

Chair's report for August 2019

On 15 July I attended the CATG meeting in Amesbury, a report on this is contained in the Traffic Group report.

On 27 July Shrewton & Till Valley Horticultural Society held its annual flower show in the recreation ground. The exhibits were of high standard and I would like to congratulate everybody who took part in this traditional show.

The Parish Council had a stall at the show so that people could speak to the Council directly and the following matters were raised:

A lady wished to thank the Parish Council for the refurbishment of the children's playground in the corner of the Recreation Ground; It was explained that this was actually part of (and looked after) by the Recreation Ground and that the Parish Council was not involved, the lady was assured that her thanks would be passed on to the Recreation Ground committee.

Condition of footpath 18. The enquirer was assured that the Parish Council was very much aware of issues in this area and steps had been taken (and would continue to be taken) to try and improve matters.

(Following negative comments on Facebook) A lady came to discuss the traffic situation in Tanners Lane and a request (made some time ago and resolved) to cut back a hedge; the impression given was that this was due to the size of the hedge slowing down traffic. The lady was assured that this was not the reason; a complaint had been received about the size of the hedge not leaving enough room for even single vehicles to pass and the complainant was concerned about possible damage to their vehicle when trying to use the highway.

Concerns about speeding traffic on the A360. A resident of Meadway expressed concerns about the speed of traffic on the A360 as there isn't a pedestrian route from Meadway to the main part of the village that doesn't involve crossing the A360. The person also asked why they couldn't have Speed Indicator Devices (like the London Road). It was explained that more mountings were being obtained for the newer Speed Indicator Device so that it could be easily mounted elsewhere and the reason the 'older' devices had solar panels was that they had proved to be too heavy to be easily moved and that for safety reasons they were now left in one position. The resident also expressed concerns about a stack of beer crates that were supporting an advert for a forthcoming beerfest (these crates were obstructing the view of drivers exiting Meadway), however when a check was carried out the crates had already been removed.

Concerns about the state of the roads. It was explained that the roads were the responsibility of Wiltshire Council and that any issues should be reported directly to Wiltshire Council by means of the MyWiltshire app. or online at the Wiltshire Council website.

A lady wished to thank the Parish Council for the work it puts in and expressed the opinion that it was doing a good job; I thanked her for her compliments. Following on from this, I would like to thank everybody for the work they put in (and time that they give to the Council).

This concludes the Chair's report.