

Waddesdon LAF meeting 20 July 2016

Minutes of the meeting can be seen on the BCC website

LED Street Lighting

Charles Harris, Edgcott Parish Councillor

Is Ashendon interested in a joint venture to commission a contract to purchase new street lamps as buying a larger quality of lamps could possibly result in a reduction in the installation cost? If there is support this could go on the agenda for next month.

- Standard Mercury Blended Lamps (MBFU) were no longer in production which made the parts expensive to replace.
- Quainton and Stewkley had undertaken a joint venture to replace the lamps in the two villages and had successfully secured a price of £275 per unit.
- A street light lamp would be expected to last for approximately 3 years (1200 running hours), before a faulty component caused failure of the light to function. When a lamp was replaced the cost could include new components such as the ballast, capacitor and a photocell also may be needed to be taken into account.
- Although LED lighting was initially relatively expensive in comparison to traditional lighting, the savings in the replacement components, primarily lamps, and reduction in running costs by a quarter usually covered the cost of the LED lantern. The expectation that the new lighting would pay for itself fully within 5 years, in addition to the 20 year life expectancy.

Community Library - Waddesdon School

- Opening hours were 5.30pm-8.00pm every Monday evening during school term time
- The Library has a stock of DVDs which could be taken out on loan for film nights at local village halls.

Transport for Bucks

- An extra £1.5m of funding had been received to carry out plane and patch repairs.
- The number of Local Area Technicians per area had been reduced from 2 to 1 which would be on a trial period for 12 weeks.
- The importance of using the online reporting system on the TfB website for road or footway defects and issues about grass or hedge cutting was stressed as it provided an audit trail for the request.

Thames Valley Police

- The sentinel speedwatch equipment purchased using LAF funding was now operational. The new equipment could be operated by one person and could be attached to a tripod or lamppost rather than handheld. The equipment had been calibrated to take

photographs of vehicles doing in excess of 35mph. The possibility of setting up a rota with all parishes would be looked into as well as arranging the appropriate training for volunteers.

AVDC

- The debate over whether a unitary authority would be better for the Vale continues. AVDC believes that residents aren't getting the best deal under the current two-tier system, where county and district councils deliver different services.
- This is the final year of Community Chest. The final round of project grants takes place later this year with a deadline of 2 December. There are also monthly Community Chest microgrants of up to £1,000 with a deadline of 15th of each month until the end of the year.

Paul Irwin

- Bernwode Community Bus is now in operation.
- The Community Bus would serve social clubs in the villages and to take older people to regular clubs and events to address the issue of social isolation.
- The bus seated 16 passengers (plus the driver) and was wheelchair accessible.
- Funding had been secured for a 1 year pilot.
- Consultation would take place with parishes to determine who would like to use the bus, possible journeys and the cost, following which a business case would be put together.