and had requested speed reductions and highway junction improvements.

Those who had invested in SID's and Autospeedwarch Devices reported on their experiences, particularly relating to difficulties in submitting data/evidence to Wiltshire Police and Highways and securing action. It was disappointing that on this occasion that Wiltshire Police, nor the Neighbourhood Policing Team were in attendance.

The matter was a high priority to many and it was agreed that the next Forum Agenda would invite Wiltshire Police to respond as the main topic.

7. FORUM MEMBERS ISSUES:

- a) **Traffic Speed Management - Community Speed watch – Installation of Autospeedwatch and SIDs.** Item 6 above refers.
- b) **Wiltshire Highways and the Chippenham Local Highway and Footpath Group (LHFIG).** The Yatton Keynell PC question on the remit of LHFIG had yet to be answered. Wiltshire Cllr N Botterill had advised in a written report that he had some sympathy with Yatton Keynell and questioned why Parish Councils should be involved in the general assessment of speed limits on A roads in the absence of any specific reasons such as new pedestrian crossings and the like. He also questioned the sensibility of charging based upon the length of the road stretch within each Parish. It was noted that Chippenham Without PC and Biddestone & Slaughterford PC supported Yatton Keynell's position.
- c) **Chippenham & Villages Area Partnership (Chap).** Alison Butler highlighted an issue arising relating to the stealing of Landrover vehicles being broken for sale of parts.
- d) **Chippenham Older People's Forum and Chippenham Health & Well-being Group.** Alison Butler reported that there were concerns over recent news/film clips of an incident involving the over-reaction of the Police driving a Police vehicle into a runaway calf. She reported on her attendance at a recent meeting of Healthwatch Wiltshire.
- e) **Local Youth Network Chippenham Area (LYN).** There was no update on this occasion.
- f) **Local Highway Services etc.** Wiltshire Cllr N Botterill had advised in a written report that he was pleased that several more stretches of local roads had now been treated and that he was aware that the new repair machines were now being deployed repairing/replacing road edges. He advised that significant additional resources were now being deployed and that these are to continue.
- g) **Fly-Tipping – Portable CCTV.** Wiltshire Cllr H Greenman reported that Wiltshire Council had introduced £1,000.00 tipping fines.
- h) **Chippenham Gateway-Junction 17 M4.** St Modwen Park-Phase 2. There was no change in circumstances in regards to the outstanding planning application. There were concerns expressed in regards to the Jct 17 A350 three lane markings that limited the inside lane to M4 west traffic only. Wiltshire Cllr H Greenman reported that this had been the requirement of National Highways. However, discussions were now taking place to change lane discipline to allow for straight ahead traffic.

- i) **Wiltshire & Swindon Tree Warden Scheme.** It had been previously suggested that a representative be invited to a Forum Meeting to provide more information. This would continue to be pursued.
- j) **Wiltshire Council – Local Nature Strategy Recovery (Jan 2024).** It had been previously suggested that a representative be invited to a Forum Meeting. It was noted that there was to be an online interactive survey between 22nd July and 9th August 2024 and two webinars. The first for farmers and landowners on the 23rd July and then open to all on the 25th July 2024. The Forum would be better placed to discuss the Strategy further after these dates.
- k) **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. Councils had recently been invited by PINS (Planning Inspectorate), to comment on the developers Scoping Report and initial stage of the EIA process. The purpose being, to identify and evaluate the likely effects of the development on the environment to be able to determine measures to reduce or manage any potential significant adverse effects. This consultation would end on the 14th August 2024 and was a consultation on the EIA process rather than planning policy. One concern related to old data in relation to agricultural land classification and that this should be challenged. There would be several other consultation stages before the Secretary of State would determine any planning application. Wiltshire Cllr H Greenman updated the Forum on a Motion passed by Wiltshire Council on the 24th May 2024 relating to Solar development in Wiltshire and the cumulative impact of numerous proposals in the County.

8. 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.** There was no report on this occasion. This was disappointing as there were several issues of concern. A report had been presented at the last Area Board Meeting and in the interim this would be circulated. It was important that the Neighbourhood Police Team attend the next Forum and they would be invited as Guest Speaker/s.
- b) **Neighbourhood Policing- Neighbourhood County Parish Forum (NCPFs).** Alison Butler highlighted an issue relating to cross County drug lines and the need for communication between Wiltshire and Avon & Somerset Police Forces.
- c) **Wessex Water – Flood Warden Spring Newsletter 2024.** Councils had received the latest Newsletter that amongst other things focused on the Flood Warden Role and upcoming Flood Warden training support.
- d) **Wiltshire Council - Briefing Note 24-13.** Councils had received a Briefing Note in regards to Housing Land Supply and Housing Delivery Test. Wiltshire Cllr N Botterill had advised in a written report that for the first time in some years there was no tilted balance to be applied to planning considerations. This meant that it would be harder for speculative housing applications on non-allocated sites to come forward and receive officer's recommendation for consent on housing numbers deficit.

9. 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.

10. AREA BOARD AGENDA PLANNING MEETING:

The next Chippenham and Villages Area Board Meeting was scheduled for Monday 2nd September 2024. Notes of Forum Meeting should be submitted to become an Agenda item under the Partner and Community Updates.

11. AOB:

There were no issues raised.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Forum Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 7.00pm in The Kington St Michael Village Hall, Stubbs Lane, Kington St Michael SN14 6HX