**Transport Report – May 2016**

Chiseldon Parish Council have had success in writing to Wiltshire Council on the proposed changes to the bus services in April 2017. Ours views will be taken forward to their Cabinet meeting in June or July 2016. We were one of a number of parishes outside of the Wiltshire Council area who will have their views considered.

The present Go-Ride Bus Service 90 is to be withdrawn by Berkshire County Council, this serves a number of villages to the eastern side of Swindon.

Swindon BC and a number of villages, including Badbury and Chiseldon, are looking into a new small bus service to go on a circular route to go from GWH via Badbury, Liddington, Wanborough, Bishopstone, Ashbury, Bourton returning into Swindon via Sainsburys at

Stratton and following part of the old 20 route through Covingham, Nythe, Liden and Eldene, returning to the GWH. It will use the hospital as a hub for passengers to connect into the Service 16 or 8 to go into Swindon. This service would initially be run by SBC for one year, going forward it would then have to be self-supporting or sponsored by the councils in the eastern area of the borough.

There have been a number of improvements at Pewsey Station with the new footbridge opening, various improvements to the station and a complete repaint with the mural made by local school children being put on display.

Just a reminder that the railway between Swindon and Bristol Parkway, onwards to Bristol Templemeads and Gloucester will be closed from Saturday 28th May to Monday 30th May. There will be no train services between these stations, but a replacement bus service will operate with a lot of trains diverted via Swindon.

Overnight road closures will take place for 12 weeks on the A419/A417 from Tuesday 3rd May at times between 8.00pm and 6.00am. This will be from Junction 15 M4 to the Air Balloon roundabout at Crickley Hill. We are hoping this will be done in stages. It is dealing with road surface and drainage problems.

The roadworks for the Eastern Village development started on Monday 11th April and this was at the Greenbridge Roundabout to make it into three lanes. Main roadworks are between 9.30am and 3.30pm. The next phase is the White Hart Roundabout on the A420/A419 junction.

The Swindon 175 events are now going into summer with a GWR Children’s Fete on Faringdon Road Park on Saturday 11th June.

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