

Warminster Area Board Issues Report for 8 March 2012

New issues since last meeting:

1. Dog Fouling Upper Marsh Road

This issue has been lodged with our Public Protection service and also Street Scene. Team has been in touch with correspondent, cleaned the pavements and have also carried out a mail-shot to local residents. Hopefully the situation will be vastly improved following these actions.

2. West Street vehicles mounting pavement

Raised and discussed at Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting on 8.2.12. Highways staff are considering producing leaflets which can be placed on cars. The CATG meeting felt that there were few other options as this is a symptom of high levels of car ownership and high volumes of traffic.

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

Raised and discussed at CATG meeting on 8.2.12. As above. Highways staff are considering using leaflets.

4. Beech Grove / Portway junction

This is used as local "rat-run" with near misses every day. Highways staff are investigating options following the CATG meeting where this was discussed.

Issues Resolved since last meeting:

1. Highbury Park Road

Highbury Park Road, Warminster, has a pair of bends in it. People sometimes mistakenly take a wrong turning into the cul-de-sac portion, because it is not marked as a side road.

Chair of Board discussed with Community Area Transport Group and work is being undertaken to resolve the problem.

New lines have been designed and now painted hopefully eradicating this problem. Issue closed. Will review in a year.

2. Codford St Peter

There is an overgrown hedge which narrows the pavement. Highways engineers and the Parish Clerk are in contact with the owners to try to work out how best to safely cut back the hedge.

The farmer has now trimmed back the hedge which makes the pavement fully useable. However, the minimum amount has been trimmed to allow this and therefore it is likely that this issue will re-surface at some point in the future. Issue closed for now.

3. Graffiti on trees Dorothy Walk

The chemicals that would remove the graffiti would also kill the trees. Advised by the Street Scene team that the graffiti will therefore need to wear off naturally. Issue closed for now.

Issues previously raised that are ongoing:

1. Folly Lane

New signage requested due to increase in numbers using the Lane to go to the Rugby Club. Highways engineers are looking at options and will bring these to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting.

Highways inform that there is adequate signage in Folly Lane. Discussed at CATG on 8.2.12. Highways staff are to meet with a view to identifying solutions.

2. Portway

Some vehicles are mounting the pavement. Discussed at CATG and a potential solution is to erect temporary bollards and check how well these work. Highways officers to check feasibility.

Updated at CATG on 8.2.12. Bollards are not feasible after all. Highways staff to look at the possibility of raising the dropped kerbs which cause the problem. To be discussed with residents.

3. 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.

4. Grovelands / Victoria Road junction

This is part of the ongoing Parking Review. The proposed waiting restriction changes at the Grovelands Way junction have been formally advertised from 28 October for a period of 21 days. It is hoped that work on this junction will begin as soon as possible once full authorisation is obtained. However, it should be noted that there is usually an 8 to 10 week lead for Wiltshire Council's contractors to carry out statutory procedures for excavations in the highway for sign posts and to enable any signs to be designed/produced. Also once the date for implementation is known, the full traffic regulation order will need to be finalised by the regulatory team followed by the formal advert confirming the implementation of the scheme.

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