

Chippenham Area Board 13 September 2010

Chairman's Announcements

Digital TV Switchover Help Scheme

We have received a letter of thanks from the BBC Switchover Help Scheme advising us that the digital switchover was completed on 7 April. While the Switchover is complete, work continues in the region. People with digital equipment supplied through the scheme can continue to get help and advice from the aftercare service for up to one year after receiving their equipment. The BBC Switchover Help Scheme is also working with charities and other local organisations to help provide continuous support for those that need it.

Reminder to Parish Councils regarding Community Flooding Consultation

Please can the following parishes that have not yet returned their flooding information request details, do so as soon as possible:

Grittleton
Nettleton
Seagry

These should be sent to Renate Malton (Project Officer) at the address below:

Derby Court
White Horse Business Park
Trowbridge
BA14 OXG.

If you have lost your original pack or require an additional one for any reason, please contact Renate Malton, on 01225 712514 or renate.malton@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Wiltshire Council has a duty under the Flood and Water Management Act to establish, quantify and record the levels of flooding within the county following on from the Pitt review and recent major flooding events. As a lead authority, Wiltshire Council can ask other bodies within the county to provide relevant information in order to allow the discharge of duty. This duty is on both lead and local authorities, which includes town and parish councils.

Wiltshire Council is beginning to get enough data to start making statistical comparisons, for example the number of parishes who have reported internal property flooding, have flood supplies and are on the Environment Agency warning telephone list. This is providing information on where in the county Wiltshire Council might like to prioritise storing flood supply equipment, or where the parish have identified issues with blocked culverts/drains enabling us to investigate the current schedules.

The information Wiltshire Council has received to date has been on the whole very good, it has been loaded onto the GIS system and the overlay is taking shape and is very informative.

If issues are subsequently raised at Area Board level by the parishes who have not responded, this will impact the time taken for their work to be undertaken and it will impact on any planning issues, as access to this information is very important. This work will benefit the parishes as well as county.

Community Speedwatch

Please find below a statement from Cllr Dick Tonge following the recently circulated Press Statement regarding the Speed watch cameras

“I write to inform you that, whilst the future of the Safety Camera Unit may be under threat, appropriate steps are being taken to ensure that Community Speed Watch in Wiltshire continues as an important initiative to help reduce speeds and improve the quality of life for our communities.

We are in discussion with the police authority to ensure that Speed Watch is appropriately resourced and local volunteers receive the necessary support.

I can also confirm that Speed Indicator Devices will continue to be available for deployment in each community area.”

Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation

Consultation planned on possible new Gypsy and Traveller sites following on from the work carried out in April and June this year has now been put on hold. The issues consultation used figures proposed in the draft South West Regional Spatial Strategy as the basis of future need for Gypsy and Traveller sites. The Regional Spatial Strategy has now been revoked and it falls to local authorities to determine the right level of site provision. Officers are currently assessing existing information about the level of need for new Gypsy and Traveller sites in Wiltshire to make sure the development plan document progresses with the correct local targets for new site provision. This has affected the overall timetable for the preparation of the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations document. The Area Board will be informed once a revised project timetable on the provision of new sites for the travelling community is available.

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026

The Council has a statutory duty to review and publish a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) by the end of March 2011. In essence, Local Transport Plans steer the implementation of national transport policies at the local level.

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan is made up of:

- A long-term transport strategy that seeks to:
 - support economic growth
 - reduce carbon emissions
 - contribute to better safety, security and health
 - promote equality of opportunity
 - improve quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment
- A shorter-term implementation plan based on a realistic assessment of available funding, and
- A number of supporting strategies and technical documents.

In addition, the Local Transport Plan provides the framework for all other organisations with a direct or indirect involvement in transport in Wiltshire.

Consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan will run from **4 October to 26 November 2010**.

The preferred method of communication is for comments to be submitted online at: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>, where electronic copies of all the documents will be available. Paper copies of the summary document, questionnaire and a reference copy of the Local Transport Plan will also be available from all libraries and main Council offices.

The Council's Cabinet and full Council will consider the results of the consultation in February 2011 prior to the publication of the final Local Transport Plan in March 2011.

Consultation Portal Link: <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Consultation on Initial Site Options for the Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations

A consultation on potential sites for sand and gravel extraction commenced on 5 August 2010. Because the consultation is starting in August it will run for a period of eight weeks.

It is important to stress that the plan is at a very early stage of production and only proposes potential site options for minerals extraction. At this stage none of the sites

listed in this document have any firm planning status - i.e. they are not the councils' preferred sites, but areas of land that have been promoted for consideration by landowners and the minerals industry.

The potential sites fall within the Electoral Divisions of:

- Alderbury and Whiteparish
- Winterslow
- Minety
- Cricklade and Latton
- Bromham, Rowde and Potterne
- Melksham Without North
- Calne Rural
- Calne South and Cherhill
- Melksham Without South
- Corsham Without and Box Hill
- **Chippenham, Lowden and Rowden**
- **Kington.**

The consultation report identifies key issues and constraints for development of each of the proposed sites and represents the first opportunity for communities and stakeholders to share their views on the suitability of the sites included in this plan.

We would encourage anyone wishing to view and comment on the report to use the online portal <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Alternatively, the report will be available for viewing at Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices and libraries throughout the county and borough.

The Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices are located at:

- County Hall – Trowbridge
- Bradley Road – Trowbridge
- Monkton Park – Chippenham
- Browfort – Devizes
- Wyndham Road – Salisbury
- Watt Tyler House – Swindon.

The comments received through this consultation will be used to help inform the scope of further detailed assessments on the potential sites. This in turn will inform which sites should be carried forward into the formal plan and which should be dropped from further consideration. A formal draft of the Aggregate Minerals Site Allocations DPD, presenting the sites selected to be carried forward, is timetabled for publication and consultation in spring 2011.

Further information is available by contacting the Minerals and Waste Policy team on 01225 713429, or e-mail mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Making a Difference – The Wiltshire Council Parish Steward Scheme

The Council is the Highway Authority for Wiltshire, excluding Swindon Borough and the Trunk Road Network. The maintenance work is performed by a contracted

service provider, Ringway Infrastructure Services. An integral aspect of this contract is the Parish Steward Scheme. This scheme enjoys a good level of support amongst most of the local authorities. A twelve minute film has been made, which aims to describe the work and workings of this scheme. Please find further information on the Wiltshire Council website, following the link below:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwayspavements/roadmaintenance/parishstewardsscheme.htm>

Contact: The Parish Steward Scheme service can be contacted by email on clarence@wiltshire.gov.uk, or by telephone from landlines within Wiltshire on 0800 232323 or 01225 777234 from outside Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Intelligence Network



New Research Website Launched

A new website has been created to provide access to a wide variety of information and research for Wiltshire. The new site, www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk, is available to all and aims to support planners and policy makers, community leaders and politicians, voluntary groups and the general public in using accurate data to make informed decisions. A broad range of information is available, organised into the following topic themes:

- Consultation
- Local Area Profiles
- Population & Census
- Health & Wellbeing
- Education & Skills
- Economy
- Crime & Community Safety
- Community
- Planning & Housing
- Transport & Communications
- Environment, Climate Change, Waste & Recycling
- Culture, Leisure & Tourism

The content of the site will continue to grow over the coming months and the research team is keen to hear any suggestions for content that people would like to see on the site. The site was developed by Wiltshire Council's corporate research team in the Department of Public Health and Wellbeing, in conjunction with the South West Observatory and working in partnership with NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Police. For more information, or to give your views and feedback, please contact Sally Hunter on 01225 713289, or email sally.hunter@wiltshire.gov.uk.