

## Chairman's update

Calne Community Area Board  
16<sup>th</sup> February 2010

This update is to provide information about some of the work that has been taking place since the last meeting of the Area Board on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

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### **Evaluation of the last meeting –**

Feedback from the last Calne Community Area Board meeting, held at Goatacre Village Hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009, was good and included positive comments about the decision to attempt to reach more people from rural areas by taking the meeting out of Calne Town Hall. As a result the Area Board Co-ordinating (ABC) group has decided to try to make sure that at least every other meeting should be held in the villages. The next meeting, on 27<sup>th</sup> April will be held at Hilmarton Community Hall. Heddington, Cherhill and Derry Hill village halls are all being assessed for use as future venues, although there may be problems with finding adequate parking at Cherhill and the popularity of Derry Hill Village Hall means that there is limited availability. Any suggestions for other potential venues (school halls, pubs, hotels, marquees) will be gratefully accepted and considered.

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### **YOUR ISSUES:**

#### **Community Speedwatch –**

The Calne Community Area Board has received a number of issues that may be appropriate for putting forward to the Community Speedwatch initiative that Wiltshire Council is developing with Wiltshire Police and the Wiltshire and Swindon Safety Camera Partnership.

The Community Area Manager has been in contact with the Chairman or Clerk of each of the relevant Parish Councils and/or with the correspondent who has submitted the issue to the Area Board to ascertain whether there is a group of volunteers prepared to undertake training and to operate the project at the respective site.

The Community Area Manager has subsequently had discussions with Sergeant Connor and Inspector Pain from Wiltshire Police and also with the Area Highways Engineer (Martin Cook) in order to gain their perspective of the individual sites.

As a result, it is proposed that the following sites should be put forward to the Camera Safety Partnership to be assessed for appropriate action under the terms of the Community Speedwatch initiative.

- A3102 at Hilmarton/Goatacre – issue number 585
- A4 at Derry Hill – issue number 653
- Church Road at Derry Hill – issue number 500

In addition the local Neighbourhood Policing Team will make observations/investigations about the road from Ratford through West End, Foxham and East Tytherton with regards to a perceived rat run from the M4 junction 17 – issue number 509. Some local people have suggested that problems here are more to do with volumes of traffic rather than speeding. NPT investigations will include identifying any access/heavy load restrictions that may apply in the area.

A further issue - number 557, relating to perceived speeding at Quemerford is not familiar to police and highways officers. The CAM has been unable to contact the correspondent to gain further information or to gauge the potential of a group of volunteers being established. It is therefore proposed that NPT officers will observe the area at different times to assess the situation. If officers do not feel that speeding is a problem and if the correspondent does not supply further information then this issue will be closed on the Area Board log.

More recently Calne Without Parish Council has submitted a number of issues which, at the time of compiling this update have not been researched. 2 of these relate directly to 2 previously mentioned sites at Derry Hill, another relates to speeding on the A342 Devizes Road and the final one relates to the layout of the Derry Hill A4 junction.

The initial process designed for the Community Speedwatch scheme was based on assumptions of high numbers of speeding issues being received and so it involved a lengthy process of assessing and prioritising sites. In the Calne Community Area however, although a number of issues have been received, they are not in the numbers initially expected. As such it is proposed that appropriate sites should be sent forward as they emerge, rather than in prioritised groups, and that the Chairman will inform the Area Board through this update at subsequent meetings. If volumes of speeding issues should start to arrive in large numbers, the Area Board will revert to its original process.

- **Proposal – to forward 3 sites to Community Speedwatch.**
- **Proposal – to forward future appropriate sites without prioritisation (unless/until there is a significant increase in numbers).**

#### **Abberd Brook Working Group – update**

Town Councillor Roy Golding is the Chairman of this working group and Councillors Tony Trotman and Howard Marshall are the Area Boards lead members. The last working group meeting took place at Coleman's Farm Learning and Community Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> January and Tony Trotman will provide an update to the meeting.

#### **Community Hub Project**

This issue was raised by Calne Community Area Partnership and is being lead for the Area Board by Councillor Christine Crisp who will provide an update to the meeting.

## **Participatory Budgeting project – ‘Make a Stand for Cycling’**

This project was extended until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January in order to allow for the fact that many of the schools and the Community Hub were closed during the heavy snow in January. The voting phase of the project has now closed and Councillor Chuck Berry will update the meeting about progress and results.

### **RAF Lyneham –**

At the last Area Board meeting, Local people from Hilmarton and Goatacre raised concerns about the closure of RAF Lyneham relating to the economy, future residential development, education facilities etc. The neighbouring Wootton Bassett and Cricklade (WB&C) Area Board is involved in work about this issue, but it was questioned how people from the Calne Community Area can be kept informed.

It is entirely appropriate for people to attend WB&C meetings, but the Chairmen of both Boards and both Community Area Managers have discussed ways to share information/consultation and have also included the Chippenham Area Board. To save duplication and avoid dangers of missing information, it is proposed that WB&C will lead on this piece of work and will update both Calne and Chippenham Area Boards through their Chairmen.

Local people who have specific interest/concerns about this issue are encouraged to give their details to the Community Area Manager who will ensure that they are invited/included in any relevant consultation taking place through the WB&C Area Board.

### **Marden House –**

Councillor Tony Trotman is the Area Board representative to this group and will provide an update to the meeting.

### **Fynamore School –**

A significant number of issues sheets have been received relating to parking/road safety concerns at Fynamore School. Wiltshire Police have also had experience of issues here. The local Wiltshire Councillor for this Area is Councillor Chuck Berry, who is working with the Community Area Manager to try to find an appropriate and lasting resolution to this issue.

It should be noted that issues of parking and congestion around our schools at the start and end of the school day is a problem across the Community Area and across the County. However, the issue at Fynamore School seems to be more difficult and is provoking anxiety for residents and parents.

The Area Board is very concerned that some proactive work should be done at the earliest opportunity and it is hoped that this may begin with a local meeting to enable all parties to come together and share their perspectives on the problem. The CAM and Councillor Berry are currently looking to identify the right people to be involved in this meeting.

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## COMMUNITY ISSUES

The Area Board does not now appear to be receiving issues that could be more efficiently dealt with through Customer Services or through the 'Clarence' system (Customer Lighting And Roads Enquiry Centre), and it is hoped that work being done to promote this line of contact with the Council is proving successful.

The following table details all of the new and ongoing issues received by the Calne Community Area Manager.

ID	Summary of Issue	Submitted
714	Speed limit and enforcement of speed on A4 between Pewsham and Calne	06/02/2010
713	Parish Council are concerned about the speed of some vehicles that travel through Church Road, Derry	06/02/2010
712	Parish Council consider the Derry Hill junction on the A4 is dangerous for road users and pedestrian	06/02/2010
711	Parish Council are concerned about the speed of some vehicles that travel through Church Road, Derry	06/02/2010
702	The Parish Council are very concerned about the speed at which some vehicles travel through the Sand	03/02/2010
668	parking whilst dropping off children at Fynamore school mornings are the worst dangerous parking	06/01/2010
618	Defacing the countryside;- On the unnamed road between the A4 and the A361 near the North Wilts Golf	02/12/2009
528	The diverted bridleway that Hills got planning permission to allow them to move	30/10/2009
518	Landsdowne Park - The issue is with the lack of school bus from the north side of Calne	29/10/2009
509	The speed of traffic mornings and evenings through the parish, particularly given the A4 above Ratford	28/10/2009
507	Cars parked on grass verge at junction causing obstruction to view of oncoming traffic and cars for	28/10/2009
669	Residents in the east of Chippenham and Tytherton Lucas are worried about the LDF preferred option 1	06/01/2010
653	The speed in which cars are travelling on the A4 from Calne to Chippenham on both sides of the road.	14/12/2009
585	Road safety on the A3102 at Hilmarton and Goatacre. The volume and speed of traffic make it hazardous	19/11/2009
579	Turning right from The Green onto the A4. There is absolutely no way drivers can see the traffic coming	16/11/2009
557	Speeding Traffic in Quemerford, Calne	11/11/2009
549	The issue is the recurrence of parking difficulties along Isis Close, Carp Road	09/11/2009
532	Insufficient road safety on Prince Charles Drive outside Priestley Primary School.	30/10/2009
531	Delays through Curzon Street, increasing response time of retained fire fighters	30/10/2009
522	The lack of narrow footpaths in Lickhill Road/North Street, Calne.	30/10/2009
517	Cycle/pedestrian path alongside A4 from Chippenham via Derry Hill to Beckhampton.	29/10/2009
516	Overgrown footpath - footpath linking Stockley Lane and the A4 behind Riverside estate.	29/10/2009
505	Lack of allotment provision in Calne, in particular to the east of the town i.e. Quemerford	28/10/2009

500	Specific issues- Church Road ,Derry Hill, is used by many as a short cut between the A4 Calne Road and A342 Devizes Road	27/10/2009
488	There is an issue at Isis Close and the surrounding estate over traffic congestion caused by parents	23/10/2009
416	The Mill Race (Family Action) running out of Marden House	16/10/2009
333	Insufficient road safety on Prince Charles Drive outside Priestley Primary School	02/10/2009
285	Parking in Isis Close during peak school hours - dropping children off to school.	22/09/2009
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282	Safety issues near relating to the entrance to Fynamore School, Calne & pick-up & set-down arrangements	22/09/2009
274	Access to Fynamore School from School Road via Isis Road	20/09/2009
272	flynamor school parking	19/09/2009
271	Parking & Dropping off children outside Fynamore School	18/09/2009
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266	Isis Close, Calne - issue with difficulties getting into property because of parents dropping and picking up children from school	18/09/2009

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#### PROPOSALS ARISING FROM THIS UPDATE:

1. That the Area Board agrees to forward to the Police and Camera Safety Partnership the list of sites where speeding traffic may be an issue, so that they may be assessed with a view to being included in the Community Speedwatch initiative.
2. That future Speedwatch sites may be forwarded without prioritisation by the Board, unless there are more than 5.

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