

Wiltshire Council

Warminster Area Board

22 September 2011

Area Board Issues Report

Since the last meeting, five new issues have been raised through the issues system and four issues have been resolved and closed.

New issues in progress:

1. Graffiti on trees – Dorothy Walk

This has been passed to the Highways team to see who is responsible and look for a resolution.

2. Street Lighting on B3414

Request to reduce street lighting. Have passed to Chair of relevant Parish Council to identify location and assess feasibility.

3. Plants Green footpath

This is an un-adopted footpath which regularly becomes overgrown. It has been discussed at the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting and Wiltshire Council officers are looking into this. In the meantime, the Town Clerk has agreed to discuss with WETS (Warminster Environmental Pride Team).

4. Broadway footpath

The Broadway estate has a number of footpaths passing through it. When the estate was finished West Wilts adopted all the footpaths (and thus took on the maintenance and weed clearance) except for the final twenty yards or so. Each side of this last section of the path network there are bungalows occupied by elderly people who find it difficult to tackle the problems as each year the path gets obstructed by waist high weeds and nettles and it becomes virtually impassable. In the past the WETS community group have cleared the weeds but this is not the long term solution.

This has been discussed at CATG and Highways officers are looking into the ownership of the footpaths including this section. The Town Council is also looking at usage.

5. Overgrown Trees

The Town Clerk logged an issue regarding three overgrown trees, which proved difficult to progress with Wiltshire Council. This has now been resolved and the trees have been trimmed.

Issues Closed since the last Area Board meeting on 30 June 2011:

1630 – Cycling on footpath. Community Manager has liaised with police and wardens who will keep a close watch on this. This was also raised at a CATG meeting. Correspondent wanted to put signs up but this is not feasible or desirable as cycling on footpath is an offence and a sign may imply it is OK on other footpaths.

1470 – Untidy footpaths, broken fencing around Weymouth Street, Damask Way, Avon Road, Ebble Crescent. Wiltshire Council officers have tidied up, sprayed weed killer and written to residents. It will be a priority for spraying in future.

1165 – Appearance of roundabouts entering Warminster, unsightly and unattractive. Wiltshire Council, Warminster Town Council and Highways Agency have met to discuss. Highways agency will maintain the roundabouts to maximise safety, but as the roundabouts are in a rural area they cannot be beautified – it would also be a health hazard. No further action required or possible.

1824 – Overgrown trees have now been trimmed by Wiltshire Council officers.

Community Speedwatch

Issue no. 1775/1649 – speeding on Deverill Road. A metro count has been undertaken and speeding has not been found to be a significant issue at this location so the issue will not be referred to Community Speedwatch.

1507 – Three metro count strips are to be placed in Bishopstrow to assess the speeding situation.

Warminster Voices:

A meeting was held on the 1st September in the library. The meeting discussed the Arts, Sports and Leisure in Warminster, what was good and what could be improved. The recording of the meeting will be played at the Area Board meeting.

The next Warminster Voices meeting will be on Thursday 13 October 2011 from 2pm – 3pm at the Warminster Library.

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