

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	CHRISTIAN MALFORD
Date of Area Board Meeting	10 th MAY 2010

Headlines/Key Issues

- Flooding:** Flooding remains a major concern in the village and local area. We have appointed a Flood Warden and have established a Parish Flood Working Group (PFWG). The PFWG has met and completed the 'Parish Flood Map'. There has been no change in the involvement of Parish/Town Councils in the OFWG(N); we look forward to the OFWG(N) being more open and would like to see more grass-roots involvement. Flooding has been raised as an issue.
- B4069:** The continued use of the B4069 by large numbers of waste lorries from S Wales, Bristol and the Gloucester area has a major impact on our environment. The voluntary code of practise for HGV waste lorries to use the route recommended by Wiltshire Council (A350/A4) can not be enforced and does not work. The solution recommended in a report by Mouchel Ltd, sponsored by Wiltshire Council, is the imposition of a 7.5T weight limit on the road - a measure Wiltshire Council seems reluctant to take. An Action Group has been formed by the four Parish Councils (Christian Malford, Dauntsey, Lyneham & Sutton Benger) to fight for a 7.5T weight limit on the B4069 between Draycot Cerne and Lyneham. The B4069 has been raised as an issue within three area boards.
- Speeding:** Speeding remains a problem on the B4069, and within the village, with motorists ignoring the 40 & 30 mph speed limits. (See projects).
- Malford Meadow (Pocket Park):** Since signing a 'Tenancy in Will' agreement with Wiltshire Council extensive work has been carried out in Malford Meadow – this includes: removal of scrub, removal of a dilapidated 'cow' shed, hedge laying and the whole area has received its first cut.

Projects

- Wessex Water:** Work has been completed on the Swallet Gate flood alleviation project.
- Burial Ground:** Seeding and landscaping of the burial ground extension has been carried out. A drainage pipe has been extended down to the River Avon. Seven diseased lime trees have been removed from the boundary by Bristol Diocese with matched funding from the Parish.
- Speeding:** Discussions are underway with our neighbouring Parish Councils (Sutton Benger and Dauntsey) who both have access to speed guns about possible 'partnership' arrangements. Volunteers have been invited to 'observe' anti-speeding operations carried out under the auspices of Dauntsey Parish Council.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

- 2 Jun 10 Parish Council Meeting
- 6 Jul 10 Parish Council Meeting
- 10 Jul 10 CM Summer Bash
- 7 Sep 10 Parish Council Meeting

Signed: **N C Fairley**

Date: 23 April 2010