

PRINCES RISBOROUGH LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



DATE:	17 December 2008
TIME:	7.00 pm
LOCATION:	The Baptist Hall, Bell Lane, Princes Risborough

AGENDA

Item		Page No
1	Apologies for Absence / Changes in Membership	
2	Declarations of Interest To declare any personal or prejudicial interests	
3	Action Notes To confirm the notes of the meeting held on 17 September 2008	1 - 4
4	Question Time There will be a 20 minute period for public questions. Members of the public are encouraged to submit their questions in advance of the meeting to facilitate a full answer on the day of the meeting. Questions sent in advance will be dealt with first and verbal questions after. They can be sent to Ian Reed, Senior Area Co-ordinator on 01494 475378 or email: ireed@buckscc.gov.uk Questions are expected in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saunderton Lodge – Public Transport Issues • Kings Lane – Road Closure • Proposed Erection of Two Wind Turbines in Summerleys Road, Princes Risborough 	
5	Petitions Attached are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petitions and Responses regarding Princes Risborough • Report on Naphill Petition presented to Wycombe Local Committee on 3 July 2008 	5 - 14
6	Local Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of the wintery weather conditions experienced on parts of the community area - 29 October 2008. Verbal Report from Eric Meek Acting Group Manager, Area Maintenance and Management (South) and Robert Murdoch, Emergency Planning Officer • Whiteleaf Cross – Interpretive signs. Report from Julia Carey – report attached. • Princes Risborough Community Bus Service – The LCP to receive an update on this Project, being undertaken by Risborough Area Community 	15 - 16

	<p>Action (RACA) which is working as a Level 1 Group in the Area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of Community Services in Rural Areas – Report from Tony Molesworth of Lacey Green Community Planning Group 	
7	<p>Delegated Budget Schemes Attached is the current list of bids for 2009/10</p>	17 - 18
8	<p>Transportation and Highway Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HGV Routes • Tranquil • 300 Bus Route Service • Local NAG Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inconsiderate Parking Excessive Speeding of vehicles • High Street Princes Risborough 	19 - 20
9	<p>A New Deal for Buckinghamshire Presentation from Ian Reed, Senior Area Co-ordinator</p>	
10	<p>Locality Working and Community Engagement - Update Report from Charles Meakings, Wycombe District Council. The Pathfinder Community Engagement Newsletter is also attached.</p>	21 - 28
11	<p>Date of Next and Future Meetings The next meeting of the Local Community Partnership will take place on 18 February 2009 at 7.00pm.</p> <p>Dates of Future Meetings: 24 June 23 September 25 November</p>	

Members

Dennis Green, Buckinghamshire County Council
Richard Pushman, Buckinghamshire County Council
Paul Rogerson, Buckinghamshire County Council
Bill Bendyshe-Brown, Wycombe District Council
David Carroll, Wycombe District Council
David Devine, Wycombe District Council
John Gibbs, Wycombe District Council
Gary Hall, Wycombe District Council
Pam Priestley, Wycombe District Council
Mr M Evins, Bledlow-cum-Saunderton Parish Council
Ken Hale, Bradenham Parish Council
Mr J Hambly, Ellesborough Parish Council
Hilary Reid, Gt and Lt Hampden Parish Council
Alan Clarke, Gt and Lt Kimble Parish Council
David Jarman, Hughenden Parish Council
Peggy Ewart, Hughenden Parish Council
David Davies, Hughenden Parish Council
Cathryn Davies, Lacey Green Parish Council
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Agencies : Buckinghamshire County Council, Wycombe District Council, Bledlow-cum
Saunderton Parish Council, Bradenham Parish Council, Ellesborough Parish Council, Great
and Little Hampden Parish Council, Great and Little Kimble Parish Council, Hughenden
Parish Council, Lacey Green Parish Council, Longwick-cum-Ilmer Parish Council, Princes
Risborough Town Council, Thames Valley Police, Bucks Fire and Rescue, Buckinghamshire
PCT, Voluntary Sector representatives

ACTION NOTES

MEETING:	Princes Risborough Local Community Partnership
DATE:	17 September 2008 7.00 pm to 8.45 pm
LOCATION	Great Kingshill School

Present:	Richard Pushman (Buckinghamshire County Council), Paul Rogerson (Buckinghamshire County Council), David Carroll (Wycombe District Council), John Gibbs (Wycombe District Council), Pam Priestley (Wycombe District Council) and Mr J Hambly (Ellesborough Parish Council)
In Attendance:	Maureen Keyworth, Chris Garcia, Ian Reed, Eric Meek, Karen Adamson, Lisa Wheeler and Jo Oliver
Apologies:	Dennis Green, John Hughes, Miv Hughes, David Devine, John MacMillan and Bill Bendyshe-Brown.

Item	ISSUES RAISED
1	<p>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairmanship would be shared on a meeting by meeting basis by the three County Councillors.</p> <p>Richard Pushman in the Chair for this meeting.</p>
2	<p>APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN</p> <p>It was agreed that John Gibbs from Wycombe District Council be Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.</p>
3	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Apologies were received from Dennis Green, John Hughes, Miv Hughes, David Devine, John MacMillan and Bill Bendyshe-Brown.</p>
4	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>There were none.</p>
5	<p>FUTURE OF LOCALITY WORKING IN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE</p> <p>Members received the report, the purpose of which was to inform the LCP of the County Council Resolution made on 10 July 2008 regarding the reviewed GC2C Strategy. The Terms of Reference for the Local Area Forums and Local Community Partnerships were agreed at County Council on 10 July and a summary sheet was circulated at the LCP meeting.</p> <p>Wycombe Local Committee ceased meeting in July 2008 and a community engagement pilot is currently being undertaken, where there will be two levels of meetings. Downley, Disraeli, West Wycombe and Stokenchurch are piloting the Level 1 meetings which will be based on NAG areas. The Level 2 meetings are where the County Council will deliver its services in the future. and will consist of County, District, Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>With regard to the terms of reference for the LCP, the following was agreed:</p>

- The LCP will meet quarterly, meetings to commence at 7.00pm
- Where possible, the Parish Councils will host the meetings and provide refreshments. However, it was noted that not all Parish Councils run the village halls. Other facilities were offered by the RAF representative and Fire and Rescue representative.
- on the size of population and the make-up of the parish areas it was agreed that Hughenden Parish Council may send up to three representatives to the meeting and Princes Risborough Town Council may send up to three representatives. There will be one nominated representative from each of the other Parish Councils, although any number of members may attend the meetings. This could be reviewed in the future if necessary.
- Community Groups will attend as members of the public.
- Meetings will be advertised through posters, parish council newsletters and the press. It was agreed that a press release should be issued advertising the first meeting.
- Joint forum meetings can be held if a number of LCPs wished to work together on a particular issue.

The LCP meetings will identify local issues and contribute towards any decision-making. It was important to take into account parish plans when discussing issues.

The delegated budget for highway maintenance will continue. Previously, each Local Committee received £125,000 to carry out environmental improvement schemes. This will now be split between the LCP areas. PR LCP will receive £30,368.99. An assessment matrix will be used to score schemes which are submitted. These will then be brought to the LCP for consideration.

Members noted that the full budget could be used for a particular project if the LCP considered it was necessary. The District and Parish Councils could also add money to any scheme if they wished. However, in the case of parish council money, it could only be spent within their own parishes. Council Members may also wish to use their Community Leaders Funding. In time, it was expected that other services will work with LAF/LCPs in the same way as Transportation, both in terms of funding and devolved services. However, there was some uncertainty about whether the devolved funding would increase in future years, because of budget constraints and smaller government grant funding.

Members of the Local Community Partnership NOTED the report.

6 ACTION NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JUNE 2008

The action notes from the meeting held on 25 June 2008 were AGREED

7 ACTION LIST OF ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM LAST MEETING

Members noted the responses to the actions from the last two meetings.

Other points of note:

- With regard to the 'Think!' signs, concern was expressed that not all the signs had been removed. However, it was noted that those signs that could be removed, had been. Members were informed that the County Council has a working party on street clutter. (*Addendum: Subsequent to the meeting further information was obtained on this item. The County Council does not have a working party on street clutter. However, a Consultant has been asked to work on a Signing and Lining Policy. This will work as a prevention tool for the future to ensure extra signage is not erected. If there are concerns about signs in the Princes Risborough LCP Area and if 20 roads can be identified as being affected, then officers will investigate the situation and report back at a future LCP meeting.*)
- In order to try and stop lorries going through Hughenden, traffic from High Wycombe was being given notification of unsuitable roads and roads where weight restrictions are in place. Sat Nav continues to be a problem in directing lorries through unsuitable areas. Marsh was another area of concern regarding signage and this was also being investigated.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that HGV Issues should be put on the Forward Plan. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Ian Reed re Forward Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Adamson from Adult Social Care reported that the Surgery held on 16 July in Princes Risborough had been successful. The local PCSO had also attended and given advice on crime prevention. Joint working will also be taking place with the LATs and the Fire and Rescue Service in the future. The next Surgery will be held on 4 December between 10.00am and 1.00pm and posters advertising the Surgery will be sent to the Parish Clerks. The Fire Safety vehicle and the Mobile Library will be used to hold surgeries in rural areas.
8	<p>QUESTION TIME</p> <p>A member reported on concern from residents regarding the NATS (National Air Traffic Services) consultation. The Chairman reported that the County Council had made representations and the Aylesbury Vale Local Area Committee had also held a special meeting where representatives from the London-Luton Airport Consultative Committee and the Civil Aircraft Authority had been invited. The Chilterns Conservation Board had also responded to the consultation.</p> <p>Many members considered that aircraft were already flying at lower altitudes and it was suggested that members could look at monitoring aircraft noise and report back to a future meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Ian Reed re Forward Plan</p>
9	<p>ISSUES OF INTEREST</p> <p>Members noted the previous issues which had been discussed at meetings of the Forum and were asked to send any other items to Ian Reed or Maureen Keyworth.</p> <p>Items noted from the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HGV Issues NATS Consultation Speed Limit Review <p>Chris Garcia gave an update on the Princes Risborough One Way System proposal. The Town Council was happy to wait for the outcome of the Civil Enforcement Area study before progressing any further.</p> <p>A paper on Area 5 Speed Limit Review was circulated to members.</p>
10	<p>PETITIONS</p> <p>There were none.</p>
11	<p>FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE</p> <p>Members received a presentation from Jo Oliver from the Fire and Rescue Service which can be located via the following link: http://moderngov/Published/C00000622/M00003303/AI00006293/FirePresentation.pdf</p> <p>and covered the following issues:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision Organisation Understanding community risks Pressures and realities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed objectives • Potential prevention schemes • Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) • Summary and contacts <p>Their website can be found at www.bucksfire.gov.uk</p> <p>During discussion the following points were highlighted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a leaflet on home fire safety checks and smoke alarms, which are provided free of charge. • The poster on inconsiderate parking shows how some fire engines find it difficult to reach their destination because of poor car parking along narrow roads. The Fire Service had no enforcement powers and had to rely on the goodwill of the public. Parking over footways is also a problem. Although it is illegal to park on the pavement, parking on the road can block roads and the Police tend to assess the situation before taking any action. Jo will also provide A4 size leaflets for the Parish Councils. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Parish Councils/Fire Service Partnership Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation on the IRMP was highlighted. • The Police and Fire and Rescue Service have close working relationships particularly when working with young people • A leaflet has been produced on rural safety and fire checks are being extended <p>The Chairman thanked Jo Oliver for her presentation.</p>
12	<p>TRANQUIL PROJECT - UPDATE</p> <p>A report was circulated, for information.</p>
13	<p>SPEED LIMIT REVIEW</p> <p>Members noted that there was no further information other than what was contained in the Information Sheet. There was frustration that the official notices were difficult to understand and very 'legalistic'. The Parish Councils did not appear to have received the maps and it was agreed that these should be sent out.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Pat Francis to send out the maps</p>
14	<p>PRINCES RISBOROUGH SERVICE EXCELLENCE EVENT</p> <p>Members received an update on the Princes Risborough Service Excellence Event which, it was agreed, may help identify items for future discussion.</p>
15	<p>DATES OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS</p> <p>The next meeting of the Princes Risborough Local Community Partnership will be held on Wednesday 17 December 2008 at 7.00pm at a venue to be advised. Dates of future meetings</p> <p>2009 18 February 24 June 23 September 16 December (<i>Addendum: subsequent to the meeting this date was changed to 25 November</i>)</p>

Local Area Committee

Petitions & Responses – April 2005 to present

Princes Risborough

Date	Petition	Ongoing	Action	Cleared
July 08	<p>Petition received from residents along Main Road, Naphill requesting improvement to the road surface and pavement along Main Road, Naphill</p> <p>'Please find enclosed herewith signatures collected from residents along Main Road, Naphill from Hunts Hill Lane up to the Stocking Lane crossroads regarding the improvement of the road surface and the pavements especially on the side from the Village Hall down to the local shop.</p> <p>One or two comments have been made i.e. to jog or walk at a brisk pace is impossible along the mentioned path, also a quiet afternoon in the back garden is out of the question because of the constant rush of traffic passing. Peak time (starts at approx. 6.30am) especially noisy.</p> <p>There are still a number of residents whom I did not find</p>		<p>Footways are being dealt with in the Autumn Footway Slurry Sealing programme.</p> <p>At present no works are planned for the Main Road carriageway however when works are required SMA will be used.</p>	<p><i>It should be noted that the main cause of traffic noise within a 30mph speed limit comes from the vehicles engines and not road surface conditions.</i></p> <p><i>At the same time the carriageway was inspected and the following noted. The majority of the surface is Hot Rolled Asphalt, which has good consistent surface texture and although some localised minor defects are present, it is considered that no treatment is necessary.</i></p> <p><i>It should be noted that Stone Mastic Asphalt will be used as resurfacing material at such point that treatment is necessary</i></p>

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	<p>available when I called but would like to mention that only two out of all approached for comment did not wish to sign. One of these two worked for the Council which is understandable.</p> <p>If I am correct I believe that a quietening surface has been applied to both Coombe Lane and the Walters Ash roads and wonder why the Main Road section above has been excluded?'</p>			
September 07	<p>Although a petition was not received for consideration by the Local Committee, following the death of a 5 year old boy along Cockpit Road, Great Kingshill</p>		<p><i>The Cabinet Member for Transportation and the Head of Transportation agreed to the construction of a new footway on the northern side of Cockpit Road, to create a continuous footway along the full length of the road.</i></p> <p><i>The construction works took place in August / September 2008</i></p>	
April 07	<p>Ellesborough Parish Council have submitted a petition from the residents in North Lee Lane - re Speed Limit Reviews in Ellesborough Area</p> <p>"We, the residents of North Lee Lane, wish to inform you that a</p>	<p><i>The above petition will be taken into consideration by the Area 5 Speed Limit Review Working Group at its next meeting, which is likely to take place in early Summer 2007.</i></p>		

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	<p>SID speed check took place on the road on 6 July 2006 from 4.15pm to 6.30pm, and following the results wish action to be taken in relation to the speed traffic is allowed to travel on this road.</p> <p>Approximately 186 vehicles travelled the road at that time – of those:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 travelled at 50 – 54mph • 43 travelled at 55 – 59mph • 16 travelled at 60+mph • 1 car and 1 motorbike did not register because they were travelling over 70mph <p>The remainder were travelling mid to high 40s.”</p>	<p><i>The Working Group consists of all County Councillors within Area 5; a District Council representative; Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer ; Bucks County Council speed limit review and traffic management officers and Local Area Co-Coordinator. The Area Group Manager may also attend some meetings.</i></p> <p><i>The Working Group will evaluate all the new speed limits introduced in April 2006 ,(to include a review of public feedback , speed measurements and crash records), and decide whether to recommend any modifications or additions to these speed limits in the light of this information/requests.</i></p> <p><i>Any changes recommended by the Working Group would then need to go through the legally required public consultation process , which includes advertising Public Notices in local papers, and on site, before any new speed limits can be put in place.</i></p> <p><i>It may be possible for installation</i></p>		

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April 07	<p>Terry Mackintosh, Chairman of Magnum (Marsh Action Group) - Speed and Volume of Traffic in Marsh Area</p> <p>"I present to you a petition signed by over a hundred residents and friends of Marsh, over 98% of the residents of Marsh have put their name to this petition to express their deep concern over the increase in speed and volume of traffic now using this quiet backwater as a commuter rat run. Over the past 5 years we have been active in campaigning not</p>	<p><i>of any subsequent new limits in Area 5 to be put in by March 2008 . However, at the time of writing, it has not been decided whether Speed Limit Review Areas 3-7 should receive their 'extra' speed limit modifications before Areas 8-14 have received their initial speed limit changes , or for these to be put in place only after the initial review has been completed countywide. To put this in context, Areas 8 & 9 are timetabled for new speed limits by March 2008- the last Area (Area 14) is currently scheduled to have its new speed limits by 2010.</i></p> <p><i>The above petition will be taken into consideration by the Area 5 Speed Limit Review Working Group at its next meeting, which is likely to take place in early Summer 2007.</i></p> <p><i>The Working Group consists of all County Councillors within Area 5; a District Council representative; Thames Valley Police Traffic Management Officer ; Bucks County Council speed limit review and traffic management officers and Local Area Co-Ordinator. The Area Group Manager may also attend</i></p>		

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	<p>only to reduce the speed limit through our village to 30mph but to also restrict volume.</p> <p>Our campaign is supported by our local representatives of Wycombe District Council, Buckinghamshire County Council and the local Parish Council all of whom recognise the need to deal with this problem quickly and decisively to avoid the situation becoming intolerable.</p> <p>Our hopes of a further reduction of the speed limit to 30mph or possibly 20mph were firmly pinned to the Tranquil project that was to be the vehicle to help communities such as ours, this we now understand has been shelved with no plans to introduce at a later date.</p> <p>This we feel is a loss of an ideal opportunity!!</p> <p>Our request is simple, a 30mph would help the people of Marsh to live the life they have chosen in peace and safety and although they recognise there will always be the few who will flout the law the majority will abide by it, in doing so they will be helping not only Marsh but many other communities and themselves</p>	<p>some meetings.</p> <p>The Working Group will evaluate all the new speed limits introduced in April 2006 ,(to include a review of public feedback , speed measurements and crash records), and decide whether to recommend any modifications or additions to these speed limits in the light of this information/requests.</p> <p>Any changes recommended by the Working Group would then need to go through the legally required public consultation process , which includes advertising Public Notices in local papers, and on site, before any new speed limits can be put in place.</p> <p>It may be possible for installation of any subsequent new limits in Area 5 to be put in by March 2008 . However, at the time of writing, it has not been decided whether Speed Limit Review Areas 3-7 should receive their 'extra' speed limit modifications before Areas 8-14 have received their initial speed limit changes , or for these to be put in place only after the initial review has been completed countywide. To put this in context, Areas 8 & 9 are</p>		

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July 2005	<p>enjoy the benefits of the countryside in safety.</p> <p>Speed Camera Request - Speed Camera along Thame Road, Longwick</p> <p>At the Council meeting held on 28 April 2005, Mr Rogerson presented a petition on the need to a speed camera along Thame Road, Longwick.</p> <p>Mr Rogerson has also requested that the petition for a camera at Bledlow that was considered three years ago by this Committee be raised again.</p>	<p>timetabled for new speed limits by March 2008- the last Area (Area 14) is currently scheduled to have its new speed limits by 2010.</p>		<p><u>Speed Camera Request - Longwick</u></p> <p>The petition was passed onto the Thames Valley Safer Roads Partnership (TVSRP) for consideration. Having informally discussed the petition with them, it is apparent that the collision and casualty record through Longwick is such that the criteria for a safety camera will not be met. In the last 3 years there have been 1 serious and 4 slight collisions in the 40mph stretch. The serious accident was speed/alcohol related, 1 slight was speed related and 2 slights were defined as "in a hurry". The site does not come under the rules for a core site, but could well be considered for exceptional enforcement as a Community Concern Site.</p> <p>TVSRP have logged this site onto its community concern database and they are waiting for responses.</p> <p>For your information, Community Concern Sites are a new initiative where TVSRP will undertake speed camera enforcement at sites which do not meet the usual criteria. The Handbook allows for 15% of enforcement time to be undertaken</p>

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				<p>at exceptional sites. One of the Department for Transport's requirement for carrying out enforcement at "exceptional sites" is that,</p> <p><i>'a clearly-documented case exists with sound evidence supporting the view that there is a well-founded speed-related risk to road-users' safety at each of these sites, including consideration of the level of non-compliance with the speed limit and suitability for enforcement.'</i></p> <p><i>In conclusion - we will need to await the full results from TVSRP's investigation into this request though it appears that the site does not meet the criteria for a safety camera.</i></p> <p><u>Speed Camera Request - Bledlow</u></p> <p><i>This petition was considered at the Local Committee on 14 October 2003 and it was concluded that the criteria for a safety camera was not met. If this issue is still of concern, TVSRP can be asked to re-assess the site and it could be considered as a Community Concern Site.</i></p> <p><i>It should be noted that TVSRP undertake regular monitoring of all sites and collisions with a view to identifying problems areas and this site has not been identified recently.</i></p>

WLC Agenda item: 5(i)

Main Road, Naphill : Petition raised by local residents for footway and carriageway resurfacing.

Wycombe Local Committee

3rd July 2008

Contact officer: Russell Crockford

(01494) 475331

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- a To inform the Local Committee of the investigation into the petition raised by residents of Main Road, Naphill for footway and carriageway resurfacing.

2 PROPOSED ACTION

- b The Local Committee is asked to **NOTE** the contents of this report. Officers will then notify the lead petitioner of the proposed action.

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- c The proposal contained in this petition was first brought to the attention of the Full Council in May 2008, where it was agreed that further investigations should be undertaken to judge the condition of both the footway and carriageway along the affected section of Main Road, Naphill.
- d During early June 2008 the site was inspected and it is considered that several localised areas of footway are in need of treatment, however the majority is in good condition. These works will be included in a footway slurry seal programme that is being arranged by the Wycombe Area Office to be carried out during Autumn 2008.
- e The petition draws comparisons with the surfacing of Coombe Lane, Naphill, which was resurfaced in 2002 as part of the County's Structural Surfacing Programme.
- f The Material used for the above carriageway surfacing was a Stone Mastic Asphalt which can produce a quieter running surfacing but cannot be guaranteed as this is a side effect of it's make up rather than a design parameter. It should be noted that the main cause of Traffic

Noise within a 30pmh speed limit comes from the vehicles engines and not road surface conditions.

- g** At the same time the carriageway was inspected and following noted. The majority of the surface is Hot Rolled Asphalt, which has good consistent surface texture and although some localised minor defects are present, it is considered that no treatment is necessary.
- h** It should be noted that Stone Mastic Asphalt will be used as the resurfacing material at such point that treatment is necessary.

Report Ends

Whiteleaf Cross – Interpretive Signs

Princes Risborough LCP

17 December 2008

Contact officer: Mike Woods

Countryside & Heritage Manager

(01296) 383756

The issue of the interpretive installation at Whiteleaf Cross was discussed at length by the members of the County Council's Overview and Scrutiny committee where representations from local residents and appropriate organisations were heard. After due consideration by this committee the following outcomes were recommended to and agreed by the Community Services Portfolio holder; Mrs Margaret Dewar:

1. The Timeline Panels should be retained in situ as they currently exist and not reduced in number or relocated elsewhere on the site.

Response - The Cabinet member endorses this.

2. a) Ensure that in future, consultations clearly identify the individual key elements within schemes that are to be developed to ensure that they are not overlooked
b) If a local county/national organisation (e.g. Chiltern Society, CPRE) registers an objection to a scheme, a decision should not be taken without the involvement of the Cabinet Member/ (PAG) and the appropriate Local Member.

Response - The restoration was very complex and the Cabinet Member believes that extensive consultation was carried out with the public/community and that all parts of the project were clearly defined. However, the recommendation is accepted and the suggested actions will be integrated into future consultation exercises.

3. Improve internal processes in place for responding to concerns and objections by individuals/groups to ensure that appropriate actions are taken by those to whom the concern/objection is addressed.

Response -The Cabinet Member will ensure that where possible and when within her remit this will be carried out.

Delegated Budget Schemes 2009/10 - Princes Risborough Local Community Area

Last Updated: 25/11/2008

GC2C Area	Location	Scheme	Allocation (£k)	Parish	Comment	Criteria Matrix	Score
Princes Risborough	A4010 Saunderton between Rose & Crown & Woodway - 1.5miles long from Rose and Crown (Lee Road junction with A4010) and the new A4010 junction at Culverton	Footway Improvements		Bledlow cum Saunderton	Sponsored Rogerson Council	by Paul & Parish	
Princes Risborough	Ridgeway Path between Waren Cottage and the Leathern Bottle	Repair section of path		Bledlow cum Saunderton	Sponsored Council	by Parish	
Princes Risborough	Hughenden Valley	Footpath to be flattened		Hughenden	Sponsored Council	by Parish	
Princes Risborough	Coombe Lane, Hughenden Valley a) At bottom b) At junction with Burnham Road	Road studs to be replaced		Hughenden	Sponsored Council	by Parish	
Princes Risborough	Cryers Hill Road, Gt Kingshill, o/s Great Kingshill School	Changes to signage and flashing lights		Hughenden	Sponsored Council	by Parish	
Princes Risborough	Hampden Road, Speen to St Peters Close	Footpath		Great & Little Hampden	Sponsored Rogerson	by Paul	
Princes Risborough	Hampden Road, Coleheath Bottom	Raised Kerbs and Drainage		Great & Little Hampden	Sponsored Rogerson	by Paul	
Princes Risborough	Lower Icknield Way	Safety Works (re-signing)		Great & Little Kimble	Sponsored Rogerson	by Paul	

Delegated Budget Schemes 2009/10 - Princes Risborough Local Community Area

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Transportation and Highways Issues

Princes Risborough LCP

17 December 2008

Contact officer: Eric Meek

(01494) 475303

Update on Area 5 Speed Limit Review

Public consultation took place from 27/08 to 7/10/2008. Alan Baverstock is currently going through the responses received and once he has done this he will be arranging a further Area 5 Working Group Meeting to discuss them. It is hoped this meeting will take place in December 2008. A report will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Transportation by the end of 2008, with recommendations, with a view to install the signage in Spring 2009.

Winter Maintenance

Gritting Routes

The gritting routes for 2008/09 are exactly the same as for 2007/08. A list of all the roads which will be gritted will be available at the meeting, as will the Winter Maintenance Leaflets.

Please find attached a link to the website which shows the roads which will be precautionary gritted.

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/get/assets/docs/transport/salting_07.pdf

300 Bus Route

Paul Rogerson, as Local Member, is endeavouring to arrange a meeting with Arriva to discuss the withdrawal of this service.

Excessive Speeding of Vehicles

As from the end of October there will be 8 sets of Community Speedwatch equipment available across Buckinghamshire through the Thames Valley Police, to be used in local communities in partnership with their local neighbourhood officers & PCSO's. This equipment can be used free of charge and is another initiative in the speed "toolbox" for local communities to tackle real or perceived speed issues as well as gathering evidence to prove or disprove if a road has indeed a speeding issue. Information on how to book the equipment, should you wish to utilise this facility, can be obtained from the Wycombe Area Office.

Temporary Speed Indicator Devices: - One is available for booking for the Wycombe District (excluding the tranquil TSID) - The Parish should contact Highways on Call for an application pack which should be completed and returned (together with the appropriate fee). The system will then generate a risk assessment inspection for the

Local Area Technician to carry out. A licence will then be issued showing when the device will be on site. The cost is £100 for a 2 week deployment, which covers the cost of the LATs for risk assessment of the site, erection & demounting

Traffic Calming Portfolio can be found at:

<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/content/index.jsp?contentid=1953070712>

In terms of looking at 'speeding' sites it is important that NAGs are aware that traffic calming measures are not installed solely to address speeding problems, they are implemented as a casualty reduction measure and generally County funding will only be made available for this reason. The exception to this rule is where traffic calming is funded by others such as Parish Councils or Developers. The NAGs should be made aware of the County's Traffic Calming portfolio which explains a lot of this.

Proposed One Way System for HighStreet, Princes Risborough

Mark Averill will be attending the meeting to explain how the system would work in relation to issues such as traffic priorities etc.

Item for Local Community Partnerships

PATHFINDER COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – WYCOMBE DISTRICT PILOT: CREATING THE LINKS BETWEEN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND THE WYCOMBE PARTNERSHIP

This item specifically deals with the issue of creating a link between the Local Community Partnership and the Wycombe Partnership/Bucks Strategic Partnership.

The creation and development of Local Community Partnerships within Wycombe District is an integral part of the Wycombe District Pilot being undertaken as part of the Pathfinder Community Engagement Workstream. A copy of the current structure is attached.

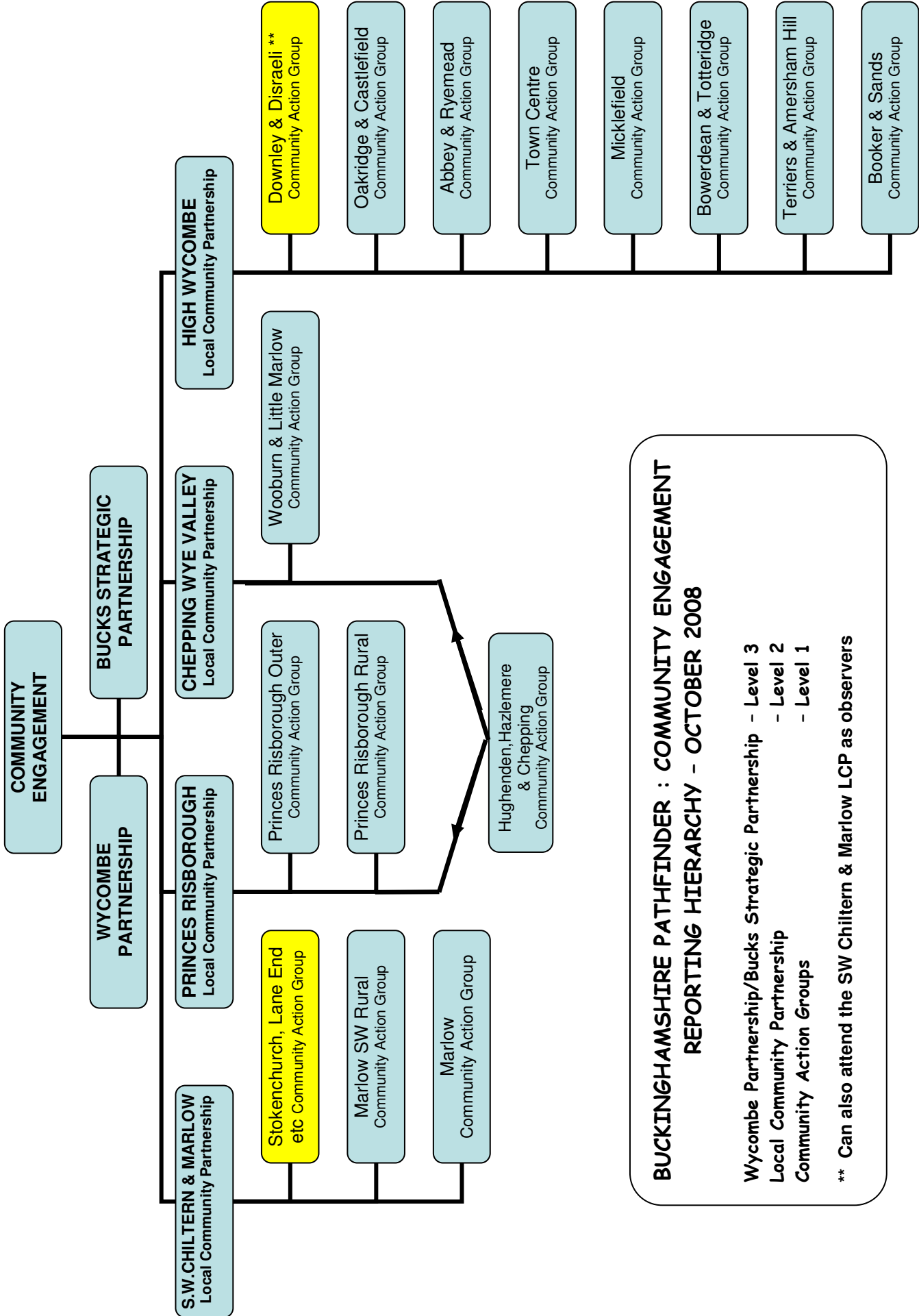
One issue that has already emerged is the opportunity and benefit of creating a link between each Local Community Partnership and the Wycombe Partnership (the District wide Local Strategic Partnership). This would enable appropriate wider strategic issues to be referred on to the Wycombe Partnership and also enable more area-based matters to be considered by the appropriate Local Community Partnership. This would naturally develop over time and would form part of the formal evaluation of the Pilot in Spring 2009 by the Pathfinder Joint Improvement Board.

Government Statutory Guidance issued in July 2008 (Creating Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities) supports this approach by identifying one of the roles of the Local Strategic Partnership a:

“Have oversight of, and co-ordinate, community consultation and engagement activities of individual partners and where appropriate combine them”.

The Wycombe Partnership, at its meeting on 7 November 2008, considered this issue and have suggested that one way of creating a link would be for the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman of each Local Community Partnership to be members of the wider Wycombe Partnership. This would enable Minutes of meetings to be submitted and issues that require District wide consideration to be raised and progressed.

The views of the Local Community Partnership are sought and, if the above approach is not considered appropriate, the Wycombe Partnership would welcome suggestions on how to create and strengthen the necessary links with each other.



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE PATHFINDER : COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
REPORTING HIERARCHY - OCTOBER 2008

Wycombe Partnership/Bucks Strategic Partnership - Level 3
 Local Community Partnership - Level 2
 Community Action Groups - Level 1

** Can also attend the SW Chiltern & Marlow LCP as observers

**Buckinghamshire Pathfinder
Wycombe District Community Engagement Pilot**

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What's it all about?

The Wycombe District Pathfinder Community Engagement Pilot is seeking to:

- Make it easier and simpler for communities to engage with the whole Public Sector;
- Develop and strengthen community engagement and partnership arrangements based on geographical communities within the Wycombe District; and
- Focus on actions and service improvements to meet local priorities.

LEVEL 1: PILOT COMMUNITY ACTION GROUPS

Downley & Disraeli 1st Pilot Community Action Group meeting held on 27th October.

- 40 people attended
- 41 comments/issues/questions were recorded – issues currently being looked at by partner agencies
- Results to be fed back at the next Neighbourhood Action Group Meeting on 8th December 2008

Key points to highlight:

- The meeting was jointly chaired by the Police and a District Councillor (in her Ward role) with public sector agencies present, showing an excellent example of joined-up working.
- A willingness from the Parish Council of Downley to reach out and assist with the development of the Disraeli community, which is unparished.
- An increased attendance from the community than at a normal Neighbourhood Action Group meeting for the area, although (as expected) the Disraeli community remains under-represented as do the youth of the area. It was hoped however that the launch of the Disraeli & Downley Youth Working Party will help to address this.
- The business conducted demonstrated that it could probably cover the work of both the Neighbourhood Action Group and wider issues and included three elements
 - focus on local issues and priorities with action points
 - feedback on services provided by agencies (questionnaire approach)
 - consultation opportunity from Amersham and Wycombe College on their plans for a site in the community area of Downley and Disraeli.
- Issues on Health, transportation and young people were identified, which interestingly are a wider set than the existing set of NAG priorities.
- Quick wins have been identified and are being actioned, for example,

- £300 has been secured for a joint Newsletter covering the Downley and Disraeli Community [further discussions to be held to see how this can be taken forward] and a desire to include Disraeli in the Downley Day event next year.
- Establishment of a social networking site (Wycombenetwork.com) to engage people in the Downley and Disraeli area to offer views.
- Encouragement to the Downley Parish Council to prepare their Parish Plan and work will start in early 2009.

Stokenchurch, Radnage, West Wycombe, Lane End, Piddington & Wheeler End : 1st Pilot Community Action Group meeting was held on 25th November 2008.

35 people attend, all 5 communities were represented, Thames Valley Police along with their NAG representatives, Voluntary Sector, Parish, District & County Councillors/officers

Agenda items included :

- Update on current young people activities/provision
- Discussion on future actions/requirements
- M40 Chilterns Environmental Group : update on work so far & proposal to submit report via Sustainable Communities Act
- Developing the Community Action Group
- Questionnaire

More information will be given in next month's newsletter.

The Pathfinder Countywide Community Engagement Project Board – Feedback from the meeting on 13th November

- Decision to proceed with the production of a Headline Business Case for the development of a single shared community engagement framework, to assist with the evaluation of the Pilots in Spring 2009. The Project Board recognised that this required the full support of all partners in helping to develop the Business Case and to consider the findings.
- Additional risk identified for the work stream relating to the conflicting National Guidance on different partners, which potentially removed flexibility for integration and/or rationalisation at the local level. Potential for securing freedoms and flexibilities to be pursued.
- Strong support for the community appraisals approach using Bucks Community Action to achieve Countywide coverage within 3 years - work programme to be shared when available.
- Presentation to the next meeting on the opportunities for shared working from the Sustainable Communities Act.
- Participatory Budgeting workshop to be arranged for Spring 2009 to help share learning from the Buckinghamshire County Council Pilot.

Grassroots Representatives Group as the Sounding Board for the Pilot – Next meeting: 27th January 2009, Venue to be confirmed, time 7pm. This will include a presentation on the Sustainable Communities Act.

LEVEL 2 : LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS [LCP]

Princes Risborough LCP

Chairman - County Councillor Richard Pushman (Chair is on a rotation basis – next meeting [December] has Paul Rogerson in the Chair)

Vice Chairman - District Councillor John Gibbs

Delegated Budget [£30,368] - Schemes are to be submitted by the end of December 2008

Next meeting: 17 December 2008, Venue to be confirmed, Time 7pm

South West Chilterns & Marlow LCP

Chairman – County Councillor Robert Woollard (until June 2009)

Vice-Chairman – District Councillor Doug Anson MBE

Delegated Budget [£33,510] - Schemes for consideration should be submitted by the end of December 2008.

Next meeting: 15th January 2009, Venue, Liston Hall, Marlow. Time: 7pm

Chepping Wye Valley LCP

Chairman - County Councillor Peter Cartwright (for the Council year 2009/10)

Vice Chairman - District Councillor Ron Gaffney

Delegated Budgets [£28,099.58] – Schemes to be submitted by end of December 2008.

Next meeting: 14 January 2009 Venue, Little Marlow Pavilion, Time 7pm

High Wycombe LCP – Meeting held on 14th October

Chairman – County Councillor Lesley Clarke

Vice Chairman – District Councillor Arif Hussain (to be confirmed)

Delegated Budget [£33,020.57]

Next meeting : 21st January 2009, Venue to be confirmed, Time : 7pm

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LEVEL 3: WYCOMBE PARTNERSHIP

Wycombe Partnership meeting held 7th November. Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Local Community Partnerships were invited to join the wider Partnership to ensure links are made between the Local Community Partnerships and the Level 3 arrangements.

Next Bulletin to be sent out in early January 2009

If you wish to make comments or give feedback then please contact June Campbell, Community Engagement Co-ordinator, Wycombe District Council, District Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1BB or email june_campbell@wycombe.gov.uk.

For more information about the Buckinghamshire Pathfinder Project please visit www.bucksonline.gov.uk/pathfinder

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