

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	CHRISTIAN MALFORD
Date of Area Board Meeting	5 th July 2010

Headlines/Key Issues

- Flooding:** Flooding remains a major concern in the village and local area. As a result of continued pressure there appears to have been a softening of attitude to the involvement of Town & Parish Councils in the OFWG(N). Our Flood Warden has been invited to a series of OFWG(N) Meetings scheduled over the next 9 months; we will see how the first meeting goes.
- 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. A meeting has been called by WC for 28 Jun 10 for all stakeholders and interested parties. We remain concerned, that in the paperwork issued for the meeting, WC's position remains unchanged in that the only solution recommended in a report by Mouchel Ltd as being capable of forcing the waste lorries off the B4069, the imposition of a 7.5T weight limit, is their last choice of action. The 'action group', 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 is holding a meeting on 24th June prior to the WC meeting. Depending on the outcome of the meeting we will be submitting a written question to the Area Board Meeting on 5th July 2010.
- Speeding:** Speeding remains a problem on the B4069, and within the village, with motorists ignoring the 40 & 30 mph speed limits – this has been forwarded as an 'issue' on the WC Register
- Malford Meadow (Pocket Park):** Since signing a 'Tenancy in Will' agreement with WC; we are still waiting for the formal agreement and signing of the lease; the documents are with the respective solicitors. Malford Meadow has received a small grant from WC.

Projects

- Recreation Ground:** The Parish Council is conducting a review of the recreation ground with a view to improving and upgrading the current facilities.
- Speeding:** Discussions are continuing 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' (date to be arranged) anti-speeding operations carried out under the auspices of Dauntsey Parish Council.

Future Events/Dates for the diary

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

Signed: **N C Fairley**

Date: 21st July 2010