

Warminster Area Board Issues Report for 6 September 2012

New issues since last meeting:

1. Safety surfaces at Queensway Play area

CAM has investigated. The slide was removed due to safety issues. A new slide and surrounding new surfaces will be installed, but this will not be until September when children return to school.

2. Inappropriate graffiti on footpath Ferris Mead / Damask Way

CAM ascertaining responsibility for footpath to get it cleared.

Ongoing Issues under investigation

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 has co-ordinated a successful meeting and a map of responsibilities completed. Further meetings to take place and a range of actions are in progress.

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) on September 11

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 with the appropriate officer. Likely to be an ordinary bin – which can be used for both purposes (not commonly known). Officer to discuss with Parish Council.

4. Issues with planning website & public information

Planning website manager to discuss with correspondent.

5. Parking on junction of Smallbrook / Boreham Road

Highways officer is drawing up possible solutions; to report back to the CATG on September 11 2012. Possible solution is hatched white lines.

6. Sambourne Road crossing

Part of Taking Action on School Journeys and work is scheduled to be undertaken – improved painting and lighting. Work to be implemented Autumn 2012.

7. 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. Signing and lining options to be discussed at CATG 11 September.

8. 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 - ongoing.

9. 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 as in 1 above.

10. West Street vehicles mounting pavement

Leaflets available to place on cars. Area Manager to investigate. Cars, lorries etc. actually driving on pavement – will take to CATG on 11 September.

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

Needs enforcement; leaflets; CAM to liaise with NPT.

12. Beech Grove / Portway junction

Discussed at CATG meeting; options have been drawn up. Members of CATG including Town Council to look at options. To be assessed on 11 Sep CATG meeting.

13. Grovelands / Victoria Road

The work on this junction has been approved and should be implemented late Summer.

Further details / actions and outcomes can be viewed at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards including reporting of issues.

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