

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	CHRISTIAN MALFORD
Date of Area Board Meeting	11 January 2010

Headlines

- **Flooding:**
 - Flooding remains a major concern in the village and local area. A meeting was held and attended by other Parishes and Town Councils with similar flooding problems to discuss the way forward due to the lack of information and perceived activity by Wiltshire Council.
 - We are concerned at the damage to Lower Seagry Mill Weir where the river has scoured out the weir retaining wall and the area is now unsafe. The Environment Agency has closed the area – what is happening?
- **B4069:** Still no definitive answer from Wiltshire Council, it is 3 months since the question was put to Cllr Sturgis at the 14 Sep Area Board Meeting. The use of the B4069 by large HGV vehicles remains a major concern; in particular; the extremely high volume of waste lorries (from Bristol & Wales) using the Viridor site in Calne.
- **Speeding:** Speeding remains a problem on the B4069 with motorists ignoring the 40 & 30 mph speed limits. (See projects).
- **Raines Coaches:** The use of a 52 seater bus, by Raines, is totally unsuitable for the narrow lanes where it is damaging grass verges in and around the village; its capacity massively exceeds the volume of passengers using the service. When operated by Hatts Coaches an 18 seater was used which was suitable for the volume of passengers transported and the local environment. Matter raised with Transport at Wiltshire Council but no response.

Projects

- **Wessex Water:** A large project, on schedule, due completion by Christmas, to upgrade the antiquated gravity fed sewage system which should alleviate many problems experienced in CM.
- **Burial Ground:** Work parties have cleared the undergrowth and scrub ready for seeding and bulb planting in the spring.
- **War Memorial:** The War Memorial has been cleaned and lettering is being repaired.
- **Speeding:** Investigating the purchase of a speed gun with other villages in the area.
- **Parish Steward:** Investigating taking on the duties of the Parish Steward; formal approach made to Customer Services at Wiltshire Council.
- **Rec:** Meeting held with 'stakeholders' to discuss improvements and future development of the Rec – next step a public meeting. Safety check of play equipment booked with the manufacturer.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- 2 Feb 10 Parish Council Meeting.
- TBC Public Meeting to discuss improvements and development of the Rec.

Signed: **N C Fairley**

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