

Warminster Area Board Issues Report for 5 July 2012

New issues since last meeting:

1. Several overgrown footpaths in Warminster

Community Area Manager has raised with officers who are investigating. This is a general issue in the Summer months in Warminster. The Town Clerk will co-ordinate a meeting for all involved to try to improve the situation.

2. Junction to Upton Scudamore A350

This is a dangerous junction. Wiltshire Council highways engineer is drawing up options and costings to improve the situation. This will be taken through the Community Area Transport Group (CATG).

3. Extra dog bin in Upton Scudamore

This is for the North end of the village. Community Area Manager has requested the bin be installed and is currently discussing with the appropriate officer.

Ongoing Issues under investigation

1. Issues with planning website & public information

Discussing with planning department as correspondent believes the information is often unclear. The Head of Admin and Technical Support is looking into the issue and the website is being reviewed.

2. Parking on junction of Smallbrook / Boreham Road

Highways officer is drawing up possible solutions; to report back to the CATG on September 11 2012.

3. Animals being killed on road – Boreham, Bishopstrow

This is to be part of a wider Bishopstrow meeting. Looking at possible signage if this is a substantial issue.

4. Speeding on Boreham Road

Has been referred for a metro-count survey

5. Sambourne Road crossing

Part of Taking Action on School Journeys and work is scheduled to be undertaken – improved painting and lighting.

6. Folly Lane

Highways officers and CAM visited site and met with residents. New signing and lining has been improved by Community Area Transport Group. A further metro count will be undertaken in September.

7. Portway – vehicles mounting pavement

The dropped kerbs are to be raised which will help to eliminate the problem of vehicles mounting the pavement. Community Area Manager chasing implementation of this work.

8. 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 Warminster Environmental Pride Team (WEPTS) community group have cleared the weeds but this is not the long term solution.

Land registry to identify ownership but this is likely to be the houses that back onto the footpath – this requires chasing up.

To be part of a wider meeting looking at footpaths in Warminster.

9. West Street vehicles mounting pavement

Leaflets available to place on cars. Area Manager to investigate.

10. Parking on pavement Highbury Park and Cul-de-Sac

As above.

11. Beech Grove / Portway junction

Discussed at CATG meeting; options have been drawn up. Members of CATG including Town Council to look at options.

12. Grovelands / Victoria Road

Has been approved and works are being programmed. Should start in late Summer all being well.

Issues Resolved / closed since last meeting:

1. Parking at entrance to Minster School

Community Area Manger has discussed with school who continue to do all they can to dissuade parents. PCSOs have been in attendance. Wiltshire Council are allowing free parking at school drop off and pick up times near local schools which will improve the situation.

2. Breach of access only on Chain Lane / Smallbrook Road

This is an ongoing issue as the through route cannot be closed as a local business has a right of access. This is an enforcement issue with relatively low priority. No further action possible at the moment but there may be scope in the future if businesses move.

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