

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Purton Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	Wednesday 25 January 2012

Headlines

- New Infant and Junior School – Purton is delighted to have a new school that will bring together a split site. The new state of the art school was opened following the Christmas holidays bringing a good deal of excitement for both the children and staff. The Parish Council has been in discussions with the Church Diocese regarding the future of the old Victorian school building which is fondly thought of by many Purtonians and which has served the village well for several generations.
- Dog Fouling – the Parish Council is going to embark on a poster campaign to try to get the message across that people need to clean up their dogs mess as it is an ongoing problem in the village, in particular in the vicinity of the schools where it can disrupt the day's activities
- The Parish Council has been kept very busy with the major planning applications in its parish namely Ridgeway Farm for 700 dwellings, Widham Farm for 50 dwelling and the extension of the Moredon Bridge development with a further 50 dwellings. Also the recently submitted Tadpole Farm Development for 1,700 dwellings across the border in Swindon Borough. All of these developments in their own right will impact significantly on our village and neighbouring parishes and towns. We have particularly serious concerns about traffic and flooding implications. Two of the applications, namely Ridgeway Farm and Widham Farm, have been taken to the Secretary of State by the applicants due to non determination on the part of Wiltshire Council. We will continue to object to the applications through the necessary process. The Planning Inspectorate requires a response to the Widham Farm application by the 16 January 2012 and the appeal will begin on the 11 April 2012. The Inspectorate requires comments on the Ridgeway Farm application by the 16 February 2012. No date has yet been given for the Inquiry.

Projects

- The Parish Council is looking to improve its web site and is currently considering its options. It is intended that the web site will provide a better interactive link with the public and be more informative and helpful. It will also be useful for the Community led Parish Plan project.
- The Parish Council has joined the Ordnance Survey Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PSMA) and is looking to develop a useful mapping system for the Parish.
- St Mary's Church – the renewing of the path project started before Christmas when Wiltshire Council laid the dropped kerbs adjacent to the road. Further work will commence on the 9th January 2012 and is expected to take 2 weeks to complete the project.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- Purton's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 26th March 2012