

6th October 2010

Public Question Time

- 1) Mr.Bowden reported the following:-
 - a) The street light outside No.3 Eastlands is still out.
 - b) Mr.Bowden believes the flooding problem at Millhayes will be worse now the new footway is in place as it is on the wrong side of the road; Mr.Povah said that the Environment Agency had approved the design and siting of the bridge and all the necessary calculations have been done. Mr.Bowden asked what was being done about the other side of the road when the old footbridge is removed; he thought it likely that vehicles will end up in the ditch – Mrs.Stallard replied that a row of bollards will be put along the edge of the carriageway.
 - c) Mr.Bowden was concerned that the culvert under the road, the village side of the flood plain, has still not been cleaned out; Mrs.Stallard replied that we have been told that it is the responsibility of the landowner not the Environment Agency.
- 2) Mr.P.Smith gave an up-date on the situation at Downmead; he said there were more incidents in the 10 days after the last Parish Council meeting, loud noises are heard late at night and on Saturday 11th September arrests were made. Youngsters were seen sliding down a roof on what appeared to be a bookcase – until it fell to bits and an elderly nearby resident was burgled by the youngsters from Downmead.
Mr.Smith said he had had a meeting with Mr.McGoven and a meeting was going to be called with the police etc. He had written to Keys Childcare regarding the anti-social behaviour – since then things have quietened down a bit. Mr.Smith said he had also written to Ofsted and there has been an investigation. Mrs.Stallard said she had had a call from the police saying they were going to call a meeting but has not heard anything more yet.
- 3) Street light on the footpath from the kissing gate to Hemyock Motors has been out for a couple of weeks.
- 4) Hedges are obscuring the lights on the above footpath and the footpath up to the school.
- 5) Mr.A.Smith asked what was happening about the speed gun training; Mrs.Stallard replied that they had stopped recruiting but were going to start again in the autumn.
- 6) It was asked if there was any news on the allotments; Mrs.Stallard said there was no news at present.
- 7) There is extreme local concern about the anti-social behaviour of a resident in Churchills; neighbours cannot have visitors as they get verbal abuse hurled at them. The police will not come out as they say it only makes matters worse, however if the anti-social resident calls the police they will come out. There was a court case in July to have them removed but they elected to go to the High Court in London.
- 8) Mr.G.Pike asked if there was any news on the provision of a lay-by on Pencross to allow large vehicles to pass each other; Mrs.Stallard said we have heard nothing but she did not think Highways would be prepared to pay for it.
- 9) Mr.H.Thorne said he had applied for training to use a speed gun and was sent a huge form to fill in.