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Meeting: WESTBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Westbury Parish Hall, Church Yard, Westbury BA13 3BT
Date: 11 August 2011
Start Time: 6.30pm
Finish Time: 8.10pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr David Jenkins, Cllr Julie Swabey (Chairman), Cllr Russell Hawker,
Cllr Michael Cuthbert-Murray (Vice Chairman)

Cllr John Thomson

Wiltshire Council Officers

Sally Hendry - Westbury Community Area Manager
Julia Cram - Service Director for Commissioning and Performance, Department for
Children and Education
Anna Thurman - Democratic Services Officer
James Cawley, Service Director Strategy & Commissioning

Town and Parish Councillors

Westbury Town Council - Christine Mitchell, Sue Ezra, Francis Morland
Bratton Parish Council - Ken Davis
Edington Parish Council - ME Jones
Heywood Parish Council - K Youngs, K Seaward

Partners

Wiltshire Police - Inspector Lindsey Winter
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service - Mike Franklin

BA13+ Community Area Partnership - Rev Jonathan Burke, Carole King

Total in attendance: 30

| <u>Agenda Item No.</u> | <u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u> |
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| 1. | <p><u>Chairman's Announcements, Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Westbury Area Board and introduced the Councillors and Officers who were present.</p> |
| 2. | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Kerry Eatwell, Andrew Murrison and Keith Harvey.</p> |
| 3. | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> |
| 4. | <p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p> |
| 5. | <p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Written partner updates were available within the agenda.</p> |
| 6. | <p><u>Issues Updates</u></p> <p>Sally Hendry, Community Area Manager, updated the Area Board on some of the current issues within the Area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to Oldfield Road – the improvements to Oldfield Road have now been completed. Concerns had been raised regarding the width of the pavement. The widening of the pavement cost £15000 and funding came from the Area Board, Wiltshire Council and Westbury Town Council. <p>If you would like to raise an issue please contact either your Councillor,</p> <p>Julie.Swabey@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>David.Jenkins@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Mike Cuthbert-Murray bananablues@fsmail.net</p> <p>Russell.Hawker@wiltshire.gov.uk</p> |

Visit the Westbury Area Board website and enter your issue on line at https://forms.wiltshire.gov.uk/area_board/report_issue.php?area_board=Westbury

or contact Sally Hendry the Community Area Manager on email sally.hendry@wiltshire.gov.uk or on 07768027265

7. Older People Accommodation Development Strategy and Help to Live at Home

James Cawley, Service Director Strategy and DCS Commissioning gave a presentation on the Older Peoples Accommodation Strategy explaining that the Council had produced a 10 year development plan, which would modernise the way that older people's accommodation would be provided, delivered and adopt an integrated accommodation system ensuring that the best use of resources was made and that the Council responded to the needs of the local older people.

He pointed out that older people were living significantly longer and that in the majority of cases people did not want to live in residential and care homes as they are now. Older people wanted wherever possible to remain in their own homes, and that the Council had to re-focus the provision of care to facilitate this and dementia care.

It was realised that the Council would not be able to provide this level of provision without working with a variety of partnerships including the following;

- A long term partnering agreement with The Orders of St John Care Trust, who currently operate the Council's care homes for older people. The Trust recognises the need for developments and significant refurbishment due to the ageing nature of the existing facilities.
- The department of Health Private Finance, through which the Council has been provisionally allocated money to deliver specialist dementia care.
- An innovative Preferred Developed Partner Framework agreement is being jointly procured with Devon County Council to facilitate the development of extra care housing.
- A review of sheltered housing stock to assess the quality of accommodation and its ability to meet current and future needs.
- Utilising private sector and Registered Social Landlords (RSL) initiatives.

He explained that in Trowbridge the redevelopment of The Paddocks Care Home involved the both The Orders of St John Care Trust and Wiltshire Council.

The Paddocks redevelopment is purpose built, including 30 registered beds, short and long stay accommodation, care for dementia and Alzheimer patients, and purpose built homes. A redevelopment of Watersmead in Westbury would be in a similar vein.

He then went on to explain that the Council has been working with the NHS and residents of Wiltshire on a major review of the services that are available to older and vulnerable people living in the county 'Help to Live at Home'. The service has listened to what has been told and aims to support those in crisis.

- To bring together a variety of separate services into one single service provider. The sorts of services included in this are personal care in the home, housing support and other services that support people in their homes.
- Ensuring that these services focus on helping people learn or re-learn skills they may have lost as a result of illness, or another event that has resulted in them losing confidence and needing some help.
- Making better use of the wide range of community services that there are in Wiltshire.
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Savings will come from economies of scale of from the use of 200 to 4 providers.

- Making sure that community services are focused on doing what people want and helping people to live independent and fulfilling lives.
- Support sheltered housing schemes.

As a result of this services to older and vulnerable people should be improved with more people being able to access help to help themselves through the provision of information, advice and support from within the wider community. More people will be able to remain in their own homes with an improved quality of life. Less people will require help for long periods of time – more people will be helped to become more independent more quickly. People who need support will receive when and where they need it. The right help will be given at the right time and in the right place.

A number of questions and concerns were raised by those in attendance including;

During the re-build of Watersmead where would the current residents go, what would happen to their partners who live locally? It was explained that the redevelopment was not imminent. Also it was acknowledged that the move of any residents was a very sensitive issue. It was likely that during the redevelopment residents would move to The Paddocks, but if this was not suitable alternative accommodation and care would be found at **no** extra

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| | <p>expense to the individual. The redevelopment would be likely to take 2 years.</p> <p>Reverend Jonathan Burke welcomed the improvements that would be made to Watersmead and explained that the need for personal space for residents was important, however, it was essential to realise that change and a move from Westbury would have to be dealt with sensitively. This view was echoed by Cllr David Jenkins.</p> <p>Cllr Russell Hawker suggested that the existing Westbury Hospital site would lend itself to the development of a care home negating the need to move residents out of the locality.</p> <p>Cllr John Thomson explained that Watersmead was in need of updating, the rooms were small, there were no en-suite facilities, the needs of dementia patients could not be adequately catered for and from a bricks and mortar perspective the building would not be fit for purpose in 20 years. He went on to explain that currently Watersmead did not meet the needs for couples. Extra Care takes into account the need for couples over 55 years of age and becomes part of the design.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>To develop a working group to work with Wiltshire Council on accommodation issues for older people.</p> |
| 8. | <p><u>Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge</u></p> <p>The Challenge aims to protect outdoor recreational spaces and facilities for communities now and for generations. In brief the benefits of protection are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making an express and recognizable commitment to local people and to safeguard land, facilities and opportunities for sport, play and outdoor recreation both now and forever • Protecting public access to outdoor space • Providing reassurance to potential investors regarding viability and sustainability • Ensuring that in the case of sale proceeds are replaces are reapplied to replacement facilities, with a priority on new outdoor facilities • Raising awareness of the importance of such facilities in the context of quality of life, health, the environment and amenity. |

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| | <p>After a vote from the Area Board member it was,</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>That Leighton Recreation Ground and Grassacres Park should be Westbury Area Board nominations for the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.</p> |
| 9. | <p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>Councillors to consider two applications seeking the following funding from 2011/12 Area Board Grants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westbury Arts and Music Festival application for £750 to fund the staging of a market and music event held as part of the festival 2. 1st Westbury Scout Group application for £897 to part fund the erection of a metal storage building <p>Westbury Arts and Music Festival</p> <p>This year, one of the main features of this popular festival will be a folk festival including poetry workshops and a craft market to be held in All Saints churchyard on Saturday 17 September. The funding will pay for stage and the hire of associated sound equipment and marquee.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Westbury Area Board awarded the sum of £750 to Westbury Music and Arts Festival.</p> <p><i>Reason</i></p> <p><i>The application encourages participation in music and arts activities, promote tourism, encourage visitors and help local businesses.</i></p> <p>1st Westbury Scout Group</p> <p>This grant is for the replacement of storage building alongside the Scout Hall. The proposal is to clear a space alongside the new building, including removing a tree stump, and to lay a concrete base. They will then erect a prefabricated metal garage on this base. Up till now storage of some camping and other equipment, including gas bottles, continued in an old railway wagon situated alongside the new Scout Hall. That wagon was becoming derelict and beyond repair and was an eyesore – it has been dismantled and removed.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>Westbury Area Board awarded the sum of £897 to 1st Westbury Scout Group.</p> |

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| | <p><i>Reason</i></p> <p><i>The application for funds with help to provides a facility to support activities for young people.</i></p> |
| 10. | <p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Westbury Area Board will be held on 6 October at the Jubilee Hall, Bratton.</p> |