

MINUTES

Meeting: SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: The Grove Buildings, Barton Lane, Mere, BA12 6JA
Date: 17 February 2010
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 10.00 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr B Wayman (Chair), Cllr Jose Green (Vice-Chair), Cllr Richard Beattie,
Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr George Jeans

Cllr, Dick Tonge – Cabinet Member

Wiltshire Council Officers

Graham Hogg – Service Director, Housing
Tim Martienssen – Regeneration Manager
Lisa Moore – Democratic Services Officer
Richard Munro – Community Area Manager

Town and Parish Councillors

Ansty PC – A Oldfield
Bishopstone PC – N Bates and T Long
Burcombe without PC – N Lefroy
East Knoyle PC – D Booth
Fovant PC – N Knowles
Sedgehill and Semley PC – B Ford
Stourton with Gasper PC – C Fearon
Swallowcliffe PC – G Ewer
Tisbury PC – P Duffy
West Knoyle PC – J Randell

Wilton PC – P Matthews
Zeals PC – R Corbin

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector David Minty
Wiltshire Fire and rescue service – Mike Franklin
NHS Wiltshire – Maggie Rae
Wiltshire Libraries – Hilary Glyde
TAPCAP – Nigel Knowles
Mere CAP – Jane Hurd
Wilton CAP – Trevor Long

Members of Public in Attendance: 27

Total in attendance: 56

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board.</p> <p>Councillor Dick Tonge was introduced as the Cabinet Member attending the Board.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <p>Inspector David McMullin of Wiltshire Police Donhead St Mary Parish Council Tony Peel of Tollard Royal Parish Council</p>	
3.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u> That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Hilary Glyde – Community Librarian gave an update on the outcome of the consultation on Library opening times in the South West Wiltshire Community Area. The new hours of opening for Wilton Library would take effect from 6 April 2010, whilst the opening hours of Tisbury Library would remain the same.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that Item 11 would be discussed after Item 7.</p> <p><i>Please note that these minutes reflect the original order of the agenda.</i></p>	
6.	<p><u>Partners Update</u></p> <p>Mike Franklin of Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (WFRS) informed the Board that there had been recent public concern regarding the effect the closure of the A303 was having on the response time of the emergency services. He assured the Board that providing the control room was contacted; the emergency</p>	

	<p>services would be able to use the closed stretch of road.</p> <p>Mike also informed the Board that WFRS had already carried out 120 home checks in 2010, making those properties safer, in an aim to prevent incidents arising.</p> <p>Inspector David Minty gave an update from Wiltshire Police, some points he covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the return of PC Andy Fell, the team was back to being fully covered. • Improved working relations with Dorset Police, enabling shared service working on cross border issues. • Community Speed Watch (CSW) was progressing. • Work was underway to recover the IT equipment that had been stolen in recent school burglaries. • There had been three recent cases of dwelling burglaries (one in Tisbury and two in Mere) where jewellery had been targeted, entry had been gained through the rear of the properties. • Tisbury Police Station was due to reopen as an information point, and would be manned by community volunteers. TAPCAP would also be utilising some of the space at the Station as an office. • Ground at the rear of the Police Station would be transformed into allotments to engage the community, in particular the youth. <p>Inspector Minty urged people to spread the word that security was vital; people were asked to keep doors and windows locked.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)</u></p> <p>Maggie Rae, Director of Public Health gave a presentation to the Board, detailing some of the key findings from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which had recently been carried out.</p> <p>The Chairman highlighted the fact that Mere had scored 20th on the list for lack of exercise, and noted that although there was no leisure centre, Mere did have excellent sports facilities that could be better promoted and urged the CAP to investigate the issue further to establish what could be done to help.</p>	

8.	<p><u>Rural Broadband</u></p> <p>Tim Martienssen (Regeneration Manager) gave an update on the Rural Broadband Review. Some of the aims of the project were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a comprehensive picture of broadband speeds throughout the county • Map existing infrastructure which currently delivered broadband, or which could potentially be upgraded to improve broadband delivery • Provide a database to permit Wiltshire Council to effectively deliver its own programmes, and for the council and local partners to lobby government, and other groups and providers to continually improve broadband provision throughout the county. <p>At present there was a lack of understanding about the exact extent of broadband supply problems but also very little information on the level of demand from consumers.</p> <p>The author of the review had recently launched a Broadband Speed-check questionnaire on the website where people could measure and submit their broadband speed. This was vital evidence in getting a broader picture with regard to supply problems in the rural areas.</p> <p>The tool questionnaire can be found here: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/onlinebroadbandspeedcheck.htm. The closing date for reporting broadband speed is 31 March 2010.</p> <p>Further to this, anecdotal evidence of poor coverage would be welcomed in order to help Wiltshire Council understand more about the problem in hand.</p> <p>Tim requested people to report specific evidence by raising an issue on the issue system or writing to the Community Area Manager.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Board considered fifteen grant applications for funding under the Community Grant Scheme. The Chairman allowed applicants present to speak in support of their application and invited comments from the public.</p> <p>After discussion the Board voted on each application.</p>	

Decision

Hindon Parish Council was awarded £487 toward the cost of the Audio-visual Equipment, with the condition that the equipment would be free to use by other local community groups.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would benefit the community as a whole.

Decision

Upper Stour Parochial Church Council was awarded £2,690 toward their project to restore two sets of hand bells.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would benefit the community as a whole.

Decision

Friends of Fives Court (Mere) was awarded £1,500 toward their project to create a residents garden, with the condition that the applicant invited local young people to participate in the project in a bid to engage the youth and possibly reduce the cost of the project.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would engage the young people in a local project for elderly residents.

Decision

Wilton Development Centre for Young People was awarded £5,000 toward their Leisure Credit scheme.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would engage the youth in local projects in the community.

Decision

Mere Historical Society was awarded £997 toward the cost of storage materials.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

Decision

Upper Stour Parochial Church Council was awarded £2,500 toward the restoration of the bells in St Martin's Church.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for

2009/10 and would benefit the community as a whole.

Decision

Bishopstone Village Hall was awarded £5,000 toward their refurbishment project.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would benefit the community as a whole.

Decision

The application from Bowerchalke Church was refused.

Reason

The application did not meet the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

Decision

Wilton Bowls Club was awarded £2,794 toward the cost of a mower/scarifier.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.

Decision

Hindon Fellowship Club was awarded £1,700 toward their project to replace windows and doors.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would benefit the community as a whole.

Decision

Mere Social Club was awarded £4,500 toward their project to create a skittle alley, with the condition that a scheme was devised to enable young people to use the facility.

Reason

The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would benefit the community as a whole as well as providing a wonderful opportunity for young people.

Councillor George Jeans declared a personal Interest in this Application as he was the Treasurer of Mere Social Club; he stayed and voted for this application.

Decision

Broad Chalke Parish Council was awarded £3,415 toward their project to Tarmac the Leisure Centre Car Park, with the condition that the applicant include access for school drop off.

Reason

	<p><i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would benefit the community as a whole.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Bowerchalke Village Hall was awarded £986 towards an Upgrade to Lighting at the venue.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would benefit the community as a whole.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Burcombe Parish Council was awarded £5,000 toward their project to upgrade the toilet facilities in the Village Hall, with the condition that the toilets must be open for all functions in the hall.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10 and would benefit the community as a whole.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Tisbury Methodist Church was awarded £705 towards the purchase of Storage Facilities for use by the Toddlers Group.</p> <p><u>Reason</u> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2009/10.</i></p> <p>Graham Hogg, Service Director addressed the Board during this item, informing them that the Housing Department currently had between 80 – 100 members of staff who as part of their employment conditions were able to give one days work each year to assist on an Area Board project (Information sheet attached as Appendix 1).</p> <p>Richard Munro, Community Area Manager informed the Board that, as a result of these decisions, there was a total of £6,453 remaining in the budget for 2009/10, which would be carried over to 2010/11.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Updates from Community Area Partnerships (CAPs)</u></p> <p>TAPCAP Nigel Knowles gave an update on the progress of the Partnership since the last meeting. Points covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the AGM held on 20 January 2010, a full committee had been formed, including representation from a broad 	

	<p>spectrum of the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a Tisbury Partnership Project meeting on 16 February 2010. • The Nadder Community Campus project would be submitting an application for further grants. • TAPCAP would be utilising office space at the Tisbury Police Station. • Meetings were planned to take place on the second Wednesday of every month. <p>Mere CAP Mrs Jane Hurd gave an update to the Board on behalf of the Mere CAP. She informed them that over the last two months, the number of members of the Partnership Steering Group had been quite small, so they had decided to contact most local community groups in the Mere area, in a bid to boost interest and membership numbers. The AGM would take place on 25 February 2010, it was hoped that those invited would attend. The Mere CAP had also carried out a survey to establish what their priorities should be, the results of which would be published at the AGM.</p> <p>Wilton CAP Trevor Long informed the Board that at the Partnership's inaugural meeting, there had been an attendance of over thirty people. Twelve volunteers had come forward to sit on the committee; the first meeting was planned for 22 February 2010.</p> <p>The CAPs were asked how they felt about taking part in the JSNA work for the area, all agreed that they would be willing to participate.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Update on Issues</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced Councillor Dick Tonge to speak on this item, some of the points he covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Stewards had been set up to carry out daily patrols along the A303 detour route, to assess and report pot holes, which were appearing as a result of an increase in traffic along the smaller roads. • SatNav was a huge problem, when used by heavy goods vehicles (HGV) for detours, as they directed vehicles onto roads that were unsuitable due to height or weight restrictions. It was hoped that central government would put in place a SatNav system specifically for HGV vehicles which would restrict the types of roads used when searching for a detour. • A Car Park Review was being carried out; results would be 	

	<p>brought to the Area Board in May/June. Any changes to car parking fees, recommended by the Review would be brought to the Area Board for discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Limit Review consultation was nearly at a close. Parishes that had submitted responses to the consultation would be contacted in due course to discuss any areas of contention. • Community Speed Watch (CSW) was the first step in establishing a speeding issue in a particular area. If CSW showed that there was a persistent speeding problem, then a range of possible remedies, including the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) would then be considered for that site. • Following the recent cold spell, Wiltshire Council had worked hard to alleviate further problems by salting the roads, delivering medicines, food and services to the elderly and vulnerable, schools were kept open for pupils to sit exams, and emergency vehicles that had gone off the road were assisted. • Roads had been badly damaged by the cold weather, people were urged to report pot holes to Clarence on 0800 23 23 23 (from landlines) or 01225 77 72 34 (from mobiles). <p>The Chairman invited comments or questions from those present, some of these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local resident had called the Clarence number to report a pot hole, but had been put through to the 01747 exchange to Dorset, which was not very useful in reporting pot holes in Wiltshire. • A Wilton Resident informed the Board that in 1974 the local authority gave its commitment that certain car parks would remain free. If a charge was implemented in these car parks it would affect small businesses in the communities. • The residents of Fonthill had been fighting for a reduced speed limit for the past ten years; the Speed Limit Review had failed to take into account their comments. <p><u>Decision</u> Councillor Dick Tonge agreed to look into the issue with the Clarence phone exchange, and to resolve the issue.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Forward Plan</u></p> <p>The Chairman informed the Board that a Forward Work Plan had been produced, and was attached to the agenda for noting.</p>	

13.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close:</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p> <p><u>Future Meeting Dates:</u></p> <p>Wednesday 21 April 2010, 7.00pm at Nadder Hall, Tisbury. Wednesday 23 June 2010, 7.00pm, in the Wilton Community Area. Wednesday 25 August 2010, 7.00pm, in the Mere Community Area.</p>	
<p><u>Appendix 1 - Notes on Housing Officers assistance on Area Board Projects.</u></p>		

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Housing supporting your Area Board

One size doesn't fit all

We know that each area and community has its own individual needs and so housing has been preparing to work with the new Area Boards and help shape the housing service to fit your area.



Your Key Contact

There are six Heads of Service in housing and they will each be the key link for three Area Boards. They will make sure that when you need information about any housing matter that relates to your area you will get it; if a housing initiative has been agreed for your area, they will be the key contact and if you need a housing officer to go along to your area board, it can be arranged with them. We will ensure that there is always a housing officer there if there is a housing issue planned for discussion at an area meeting.

	Contact details	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
Derek Streek	01722 434351	Salisbury	Amesbury	Southern Wiltshire
James Hudson	01722 434503	South West Wilts	Tidworth	Pewsey
Kate Evans	01380 734642	Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Marlborough	Malmesbury
Angie Rawlins	01225 776655	Westbury	Warminster	Devizes
Janet O'Brien	0300 4560100	Bradford	Corsham	Chippenham
Nicole Smith	01225 776655	Trowbridge	Calne	Melksham

Graham Hogg is the Service Director working with the South West Wiltshire area board as the key corporate contact.

Community Awaydays

We are encouraging all housing staff to provide a day each year to work on area board projects and we would encourage area boards and area partnerships to propose projects where a team of housing staff could come and work for a day on a project that improves your area. This could be any type of project and ideally not housing related. Ask your key contact for more details.

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