**Highways and Streetscene, Portfolio**

Highways

Detritus from the badger setts in Ram Alley is an ongoing problem. Wiltshire have cleared the road, but cannot take any action about the setts as they are protected. The hedges have been curt back along the length of the road.

We have identified the priorities for the Parish Steward, as requested by Wiltshire, and I have had a meeting with the steward in January, when we inspected all the key elements requiring attention. Since then he has proved to be somewhat elusive.

He should consult me and report to me on progress. Unfortunately this has not happened

A list of priorities is submitted each month, so villagers need to inform me of any actions that they feel should be completed by the Highways team.

We have in the last week received notification of the appointment of a Highways Coordinator, who now covers both Devizes and Pewsey Community Areas, whereas previously the Pewsey Community Area had its own.

All Parishioners should report any pot holes, or other highways issues to me, and I will then use the on-line reporting system to have them repaired.

In the last Highways report to the Area Board, a short stretch of the B3087 is scheduled for repair. This is to replace failed treatment from three years ago, which has delaminated.

 Street Scene

The Street light ( KDC11) outside Easton Lodge is still not working . This particular light has been out of action more than operating for over 18 months. Wiltshire seem unable to identify the root cause of the repeated malfunction, but it is a safety issue with a long gap between the adjacent lights on Burbage Road.

 Wiltshire have now agreed to cut back some of the trees which will allow a complete new unit to be installed. The work on the trees should be completed towards the end of April.

Speed Watch

The volunteers continue to be active, and the issue of speeding along the B3087 is acknowledged by the Police. Speeds in excess of 50 m.p.h. are recorded on a regular basis by the Speed Watch volunteers, and speeds well above 40m.p.h. are common place, despite the high visibility of the monitors.

Many of the vehicles recording the highest speeds are registered outside Wiltshire, and therefore do not receive any visits from the Police.

Easton was visited by the Police and Crime Commissioner, in November, as part of a day of action. On the day the local team were supported by a sergeant and two constables.

The PCC supported the view of the team that chicanes or other barrier were probably the only realistic deterrent, but no funds are available.

Village Street 20mph limit

The signage has been installed and the limit is now legally enforceable. Many vehicles, often non- residents, appear to be ignoring the limit

Ram Alley / Heavy Vehicle Restriction

 A survey has been undertaken, and it was agreed that in places the road is too narrow for cars to pass.

CATG approved the installation of a metro loop to monitor traffic flows, and in particular heavy goods vehicles, but this showed a low level of articulated vehicles, so no further action is proposed.

However I still intend to press for the Installation of “unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles Signs “

Lower end of the Street

Now that we have an area supervisor , I will be pressing for a meeting to determine how the bottom 100 m of road can be brought back to an acceptable standard, following the unsatisfactory work undertaken about 18 months ago, which failed immediately after completion.