

Update for Chippenham Area Board

ITEM 7 (i)

Update from	Kington St Michael Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Monday 7 March 2011

Headlines

The village is hoping to put on an event to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, and will be holding a village meeting to discuss plans on 13th April.

Himalayan Balsam has been found in the recreation field and a working party will be set up to clear the area. The Parish Council will also alert nearby landowners to this invasive plant.

The PC is pleased that white lining has now been carried out in a number of locations throughout the village, and is continuing negotiations with WC to ensure that cross hatching next to the school crossing is extended to make the crossing safer for children to use.

The PC has made a grant of £750 to the Village Hall Management Committee to resurface the Village Hall car park, which is well used both by villagers and people visiting the Parish. This is conditional upon the successful applications to the Area Board for support towards this project.

5 Councillors and the Clerk participated in the WC emergency planning exercises on 10th February. These were very valuable, and some items were added to the village emergency plan as a result.

In conjunction with Kington Langley Parish Council, members of the PC, the Regional Director of BT and also Ian Baker of Wiltshire Council have been contacted to request that the Kington Langley Exchange (which covers both parishes) is given a priority position in the roll-out of Superfast Broadband in rural areas. This reflects the fact that more subscribers from the Kington Langley exchange signed up to support BT's "Race to Infinity" than any other exchange in the United Kingdom with less than 1000 phone lines

Projects

The project to install a footpath at Tor Hill has been given limited funding, and the Parish Council is working to split the plans into phases, future phases to be completed as funding becomes available.

The Council continues to meet with Westlea Housing Association to discuss the potential project for 2 new affordable homes at Honeyknob Hill.

Allotments – the Council has drawn up a plan for 10 half size allotments, and continues to seek a site for these.

Plans for locations and types of baffle gates to aid traffic calming have been drawn up and will be circulated to Wiltshire Council and utility companies.

A 24 page colour village information booklet has been produced by the Parish Council and provided to every house in the village, to a positive response from recipients.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- 24th March, PC Meeting, KSM Village Hall, 8pm
- April 7th, Annual Parish Meeting, KSM Village Hall, 8pm
- May 19th Annual Parish Council Meeting, KSM Village Hall, 8pm