

St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report to the Malmesbury Area Board - 1st March 2017

The last year has been a very busy and successful year for the parish council with many projects either completed or considerably advanced. The following are some of our achievements ...

Development

1. With strong support from the council the 13 dwelling development at Manor Farm, Corston received planning permission in May16; the associated S106 contribution will provide significant funding towards a new Puffin pedestrian crossing in Corston.
2. The council, working with local residents and the planning agent appointed by the landowner, helped to develop a mutually acceptable scheme for housing on two sites around the Primary Care Centre that were identified in the MNP; the outline application is now with Development Services awaiting determination.

Highways

Working with the Community Area Transport Group and WC Highways' officers, the council has contributed toward and facilitated ...

1. new road markings at the southeast corner of the Priory roundabout to try and reduce vehicle speeds approaching the Zebra crossing and along the 30mph section of the A429
2. new warning signage and road markings on the approach to the right-angled bend in Corston to try and prevent accidents
3. the construction of a 'build out' at the junction of Common and Foxley Roads to protect pedestrians using the adjacent byway and to help reduce vehicle speeds in the vicinity of the junction

Environment

Using a combination of council and grant funding the Corston Nature Reserve has been revamped including the restoration and de-silting of the pond at its centre. Local specialist training for volunteers has been provided to ensure the necessary on-going maintenance is undertaken. A qualified local volunteer has also produced a revised 5-year Management Plan in order to forecast future council expenditure.

Corston War Memorial

A successful application to the War Memorials' Trust enabled the council to commission work by a specialist contractor to restore and refurbish the war memorial at Corston in time for the Remembrance Day event.

Cowbridge footpath

The council has continued to work to overcome numerous unexpected obstacles to the delivery of this long-awaited footpath from Cowbridge to Malmesbury. Construction work is almost complete with just a few snagging items to be attended to. A Government appointed Planning Inspector last month approved the minor diversion of sections of adjacent footpaths and withdrawal of a short section of another to enable the permissive path section to be officially used.

2017 Objectives

1. The installation of the long-awaited Puffin pedestrian crossing on the A429 at Corston
2. The installation of defibrillator(s) at sites within the parish
3. Investigate the costs and feasibility of surfacing the embankment section of the Cowbridge footpath
4. Complete the Asset Transfer of the two playing fields in Corston to the parish council where the council has recently funded replacement bearings and shackles on the swings and laid new safety matting and bark to conform with current safety standards