

PARISH FORUM REPORT FOR MARLBOROUGH AREA BOARD 6TH SEPTEMBER 2011

1) Community Emergency Plan

Nick Bate, Emergency Planning Officer has presented to the Parish Forum.

F&WO are liaising with Nick Bate and are completing the first plan to check for comprehensiveness and to provide a guide for other Parishes.

2) Community Area Plan Questionnaires

Questionnaires specifically designed for Parish Councils have been distributed and responses are expected back by 12th September 2011.

3) Reclaiming Villages for Traffic Initiative

The Forum has received interest from six parishes to date, although all parishes consulted so far wish to be involved in the initial educational presentations.

A road-map for the initiative has been drawn up and the Forum is preparing a brief for, and soliciting a proposal from, a Traffic Consultant for presentation to the Area Board at the next meeting

4) Main Road Speeding

The Forum has requested that Parishes, which have identified a particular speeding issue on a major road within a Parish and where they believe a speed reduction would resolve the issue, submit the issue to the forum. Four responses have been received to date.

The Forum is collating previously successful methodologies for applications to reduce speed limits and making them commonly available.

5) Great Stones Way

Avebury have prepared an initial response to Friends of the Ridgeway (FotR) plans.

The Forum sub-group, which represents 10 parishes, have now met representatives from FotR to discuss the response and the concerns that it raises.

The Group has been liaising with Wiltshire Rights of Way on the framing of the terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Study.

6) Affordable Housing in Parishes

The Forum is in touch, through Julia Densham, with Housing Development at Wiltshire, and will be working with Steve May to construct a picture of Parish affordable housing needs through the Housing Register, the Rural Housing Needs Survey, The Strategic housing Market Assessment and local parish knowledge.

7) Asset Register

BB&WM and BH&WB have jointly created a central asset register covering all parishes to enable knowledge and resource sharing.

Completion forms for the register have been sent out.

8) Area Board Meetings

The Forum continues to work with the Area Board in order to help in implementing the agreed changes in the meeting format and content.

James Keith 19th August 2011