

Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Purton Parish Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	6 th July 2011

Headlines

- The Parish Council is pleased to report that two new Councillors have been co-opted onto the Parish Council, this brings our number of Councillors to 12 we have 15 seats so we are still actively seeking three more members.

- Dog Fouling – Sebastian Williams (WC Dog Warden) is continuing his monthly visits to Purton this is proving useful with people coming forward with details of dog owners who allow their dogs to foul without picking up after them. A problem in the village that has become noticeable of late is the habit of dog owners picking up their dogs faeces and leaving the bag with its contents behind.

- We are still watching with great interest any developments in relation to the Ridgeway Farm Planning Application.
- We have commented on the Swindon Core Strategy and are preparing our comments for the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

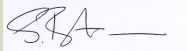
Projects

- Purton Village Hall Kitchen Refurbishment – Funding has been secured for this project and work is due to commence in early July 2011. It is hoped that the new look kitchen will help to generate more hall hirings and will provide better facilities for our regular hirers.

- Play Areas – The Parish Council is looking to upgrade two play areas one with new safety surfacing and the other with new swings. Both projects are costly therefore sources of funding are being explored by the Parish Councils as its budget for the Play Areas had only anticipated the safety surface and new swing seats rather than entire swing units. The release of s106 money would be very useful however we are getting little response from Wiltshire Council on this at the moment.

- Parish Plan – Work has started, it is recognised that it will involve a great deal of work. Projects undertaken by the Parish Council in 2000 when a Village Appraisal was carried out and in 2003 when a Village Design Statement was started are being looked at as this is a useful foundation to start the project. One of the areas we are focussing on first is traffic/highways.

- Extension to Purton Cemetery – we are currently exploring options for future burials and looking at the possibility of extending our existing cemetery into a wooded area. Also looking at sites outside the ownership of the Parish Council.

Signed:  Date: 13 June 2011