

MINUTES

Meeting: PEWSEY AREA BOARD
Place: Pewsey Vale School, Wilcot Road, Pewsey, SN9 5EW
Date: 22 November 2010
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 9.11 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to:

James Hazlewood (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Tel: 01722 434250 or (e-mail) james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk

Papers available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Jerry Kunkler (Chairman), Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Vice Chairman),
Cllr Brigadier Robert Hall and Cllr Charles Howard

Cllr Fleur de Rhe-Philippe (Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Risk)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Caroline Brailey, Pewsey Community Area Manager
Ian Gibbons, Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services
Donna Mountford, Communications Officer
Philip Morgan, Research Manager
Bill Parks, Head of Service - Local Highways and Streetscene (Central)
David Bullock, Highways Improvement Manager
Corrina Cuff, Youth Dance Coordinator
James Hazlewood, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Tessa Cozens, Area Manager - Libraries

Parish Councils

Alton Parish Council – B Brown
Burbage Parish Council – Susan Gray, Keith Amiss
Charlton and Wilsford Parish Council – Tim Fowle, B Montgomery
Easton Parish Council – Hew Helps

Great Bedwyn Parish Council – Steve Hobson
Little Bedwyn Parish Council – Tim Summers
Manningford Parish Council – Bernard Gaskin
Marden Parish Council – Mark Noble
North Newnton Parish Council – Keith Brotherhood
Patney Parish Council – Nigel Partridge
Pewsey Parish Council – Terry Eyles, Peter Deck, Pat Keers, Carol Bond
Rushall Parish Council – Colin Gale, John Rogers
Shalbourne Parish Council – Lesley Green, Stella Zweck
Stanton St Bernard Parish Council – Wendy Tarver, Mike Frankton, Joyce Hale
Woodborough Parish Council – Jim Fletcher
Wootton Rivers Parish Council – Michael Farr

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andrew Noble
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Mike Franklin
Burbage Village Hall – Martin Hamer
Shalbourne Club – Robert Green
Pewsey Vale School – David Wheen
Pewsey Youth Council – Daniel Eyles
Sustrans – David Leighton
Campaign to Protect Rural England - Kennet – Fiona Hornby, J Blatt, Kate Fielden, A
Cannon, C Spickernell
Voluntary Action Kennet (VAK) – Margaret West

Members of Public in Attendance: 15

Total in attendance: 70

| <u>Agenda Item No.</u> | <u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u> | <u>Action By</u> |
|------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. | <p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Area Board Members, the officers supporting the meeting, and the visiting cabinet representative, Councillor Fleur de Rhé-Philippe.</p> <p>The Chairman explained that Councillor Charles Howard from the Tidworth Area Board was present as a voting member of the Area Board to ensure a quorum on the votes relating to grants, where conflicts of interest has been identified.</p> <p>It was noted that the Chairman would take a vote on item 16a (Youth Funding) at item 9e (Update from Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)). It was also noted that an additional request for funding had been received from Karen Brown, in relation to transport for trips run by the CAYPIG. Copies of this request had been tabled for all at the meeting.</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Dalrymple – Pewsey Parish Council • Stanley Bagwell – Enford Parish Council and Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) • Nicola Gilbert – Pewsey Primary School • Robert Bruce – Upavon Parish Council • Bob King – Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) • Alex Carder – Pewsey Parish Council | |
| 3. | <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p> | |
| 4. | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Chairman, Councillor Jerry Kunkler, declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 6 (Community Area Grants) specifically in relation to the application from Burbage Cricket Club, as he was a playing member of that club. Councillor Kunkler confirmed that he</p> | |

| | | |
|----|---|--|
| | <p>would leave the room for consideration of that application, and hand over to the Vice-Chairman. The Area Board would still meet the minimum quorum of three voting Councillors, as Councillor Charles Howard was in attendance for this item.</p> <p>Councillor Kunkler also declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 16a (Area Board Projects – Youth Transport Funding) as this item contained a request from Pewsey Vale School for funding. Councillor Kunkler was a governor of the school, and again confirmed that he would leave the room and hand over to the Vice-Chairman.</p> <p>There were no other declarations of interest.</p> | |
| 5. | <p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Consultation on Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026</u> – More information on this consultation was set out at page 3 of the agenda. b. <u>Wiltshire Intelligence Network</u> - More information on this initiative was set out at page 5 of the agenda. c. <u>Winter Weather – call for partnership working</u> – More information on this initiative was set out at page 7 of the agenda. d. <u>Pewsey Children's Centre</u> – The Children's Centre had officially reopened on 1 November – more information was set out on page 9 of the agenda. e. <u>Re-opening of Pewsey Library – 17 December 2010</u> – At the Chairman's invitation, Tessa Cozens (Area Library Manager) gave an update regarding the reopening of the refurbished Pewsey Library at 2pm on 17 December. More information was set out at page 11 of the agenda. | |
| 6. | <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered a number of applications for Community Area Grant funding. As each application was introduced, the Chairman invited a representative of the applicant to give a brief overview of their project to the Area Board.</p> <p>Note: Having declared a prejudicial interest in the following item, the Chairman, Councillor Jerry Kunkler, left the room for consideration of the item. In his absence, the Vice-Chairman,</p> | |

Councillor Stuart Wheeler, took the Chair.

Councillor Stuart Wheeler in the Chair

Decision

Burbage Cricket Club was awarded £3,934 towards purchasing a new storage shed.

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2010/11 and would support this community sports group.*

Councillor Jerry Kunkler in the Chair

Decision

Burbage Village Hall was awarded £1,300 towards replacing the remaining single glazed external window.

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2010/11 and would help maintain this community facility.*

Decision

Burbage News was awarded £1,000 towards reinventing the Burbage News, unifying all local newsletters.

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2010/11 and would help support communications within the community, developing an increased awareness of issues and events.*

Decision

Burbage Parish Council was awarded £1,860 towards the construction of a footpath from the A338 Burbage Roundabout south to Marr Green Farm Shop.

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2010/11 and would help address this need, which has been identified by local people.*

Decision

Shalbourne Village Hall Committee was awarded £1,382 towards repairing and replacing eroding stonework forming the entrance to the village hall.

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2010/11 and would help maintain this community facility.*

Decision

Shalbourne Recreation Ground was awarded £2,843 towards refurbishing and updating the kitchen at the club pavilion.

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants*

criteria for 2010/11 and would help maintain this community facility.

Decision

Pewsey Vale Bowls Club was awarded £4,993 towards purchasing and installing an automated watering system for the bowling green.

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2010/11 and linked with the community plan, specifically the need to improve sports facilities.*

Decision

Patney Parish Council was awarded £251 towards purchasing and installing a new hardwood noticeboard.

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2010/11 and would help promote communication in this rural area.*

Decision

Alton Barnes Parish Council was awarded £75 towards a new parish council noticeboard

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2010/11 and would help promote communication in this rural area.*

Decision

Alton Barnes Coronation Hall Committee was awarded £800 towards the refurbishment of the hall floor.

Reason *The application met the Community Area Grants criteria for 2010/11 and would help maintain this community facility.*

The Chairman announced that there was £9,275 left in the Pewsey Area Board's budget for Community Area Grants in 2010/11; the deadline for submission of grants to be considered at the Area Board meeting in January was Friday 26 November.

Responding to a general comment that only two of the grants awarded demonstrated a direct link to the Community Plan, Caroline Brailey (Pewsey Community Area Manager) commented that all the grants had demonstrated indirect links and supported the general priorities in the Community Plan.

| | | |
|----|--|--|
| 7. | <p><u>Living River Project</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced Gerry Hammersley from Natural England, to give an overview of the Liver River Project.</p> <p>Gerry explained that the four-year project with partner agencies had sought to raise awareness of the value of the River Avon in terms of biodiversity, and the economic, educational and cultural benefits.</p> <p>The project worked with 36 parish communities and involved 1500 volunteers, with 20,000 people involved altogether.</p> <p>One of the key partners was Salisbury International Arts Festival, who helped raised the profile of the project.</p> <p>A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) had been developed, paper copies of which were available for Parish Councils, at the meeting or on request from Caroline Brailey. The document could also be downloaded from www.livingriver.org.uk. One of the objectives of the project was to encourage parish councils to care for their own parts of the river, and to ensure then legacy of the project by possibly appointing volunteer “river wardens”.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Gerry for this presentation.</p> | |
| 8. | <p><u>Cabinet Representative - Councillor Fleur de Rhé-Philippe</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Councillor Fleur de Rhé-Philippe to the meeting, and invited her to give an overview of her area of responsibility (Finance, Performance, and Risk).</p> <p>Referring to the Council’s financial position, Councillor de Rhé-Philippe commented that central government had announced cuts of 28% in the funding to local authorities over four years. This was close to the anticipated reduction of 25% and so the Council was fairly well prepared to absorb the reductions compared to other local authorities, having low borrowing and following savings made as part of the unitary process. However, it had also been announced that the 28% cuts would be “front-loaded” (i.e. the majority would come at the start of the period rather than being evenly spread out over four years). This front-loading would require an additional £30 million reduction in the Council’s budget. The Council was already looking at its staffing costs, with plans underway to reduce the number of managers by 240.</p> <p>In addition, the Council would need to make 12% cuts to the 2011/12 budget, with procurement savings and a delay to</p> | |

| | | |
|----|--|--|
| | <p>investments likely to be amongst the areas to be reduced. It was hoped that the effect on frontline services could be minimised.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Councillor de Rhé-Philippe and invited questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to a question regarding the savings from moving to unitary status, Councillor de Rhé-Philippe commented that the Council was planning to move from 92 buildings to 4. However, clearly this could not happen overnight, nor was it a suitable time to market the Council's larger buildings and properties, if it wished to obtain a good return on these assets. • A resident queried the efficiency of the highways maintenance services, referring to a repair which had required several visits. It was explained that highways maintenance was outsourced to a private company, Ringway. As such, the Council only paid once for the issue to be fixed, and any repeat visits were at cost to the service provider. In relation to potholes, the weather during the previous winter had caused a significant level of damage. The Council had attempted to address this by increasing planned investment in repairing road surfacing. • In response to a question regarding employee pay and conditions, Councillor de de Rhé-Philippe explained that the Council was considering changes to staff's terms and conditions, and this this was under discussion with unions. • In relation to corporate risks, this was managed by a traffic light system, with risks ranked as green, amber or red depending on their likelihood and severity. The Council had a robust risk management group which met regularly to assess and monitor risks. • Councillor de Rhé-Philippe concluded by announcing that the Council was planning for a 0% Council Tax increase in 2011/12. | |
| 9. | <p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>(a) <u>Wiltshire Police</u></p> <p>Inspector Andy Noble referred the meeting to the written update in the agenda, and commented on the crime statistics set out on page 24. In relation to the rise in</p> | |

domestic burglary, it was believed that this was due to an individual group, possibly from the Thames Valley area.

The 113.3% rise in non-domestic burglary had a distinct pattern in terms of its geographical location. Anyone spotting unusual activity on farmland in the area – particularly four-wheel drive vehicles – was asked to report this to the local policing team.

(b) Wiltshire Fire and Rescue

Mike Franklin, of Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, referred the meeting to the written update, commenting that the low level of fires was down to the high level of preventative work being undertaken by the authority. Mike also referred to free fire safety checks, further details of which were available on the tables.

(c) NHS Wiltshire

There was no PCT representative at the meeting, however the Chairman referred to the written update included at page 27 of the agenda.

In addition, Caroline Brailey commented that Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust had been named as the preferred provider for community-based health services in Wiltshire from 1 April 2011. As a result, all community based NHS services for the whole of Wiltshire, plus maternity services for Bath & North East Somerset and parts of Somerset, will transfer to Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

(d) Pewsey Community Area Partnership

Bob King, Chairman of the Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP) had submitted his apologies for the meeting.

(e) Pewsey Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG)

Ryan Angel from the Shak introduced a short film which showed the wide variety of activities available, including dance, canoeing, computer use, music, and much more.

Ryan added that the young people were also working with Pewsey Area Community Trust (PACT) to run the iPewsey sessions after school.

As reported at the start of the meeting, the Chairman reported that the Board would take the decision on item 16a (Youth Funding) at this point. Having declared a prejudicial interest in the first application, the Chairman left the room and handed over to the Vice-Chairman.

Councillor Stuart Wheeler in the Chair

Decision

Pewsey Vale School was awarded £3,262 towards re-establishing the Shak Breakfast Club.

Reason The funding would allow this important service to young people to be re-established.

Councillor Jerry Kunkler in the Chair

The Chairman invited Corinna Cuff (Youth Dance Co-ordinator, Wiltshire Council) to introduce the bid set out on page 59. Corinna explained that as there was no theatre in Pewsey, this project proposed to take young people to nearby events in Marlborough or Salisbury for arts and dance activities.

Decision

Wiltshire Youth Arts Partnership and POP (Participate Overcome Perform) Youth Dance Project was awarded £508.32 towards transporting young people in the Pewsey Community Area to attend Arts and Dance events in Wiltshire for the next 12 months.

Reason The funding would allow young people from the Pewsey Community Area to benefit from arts and dance events in nearby towns.

The final bid was set out on the additional paper which had been tabled.

Decision

Pewsey Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG) was awarded £200 towards minibus expenses for a variety of trips during October, November and December.

Reason The funding would allow young people to benefit from a variety of activities.

| | | |
|-----|---|--|
| | <p>(f) <u>Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred the meeting to the updates set out at page 31 and 33 of the agenda.</p> <p>It was also noted that Wootton Rivers Parish Council had purchased a defibrillator which was now operational at the village pub.</p> | |
| 10. | <p><u>Census 2011</u></p> <p>Phil Morgan, Research Manager for Wiltshire Council, gave a presentation regarding the 2011 Census.</p> <p>A Census had been carried out every ten years since 1801, with the exception of 1941. The gathering of information regarding the population of every town, village and street was key for allocating resources and planning the investment in and provision of public services. Accurate information was also important for local authorities, as the population figures were used by central government to allocate the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) funding. By way of example, Manchester City Council estimated that they lost 10,000 people from the 2001 Census, and estimated that this would cost the authority £100 million in lost RSG funding over the past 10 years.</p> <p>It was anticipated that the 2011 Census would show a number of significant changes from the 2001 figures, including an ageing population with around 25% more over-85s than in 2001. An increase in the complexity of family structures was also envisaged, along with higher numbers of gated communities.</p> <p>There was concern that recent press coverage of breaches of personal information held by government departments and agencies would impact on people's confidence in the security of the census information. As such, people may be less inclined to complete the required information accurately.</p> <p>The Census would be completed by questionnaires which would be delivered to every address in the Country. Each household would then be responsible for completing the form based on those people present in the house on the day of the Census – 27 March 2011. The form could also be submitted online. The data from the questionnaires would then be processed and quality assured, before the statistics would be generated and published.</p> | |

| | | |
|-----|--|--|
| | <p>However, it was possible that the 2011 census was likely to be the last conducted in the traditional way. Other methods were now used by other countries; for example the USA used administrative data sets (such as Doctors registers) then applied mathematical formulae to estimate population and demographic figures.</p> <p>The key message regarding the Census was to encourage everyone to respond accurately and to offer assistance to those who might need it. There would be a high level of national advertising at the time of the Census, some people would remain hard to reach (for example residential boating community, and migrant workers). Parish Councils and local organisations were requested to share their local knowledge and let the Census team know about any areas which might be missed. It was emphasised that this was not to “catch” people, but to avoid missing out on the data.</p> <p>Help was also needed in the form of paid work, details of which were available online and in the leaflets at the meeting.</p> <p>Another way in which Parish Councils could help was through holding drop-in census completion events in their communities.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Phil for the presentation and invited questions and comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to the security of the online system, it was explained that the system had been designed as one of the most secure IT systems ever. This issue had received particular care and investment due to the high-profile cases of data loss by government departments. • A query was raised regarding people who would be out of the country on 27 March. Phil explained that people would have around three months to reply and so, provided they would be back within that period, they could count towards the final Census figures. Separate arrangements would be in place for people in hospital or in prisons on 27 March. • It was suggested that the Census team liaise with the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust regarding the itinerant boating community. | |
| 11. | <p><u>The Great Stones Way</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited Ian Ritchie, from the Friends of the Ridgeway, to give a presentation on The Great Stones Way.</p> | |

This was a new walking route linking Avebury and Stonehenge, which would also help complete the Ancient Ridgeway: a walking route stretching across South England from Lyme Regis in Dorset, to Holme in Norfolk.

The Friends of the Ridgeway was a registered Charity which sought to preserve the special characteristics of the Ridgeway. Following success in establishing other sections of the route, the next stage was to implement The Great Stones Way, running over 38 miles and encompassing various sites with historic and archaeological interest.

It was hoped that this route would attract national and international visitors to the area, in turn generating huge economic benefits, with estimates of around £6 million revenue per annum, including many new jobs. It was hoped that the route would also support the on-going financial viability of small businesses, including shops post offices and pubs. In comparison to these benefits, it was considered that the costs were relatively modest: around £105,000 for disability access gates, signposts, repairs to the track, legal costs and project management.

The project was currently in discussion with partner organisations including Wiltshire Council, Visit Wiltshire and the North Wessex Downs AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty). Consultation was also beginning with local communities and Town/Parish Councils; Ian commented that he was happy to attend meetings at the request of Town/Parish Councils. Once funding had been secured, works to signage and access could begin, and maps, promotional literature and the website could be produced.

There were several ways to get involved:

- views and suggestions were welcome
- those in favour of the scheme were encouraged to send a letter of support
- there were opportunities to volunteers as wardens and to help with the on-going trail maintenance
- financial support was also welcomed.

The Chairman thanked Ian for the presentation and asked for a show of hands to demonstrate support for the project. The majority of those present were in favour of the scheme. Questions and comments were raised as follows:

- Representatives from Stanton St Bernard raised concerns regarding car parking arrangements, and possible congestion/highways safety issues from walkers' parked

| | | |
|-----|--|--|
| | <p>cars. Ian responded that solution were being considered including a “henge hopper” shuttle bus, which would allow walkers to park at a major car park, walk some of the route, and then get the bus back.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responding to concerns over signage, Ian commented that local input would be sought regarding the best locations for signs and the preferred routes. Most Parish Councils had a Rights of Way “contact” who may be able to help with this. • Several Parish Councils emphasised the need for thorough consultation in relation to the proposed routes, and it was noted that public meetings, possibly held jointly between adjoining Parish Councils, could be effective. • Ian clarified that Wiltshire Council had a legal responsibility to maintain the Right of Way, and that The Friends of the Ridgeway were hoping to establish a volunteer scheme to support this. • In response to a question over the security of valuable items in churches along the route, Ian accepted that there was a small increase in risk. However it was not anticipated that the demographic of people who would be using the route would give rise to any significant concerns. <p>Following discussion it was moved and seconded that the Area Board write a letter of support for the project.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Pewsey Area Board supports in principle the project to establish The Great Stones Way, and requests officers to write to the Friends of the Ridgeway confirming this support.</p> | |
| 12. | <p><u>Local Transport Plan (LTP) Funding Allocation</u></p> <p>Caroline Brailey, Pewsey Community Area Manager, introduced the report set out on page 41 of the agenda.</p> <p>The Community Area Transport Group (CATG) had met on 13 October 2010 to consider and prioritise scheme requests from the Pewsey Community Area and their five highest scoring schemes had been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pewsey Station (North Street) – provision of a footway/crossing to Station • High Street, Great Bedwyn – Pedestrian/footway | |

| | | |
|-----|--|--|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improvement at the junction of Church Street/High Street • A342 Rushall – Provision of footways/traffic calming • Upavon A342 – Pedestrian crossing linking Watson Close, Avon Square and the School with Downsview • Swan Road Pewsey – Pedestrian access to and from Manor Court to include safe access to garage and village centre. <p>The recommendation of the CATG was that the funding be allocated by highways officers to undertaken feasibility studies on the schemes prioritised above.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Pewsey Area Board agree to an informal professional assessment to be undertaken by a highways officer to determine which of the five prioritised schemes are worthy of a feasibility study attracting professional fees, and that the funding allocation of £12,377 be used to carry out further feasibility studies. It should be noted that all five will have an initial highways officer assessment but not all will have feasibility work as there isn't enough funding available. 2. The Pewsey Area Board agree to adopt the attached Pewsey Area Board LTP scheme prioritisation list and close those that are currently included on the Area Board Issues System. <p><i>Reason – To maximise the potential benefits for the local highways network, from the limited funding available.</i></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone who took part in the exercise, in particular the members of the CATG.</p> | |
| 13. | <p><u>Car Parking Strategy Consultation Feedback</u></p> <p>The Chairman invited David Bullock (Highways Improvements Manager) to present the outcome of the recent consultation.</p> <p>The draft Parking Strategy covered a wide range of parking issues, including car park charges, strategic parking policy in relation to new residential and commercial developments, parking at railway stations, and residential parking schemes.</p> <p>The consultation had been publicised on the Council's website and through the Community Area Networks. The issue had also been covered in the local press. Over 600 people had responded to the consultation, submitting over 5000 individual comments:</p> | |

| | | |
|-----|--|--|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was overwhelming support for treating the economy as the most important consideration in setting parking policy. • In addition, the majority of respondents supported the idea of price banding for different towns; although there was disagreement over which bands towns should be placed in. • Support was also expressed for the proposal to offer Town/Parish Councils the option to “buy back” parking spaces or to consider car park management opportunities. <p>Eight responses had been received from the Pewsey Community Area, some of which referred to the lack of coordination between bus times and train times, and the need to prevent train users from parking in residential roads to avoid the cost of parking at the station.</p> <p>The next stage in the process was for the consultation responses to be considered and processed, then a report would be submitted to the Cabinet on 14 December. Statutory procedures would take place between January and March 2011, prior to the changes being implemented from April 2011.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked David for the presentation and sought questions and comments from the floor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David confirmed that the consultation proposals sought to introduce a consistent policy and approach for parking charges across the county, although different “price bands” were proposed, based on the individual needs and characteristics of local communities. • It was explained that Pewsey was proposed to be in band 4, which would be offered for Parish Councils to take over. | |
| 14. | <p><u>Community Issues</u></p> <p>Councillor Stuart Wheeler updated the meeting on the Community Issues which had been received by the Area Board.</p> <p>As a results of the Local Transport Funding (LTP) process (item 12 refers), a number of issues would be closed and moved to the LTP list.</p> <p>Also to be closed were the issues relating to the need for a footpath in Burbage (as a result of a grant at item 6) and another</p> | |

| | | |
|-----|---|--|
| | <p>relating to dogs in a children play area, as the Council was now proposing to review and harmonise its arrangements for Dog Control Orders.</p> <p>A member of Manningford Parish Council expressed concern that an issue was closed which related to rat-running, speeding and HGVs travelling through Manningford. The Chairman confirmed that Manningford was eligible for Community Speed Watch on one stretch of road. In addition, “unsuitable for HGVs” signs had been installed on the A345, and a “Lorry Watch” scheme was being developed. The Chairman asked the local Councillor and Caroline Brailey to investigate the issue and look into why it was closed.</p> | |
| 15. | <p><u>Highways Winter Maintenance - Provision of Grit Bins</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the report set out at page 41 of the agenda commenting that, following the severe weather last winter, a large number of requests for additional grit bins had been received. It was not feasible for the Council to meet the cost of providing and filling all 422 additional bins requested across Wiltshire, but 100 new bins would be provided, equating to an additional 10% for each Area Board. For the Pewsey Community Area, this would be six additional bins.</p> <p>In response to concern that some existing grit bins had gone missing, it was requested that the specific locations could be reported to Caroline Brailey, who would pass them to the Highways team.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Pewsey Area Board allocated the additional six Grit Bins to the following parishes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Newton • Wilcot • Wootton Rivers • Easton Royal • Grafton • Great Bedwyn | |
| 16. | <p><u>Update on Area Board Projects</u></p> <p>a. <u>Youth Funding</u></p> <p>Noted that this item had been dealt with at item 9e above.</p> | |

b. Reducing unnecessary Street Lighting

In relation to item 16b Caroline Brailey reported that six parish councils had submitted bids to be included in this scheme. As set out in the report on page 61, the scheme sought to replace street lights with a unit which would automatically switch off around midnight and switch back on again around 5.30am. This would reduce carbon emissions, energy costs to the council, and unnecessary light pollution.

It was noted that, if the Board was minded to approve the applications received so far, there would still be sufficient funding for around 50 further lights to be upgraded in this way.

Decision

The Pewsey Area Board approved the parish council bids for the upgrading of street lighting as follows:

| Parish | Number of lights |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Pewsey | 44 |
| Woodborough | 20 |
| Wilcot | 17 |
| Alton Barnes, Priors and Honeystreet | 8 |
| Marden | 3 |
| Chirton | Submitted list of lights to remain unadjusted, remainder to be upgraded |
| TOTAL | 100+ |

17.

Urgent Business

None.

18.

Future Meeting Dates and Close

The next meeting of the Pewsey Area Board was scheduled for Monday 10 January 2010, 7pm at the Coronation Hall, Alton Barnes.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.