

Background Report for the Parish Council meeting September 2012

83.12 Reports

b. Flood Action Group – I have contacted the Flood Warden with a view to updating the Flood Action Plan this autumn, and I have also ordered two gel sacs from Wilts Council to show residents exactly what they are. I suggest they are kept at the shop for people to look at if they wish.

f. Parish Clerk's report

- Paper recycling bins are to be moved from Pitton school and the plastic bottle and cardboard recycling bins are to be moved from the Hook & Glove mini recycling centre on 1st October.
- The Clarendon Marathon is to be held again this year on Sunday 7th October.
- Wiltshire Council is holding a Flooding Seminar in Warminster on Wednesday 17th October at 10.00am in Warminster Civic Centre
- The next Area Board meeting will be held on Thursday 27th September in Pitton Village Hall at 7.00pm
- The Wiltshire Involvement Network is holding a meeting on Friday 19th October at 10.20am to 2.00pm in the City Hall regarding Carers and Services that enable people to remain in their own homes

85.12 Finance

d. Possible financial contribution towards the installation of kissing gates on parish footpaths – the recent Area Board initiative has shown that no kissing gates are needed, and Alan confirms this in his separate report. Recommend that no contribution be made towards this work.

88.12 Community Police Liaison Member

The Area Board is asking that someone be appointed as a liaison officer between the PC and the Local Neighbourhood Team. The post doesn't seem too onerous at the moment – just to be a communication channel, but it may develop in the future.

89.12 Ongoing matters

a. Aymers Pond – I have contacted Mr Bundy and will meet him next week.

b. Satellite dish at Pitton Post Office – this has been removed, and the lottery terminal will be served by a telephone line.

c. The Close - the search for someone to cut the grass is ongoing, but Pitton Village Hall has suggested employing the same contractor to save on costs. I recommend that Salisbury City Council be approached with the Village Hall's agreement. I am meeting Greg Gent about the sick Horse Chestnut next week, and will also ask him to quote for removing the branches across the play area. I'm concerned that a patch of Japanese Knotweed is growing by the footpath near the swings – it needs regular dousing with weedkiller.

d. Pitton bus shelter – I have asked for this work to be done as soon as possible.

e. Litter bin in Farley – I have asked for this to be removed by Wiltshire Council.