

Report from Linda Bragg on the Parish Council Meeting, Wed 9 September 2015

**Public Forum Session** – the following issues were raised:

- The areas of grass no longer being maintained by Wiltshire Council
- The damage being caused to the B4069 by the heavy lorries
- The status of the 20mph speed limit on Chestnut Road (Cllr Alexander advised that 1 objection had been received and so the matter had been sent to the Cabinet for consideration – further details can be found at <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1062>)

**Finance** – It was agreed to pay the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) the sum of £1,128 to cover the full cost of 2 new benches for the recreation ground. The Council also approved a Community Grant of £500 for the VHMC toward the cost of grounds maintenance of the rec.

**Planning Applications -**

15/08404/TCA	7 Sutton Lane, SN15 4RU	Fell 1 Damson Tree & 1 Goat Willow, 10% thin to 2 Apple Trees & 2 Pear Trees, and Fell 2 Elm Trees.	No Objections
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**Neighbourhood Development Plan** – Cllr K Smedley was given approval to complete grant applications on behalf of the Neighbourhood Development Group and for the funds to be administered by the Clerk through the PCs bank account

**Grass Verge 66 High Street** – Following further legal advice it was agreed not to pursue this matter further as there is very little that the Parish Council can do.

**Parish Councillor Vacancies** – the PC has 3 vacancies for Parish Councillors and are looking for applicants from anyone aged 18+ who has lived within the parish for more than 1 year. Areas of responsibility for the new Councillors will include one of the following: Village Hall Liaison, Transport or Youth/Community liaison. The Clerk is to produce a leaflet to distribute throughout the village, especially on The Park, to advertise the vacancies. If you are interested or would like more information contact Linda Bragg, Parish Clerk on [parishclerk@suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 07467 287955.

**Highways & Wiltshire Council Matters** – Cllr P Jones produced a list of all outstanding Highways issues raised with Wiltshire Council – this list is available from the Clerk and will be available on the website [www.suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.suttonbengerparishcouncil.gov.uk).

**Did you know that you can use Wiltshire Council's My Wiltshire app to report problems while you are out and about around the Parish?**



To make life even easier, Wiltshire Council have an app so you can report things like **potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting** on the go using your smartphone. The MyWiltshire app is available to download at both the [App Store](#) (for iPhones and iPads) and from [Google Play](#)™ (for Android phones) or from [Windows store](#) (for windows phones). You can attach information such as photos or videos and pinpoint the location of your report using the mapping software on your phone.

**Grass verges/Service Strips** – A map is now available showing the areas of grass verges in the village that Wiltshire Council have a responsibility to cut – this will be made available on the Notice boards, website and from the Clerk. Cllr E Pope and the Clerk will be working on producing an information leaflet on the use of grass verges/service strips no longer being maintained by Wilts Council.

**Flowerbed on High Street/Manor Farm Drive junction** – It was agreed to the Clerk completing a Community Asset Transfer from Wiltshire Council for ownership, by the PC, of the flowerbed.

**Traffic Issues on B4122** – Cllr E Pope is to draft a letter to Wilts Council outlining the PC's views on the traffic issues caused by the reduced opening times of the Stanton St Quintin Recycling Site and the opening of the new village shop at the Chippenham Pitstop to determine what, if any, safety measures can be put in place.

**Chippenham Area Board/Parish Forum** – Cllr D Alexander gave an update on the Area Board meeting of the 7 September 2015 which included workshops concerning Policing, Rural Isolation and Highways.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wed 7 October 2015** at 7.45pm in the **Sutton Benger School Hall**.