



## **DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP**

### **PARISH COUNCIL FORUM**

#### ***Update for Devizes Area Board November 2011***

The Parish Council Forum met on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 and eight parishes were represented. It is encouraging to see more Parishes participating and worthwhile conversations taking place. There are currently two vacancies for members to represent PCF at DCAP meetings.

Parish Clerks had been canvassed about the possibility of gathering for an information sharing event. The feeling was generally positive, so it was hoped that an event could be arranged in the new year, particularly as there were a number of new clerks.

A response had been received regarding inaccuracies in the data in the draft Core Strategy and the meeting was updated on the timeframe for further consultation and legislation. Discussions took place about the timescale for preparation of Neighbourhood Plans, some Parishes sensing a great need for these to be ready to complement the Core Strategy. Nevertheless, the legislation for NPs would not take effect until April 2012.

The news of the excellent quality of the new traffic model was received enthusiastically. The Parish Council Forum wished to ask the Area Board to show the presentation of the model as widely as possible.

Clarification was sought on insurance implications of Parishes applying for funding for Jubilee celebrations that may subsequently be organised in conjunction with (or by) other organisations.

PCF members shared differing experiences of the level of work being carried out by Parish Stewards, particularly in the clearance of weeds and overgrown verges. It was hoped that a Wiltshire Council representative would be available to speak at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council Forum will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm at Browfort.