

**Draft Minutes of the Corsham Area (4) Committee held on Tuesday 13 May 2008
at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Corsham**

Present

Councillor E Marston (Chairman)

Councillors JM Hartless, HT Jones, SG Parker, C Reid and RL Tonge.

County/Town/Parish Council Representatives

Councillor P Ansty Corsham Town Council

Our Officers Present

J Densham (Democratic Services Assistant), L Pullin (Democratic Services Officer), L Robertson (Head of Policy and Performance), V Welsh (Community Partnerships Officer)

Others

D Roberts (WCC Community Planner), J Stacey (WCC Community Planner)

CO56. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Banks.

CO57. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions or petitions received.

CO58. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15 January 2008 were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of 15 January 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

CO59. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcement:

Gypsy Site Consultation

At the last meeting of the Executive it was decided that a public consultation should take place regarding the provision of gypsy sites in North Wiltshire.

As part of the consultation process an Extraordinary meeting of this Committee has been arranged to discuss and put forward views on the proposed sites.



The meeting will take place on Tuesday 10 June at 7pm at Corsham Town Hall.

CO60. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in respect of any item on the Agenda.

CO61. Corsham Area Planning Update

An oral update was given by Lachlan Robertson, Head of Policy and Performance on the planning strategy for the Corsham Area.

Items discussed included:

- An outline of the existing policies including the Local Plan 2009, which may be extended to 2011, and the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS);
- Corsham is not expecting any large applications for housing but the panel felt that the South West, particularly North Wiltshire, should increase housing; however, any potential allocations for Corsham were likely to be relatively small;
- There had been an intention to publish the Core Strategy; however, the Unitary transition has suspended the move towards a local development strategy and this will now lie with Wiltshire Council which will include new documents on housing allocation for Corsham;
- The Spatial Planning Project Team is scheduled to produce a report in October 2008;
- The issue of employment land was raised but it seems likely that the RSS allocation of an additional 12 hectares will be positioned in the Chippenham area as Corsham is short of major strategic sites; and
- The importance of a well-thought through traffic plan was raised before the development at Spring Park, Basil Hill and the retirement village begins.

Resolved that a representative of the Wiltshire County Council Highways department be invited to the next meeting to be held on 8 July 2008 to provide an update on the traffic issues at the Spring Quarry, Basil Hill and retirement village sites and that the representative be supplied with a detailed brief of the update required in advance.

CO62. Corsham Area 4 Community Area Funding Distribution 2008/09

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 (circulated with the Agenda) which noted the Committee's 2008/09 budget allocation and funding criteria for the Community Area Awards Scheme.

Items discussed included:

- There were no applications for funding;

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- There are a number of significant changes to the funding criteria for 2008/09. The final deadline for applications is 19 December 2008. All awards are conditional upon the awards being paid to or invoiced by the recipients before 31 March 2009;
- It was requested that should applicants for funding not be able to complete the work by the deadline they be dissuaded from applying to allow other community projects to go ahead; and
- The Chair thanked Vicky for her help over the last year and wished her luck in her new role as Project Manager for the Community Board Project in the Chippenham community area.

Resolved that the Members note their 2008/09 budget allocation and funding criteria for the Community Area Awards Scheme be noted.

CO63. Parish Council Update

The following updates were provided at the meeting:

Colerne Parish Council – Councillor RL Tonge

The recently discontinued bus service between Colerne and Bath will shortly be taken over by Faresaver Buses and reinstated. The small amount of vandalism seems to be resolved.

Lacock Parish Council – Councillor RL Tonge

The play area project remains in the pipeline for which funding has not yet been applied.

CO64. Community Planning Update

Julia Stacey (WCC) was in attendance to provide an update on community planning issues:

Issues raised included:

- The Community Area Survey is taking place and will inform the work undertaken in the development phase of Community Boards;
- Corsham Area Community Partnership (CACP) has granted £1000 to the Corsham Alternative Sports Event (CASE) 2008; and
- A transport needs survey for Colerne will be compiled at the May Fair on Saturday 17 May 2008 from which a new timetable, taking into consideration any adjustments and economies required, will be produced.

CO65. Outside Bodies

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Joint Services Community Liaison Panel: Councillor JM Hartless stated that a meeting of the panel had taken place in February which examined the development at Spring Park and Basil Hill sites, the main concerns being speed limits that need to be imposed at 30mph and are awaiting approval, and the security and accommodation of contractors is being addressed in consultation with the police.

Leafy Lane Playing Fields Project: Councillor HT Jones stated that work would start as soon as the funds had been received.

Potley and Pockeridge Community Association: Councillor P Anstey stated that the organisation needed more outside support to give the committee direction. Councillor S Parker offered her support.

Rudloe Community Association: Ann Cornelius of Westlea is looking at the viability of taking the lease for a fixed period but needs to examine the financial position first.

The Chair commented briefly on the energy efficiency scheme and the local organisations that have been short-listed to participate.

CO66. Other Business

Dave Roberts (WCC) was in attendance to introduce himself as the newly appointed Project Manager for the Community Board Project in the Corsham community area.

Items discussed included:

- The Committee is keen to start the new Area Boards style of meetings and requested that a report detailing the proposed new look of the meetings be circulated before the next meeting on 10 June 2008.

Resolved that Mr D Roberts (WCC) be requested to circulate a menu of proposals for the new Community Area Board style of meetings by 10 June 2008 for consideration at the meeting of the Committee on 8 July 2008.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 7.55pm.
There was 1 member of the public present.