

# **AGENDA**

Meeting: WOOTTON BASSETT AND CRICKLADE AREA BOARD

Place: Lyneham Primary School, Preston Lane, Lyneham, SN15 4QJ

Date: Wednesday 14 July 2010

**Time:** 7.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Braydon, Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Cricklade, Latton, Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham & Bradenstoke, Marston Meysey, Purton, Tockenham and Wootton Bassett.

The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The Chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact the Democratic Services Officer.

Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 6:30pm.

Please direct any enquiries on this Agenda to:

Julia Densham (Senior Democratic Services Officer) 01249 706610 / julia.densham@wiltshire.gov.uk or Alison Sullivan (Community Area Manager – Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area) 07917 721371 / alison.sullivan@wiltshire.gov.uk.

All the papers connected with this meeting are available on the Council's website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

Press enquiries to Communications on direct lines 01225 713114/713115.

# **Wiltshire Councillors**

Allison Bucknell	Lyneham
Peter Colmer	Cricklade & Latton
Peter Doyle (Chairman)	Wootton Bassett South
Mollie Groom	Wootton Bassett East
Jacqui Lay (Vice Chairman)	Purton
Bill Roberts	Wootton Bassett North

	Items to be considered	Time
1.	Chairman's Welcome and Introductions	10 minutes
2.	Apologies	
3.	Minutes (Pages 3 - 16)	
	To approve and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010.	
4.	Declarations of Interest	
	Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests, or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
5.	Chairman's Announcements (Pages 17 - 20)	
	To include, but not limited to, the following:	
	<ul> <li>a. Call for Grot Spots</li> <li>b. Parking Strategy Consultation</li> <li>c. Reducing Unnecessary Street Lighting in Wiltshire</li> <li>d. Local Transport Plan – Funding Allocation</li> <li>e. Area Board Priorities 2010/11.</li> </ul>	
6.	Partner Updates (Pages 21 - 32)	15 minutes
	To note the written reports and receive any verbal updates from the following:	
	<ul> <li>Key Partners including Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Wiltshire, Community Area Partnerships, Parishes, Westlea Housing Association and Chambers of Commerce</li> </ul>	
	b. Outside Bodies.	
7.	Task Group Updates (Pages 33 - 38)	5 minutes
	To note the written updates and receive any verbal updates from the following:	
	<ul><li>a. Rural Buffer Zone Task Group</li><li>b. Local Traffic and Highways Working Group.</li></ul>	
8.	Library Service Review	15 minutes
	Niki Lewis (Service Director for Communities, Libraries, Heritage & Arts) and John Salen (Business Change Project Manager) will give an update on the review of Library Services. The meeting will be asked to consider their top five priorities for the future library service.	

### 9. Waste Collection Consultation

10 minutes

Martin Litherland, Waste Contracts and Development Manager, will give a short presentation to launch the waste collection consultation, and respond to any questions.

# 10. Funding (Pages 39 - 42)

5 minutes

a. Community Area Grants Scheme

To consider 1 application to the Community Area Grants Scheme, as follows:

 1<sup>st</sup> Purton & Lydiard Beavers Pack request £943 to provide play equipment for the pack at their new premises at Purton Youth Centre.

Grant application packs for the Community Area Grants Scheme are available from the Community Area Manager or electronically at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm

# b. Area Board Projects

The Wiltshire Councillors seek agreement to set aside 20% of the area board budget (after the allocation to the community area partnership) to fund councillor-led area board projects. This amount is £8269. Any funds not allocated by 31 December 2010 will be returned to the main area board budget.

Projects must have the approval of the Area Board and should clearly set out one or more of the following:

- Evidence of community need
- Clear links to the community plan
- Evidence that it addresses an on-going issue that has been logged via the Community Issues System.

# 11. Safari Project

10 minutes

Councillor Allison Bucknell will present a scheme to provide youth activities and transport across the community area.

# 12. Fire Cadet Project (Pages 43 - 44)

10 minutes

Councillor Peter Colmer will give a verbal presentation on the Fire Cadet project and respond to any questions.

# 13. Cabinet Representative - Fleur de Rhe-Philipe

The Cabinet Representative will talk about her responsibilities for finance, performance and risk, and as a member of the Sponsoring Group of the Military Civilian Integration Programme. Councillor de Rhé-Philipe will respond to any questions.

5 minutes

5 minutes

# 14. Community Planning (Pages 45 - 46)

Julia Stacey, Community Partnership Support Officer, will give an update on the outcomes of the recent community planning workshop.

5 minutes

# 15. **Questions**

The Chairman will take any remaining questions for the floor.

5 minutes

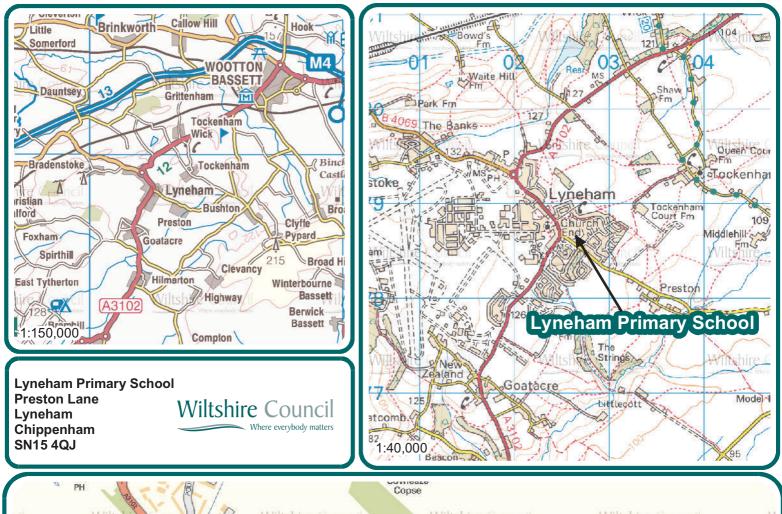
# 16. **Evaluation and Close** (Pages 47 - 48)

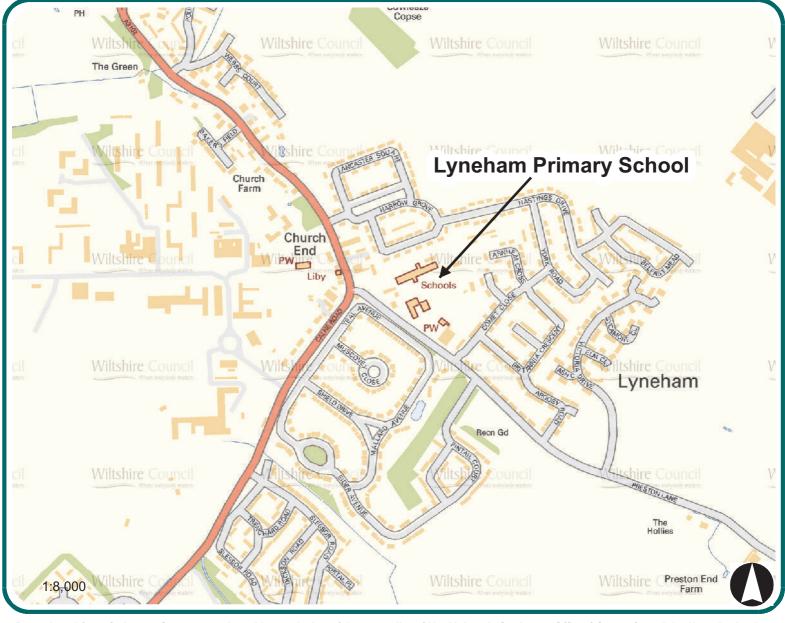
The meeting is asked to note the future meeting dates below and is reminded to complete the evaluation forms in the packs.

7.00pm Wednesday 6 October 2010, Wootton Bassett School, Lime Kiln, Wootton Bassett, SN4 7HG

7.00pm Wednesday 1 December 2010, Hook Village Hall, Hook Street, Wootton Bassett, SN4 8EF (tbc)

The Forward Plan is attached for information.





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# **MINUTES**

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Place: Cricklade Town Hall, High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE

**Date:** 26 May 2010

**Start Time:** 7.00 pm **Finish Time:** 9.40 pm

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# In Attendance:

#### Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Peter Colmer, Cllr Peter Doyle, Cllr Mollie Groom (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Jacqui Lay

Cabinet Representative: Councillor Lionel Grundy, Children's Services

# **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Laurie Bell (Service Director), Georgina Clampitt-Dix (Head of Spatial Strategy), Alistair Cunningham (Service Director - Economy & Enterprise), Julia Densham (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Adrian Hampton (Highways Officer), N Harflett (Youth Service), Pete Smith (Youth Service), Alison Sullivan (Community Area Manager) and Kevin Sweeney (Youth Service)

#### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Cricklade Town Council – Dottie Avenell, Gina Chapman, Lynn Forrester, Shelley Parker (Clerk), Terri Robertson and David Tetlow\*
Wootton Bassett Town Council - Sue Doyle and Jenny Stratton
Broad Town Parish Council - Veronica Stubbings\*
Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council – Peter Willis
Lyneham & Bradenstoke – John Webb
Purton Parish Council - Mike Bell\*

<sup>\*</sup>nominated parish and town council representatives

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Steve Cox and Sergeant Martin Alvis
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Mike Franklin
Northern Community Area Partnership – Bob Jones (Chairman)
Cricklade Country Market – Anne Garnett
Cricklade Business Association – Sue Lett
Cricklade Leisure Centre – Nick Dye, Vicky McIntosh and Gary Walker
Cricklade Pre-School Play group – Ruth Guy
Extended Schools Services – Andrea Smith
Jubilee Gardens Project – Geoffrey Ham
Stagecoach – David Lee-Kong
UK Youth Parliament – Kevin Emsley
Wilts and Glos Standard – Gemma Casey
Wootton Bassett Chamber of Commerce – Alan Friend

Members of Public in Attendance:20 Total in attendance:63

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	5.	Chairman's Announcements	
9		The Chairman referred the meeting to three written announcements despatched with the agenda on the following subjects:	

Air Quality Strategy for Wiltshire Contaminated Land Strategy for Wiltshire Highways Programme for 2010-11

The newly formed Parish Forum meeting was to be held on 14 June between 6 and 8pm at Cricklade Town Council. Those interested in attending or requiring further information were asked to contact the Community Area Manager Alison Sullivan.

The Chairman announced that at the last area board meeting, the unitary councillors had recommended that a bid from Community Payback went forward for consideration by the Performance Reward Grant Panel. He was pleased to announce that this was successful. The panel noted that there was a lot of enthusiasm about this scheme from Area Boards and it approved in full the capital costs to provide three utility vehicles and equipment. The Panel also agreed to contribute £10,000 to the cost of a coordinator.

# 6. Partner Updates

The written reports distributed with the agenda were noted.

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Steve Cox made the following points:

- Detection rates had dropped in-line with crimes
- There was greater discretion in dealing with minor crimes
- Applying local resolution techniques via the Payback Scheme encourage offenders to reflect upon their crimes
- While dwelling burglaries were up their detection was down because of the circumstances in which these crimes were committed (after dark, few witnesses, confessions often occurred much later when burglars were apprehended and found to be responsible for many burglaries over a previous period) – there were very low numbers of burglaries in the area.

Purton Parish Council – expressed concerns that the Ridgeway Farm development would impact the whole area.

Cricklade Business Association – Bob Jones gave a verbal update on the following topics:

- Economic Situation in Cricklade the Business Association welcomed the work by Cricklade Town Council to increase car parking
- Tourism in Cricklade a partnership had been formed between the Business Association, Court Leet, Historical

Society, Town Council and Cricklade in Bloom to form a Heritage Trail

- Britain in Bloom to be judged on 21 July
- 'Talk up Cricklade'
- Swindon and District Railway celebrating 175 years of railway in Swindon 17-20 June
- Corporate Evening 15 June
- Cricklade Festival 20 June Cricklade by the Sea
- Armed Forces Day Concert by the River 26 June 2010.

# 7. FOCUS on Youth

The Chairman handed the meeting to Councillor Colmer to introduce the FOCUS on Youth item.

a. Kevin Sweeney, Senior Manager for Staffing and Operations, who updated the meeting on the progress regarding youth staffing allocation across the area.

Points made included:

- 10 times more young people were involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award than were referred to the Youth Offending Team.
- Youth club provision
- Youth work is not a statutorily funded; a formula had been devised to ensure that funding was equably spread through Wiltshire based on population, rurality and deprivation.
- Lyneham had a large, unsupported youth population; an outreach worker was being considered.
- While youth facilities were important, quality staffing was key to excellent service delivery.
- There had been some changes in staffing arrangements between the areas.
- Wiltshire Council was committed to youth work and recognised the value of engaging young people.

Mr Sweeney thanked the Area Board for its commitment to youth.

b. Cabinet representative Councillor Lionel Grundy introduced himself and described his responsibilities for Children's Services.

Points made included:

 The service was split into four areas: Schools & Learning, Targeted Services, Social Care and Commissioning and Performance.

- The service was strongly influenced by the requirements of Central Government with much of the funding ring-fenced.
- Wiltshire Council's Rate Support Grant was the lowest in the country.
- c. Youth Task and Finish Group Councillor Jacqui Lay gave an overview of the mapping and gapping of youth activities.

Points made included:

- Two meetings had taken place with a third scheduled for July.
- Town and parish councils had been invited to contribute in order to gain as wide a picture of activities as possible across the area.
- Young people were also encouraged to let the group know what they wanted in their areas.
- d. Battle of the Bands Sergeant Martin Alvis introduced the recently held event on 30 April at the Memorial Hall. He said that very few young people were problematic and this event rewarded their work and talent. Five bands took part and over 200 attended the event. The winners were 'Beyond the Break'. Sergeant Alvis thanked the Wootton Bassett Town Council, Westlea Housing Association and the Co-op for their support. A short film of the event was shown.
- e. Community Area Young People's Issues Group (CAYPIG) Youth Development Worker, Gareth Brown updated the meeting on the group's recent activities that included:
  - Stay Awaki for Haiti £150 was raised for the charity
  - Battle of the Bands
  - Youth transport and the CAYPIG grants scheme were the current priorities
  - A summer activities programme had been produced and was being publicized.
- f. UK Youth Parliament Kevin Emsley introduced the issues around youth transport. A local CAYPIG workshop identified the following:
  - Route changes
  - Bus fares
  - Idea for speedometer in buses
  - Paths and cycling

These local issues were taken to the 'Move It!' conference that took place during the February half-term. Nearly 100 people had had the opportunity to speak with local bus providers. A declaration signed by the bus companies stated an agreement to put into action solutions to the issues brought up at the conference. This included making fares fairer for young people and standardizing fares across the county.

The Area Board were asked to support Wiltshire Assembly for Youth's work to achieve these pledges.

### **Decision**

The Area Board voted unanimously to support the work of Wiltshire Assembly for Youth to achieve its transport pledges for young people.

Cllr Peter Dovle

An additional recommendation to include services to Swindon was made.

A round table discussion took place to consider the possible uses for the recent additional allocation of £5000 for transport related projects in the youth sector. The following suggestions were made:

- To fund transport between the youth centres in Cricklade and Purton to link the centres and maximise their usage so that youth in both communities could use both youth centres.
- Fund fuel for the existing mini-buses to run in the evenings to move young people around the community area.
- Utilize the existing mini-buses to operate 'get home safely' schemes for young people in the evenings – possibly look for sponsorship from local businesses, for example, Dominoes.
- Help fund the level three bike ability scheme that is currently not funded by schools.
- Fund mini-buses to towns for special events.
- Fund the community bus to run between Purton and Cricklade or subsidize late night taxi fares.
- Use transport that is available already to run out of Cricklade, Wootton Basset and Purton to use facilities elsewhere.
- Fund mini-buses to move young people from villages to towns in the evenings.
- Buy bicycles, lights and helmets to encourage independent travel.

Councillor Lionel Grundy added that projects in Devizes and Salisbury were already running to transport young people from the villages into the town and it would be worth tapping into those schemes to evaluate their success.

# The above points were passed to CAYPIG to consult upon and bring back their responses to a future area board meeting.

Clir Peter Doyle

The five speakers from this item were then invited to form a Question Time panel and respond to the following questions from the floor:

How do you see the Youth Service changing?

The service would be made more flexible and responsive to meet a greater range of needs across the area. It would develop public services to share resources with other community groups.

The refurbished youth centre in Devizes had been based around design ideas from the young people and the importance of listening to their needs was stressed.

Will the results of the recent Special Education Needs (SEN) Review be affected by the aims of the new coalition government for academy schools?

This presented no threat because academy schools were secondary level establishments and the review largely focussed the debate around primary level provision. SEN was required by statute to periodically review and improve its service and that it may involve the closure of some Special Learning centres to better meet the needs of children. The consultation responses were now being reviewed and decisions would be taken by the Cabinet later in the year.

Northern Community Area Partnership (NCAP) were helping the Youth Task And Finish Group with their mapping and gapping exercise – what else could be done to help?

The request to town and parish councils to respond to NCAP with their local activities was reiterated, as was the responses from young people. CAYPIG were also invited to feed their responses in now. It was suggested that the data on activity should be made available on the ASK and SPLASH web-sites.

What had motivated Kevin Sweeney to give up his time to the UK Youth Parliament?

As a student in a large secondary school there were plenty of opinions to be voiced. He was enjoying his new role enormously.

### 8. Community Area Partnership

The Chairman presented the on-going work on the Community Area Partnership. He pointed out that it was important for the Area Board to be well informed about local issues and priorities and that community planning was necessary to inform those needs and secure funding. The Area Board supported the work of Julia Stacey, Community Partnership Support Officer, and encouraged all community groups to take part in the review.

The Community Partnership Support Officer introduced herself. She stated that there was a need for a new way of working and that Wiltshire Council were committed to working with the area to develop a partnership that was inclusive, conducted focussed consultations for its diverse community. There was to be a meeting on 22 June at Lyneham Primary School. All were encouraged to attend.

# 9. Future Housing and Employment in Our Community Area

Councillor Groom introduced Georgina Clampitt-Dix, Head of Spatial Planning.

The Head of Spatial Planning gave an overview of the results of the recent Local Development Framework consultation.

#### Points made included:

- The vision demonstrated sound underlying principles, however it was felt that it should be more locally distinct rather than just delivering central government objectives
- The plan should be firm and clear, ensuring that development takes place with the agreement of the local community
- Although some concern over the level of growth, set regionally, was highlighted overall, in north Wiltshire there is generally support for the need for further balanced development
- Infrastructure delivery was seen as a key concern, especially in terms of its timely delivery at the point of development rather than later on in the plan period
- There was broad acceptance and support for the objectives of Wiltshire 2026
- Recognition of the dormitory role of Wootton Bassett with divided opinion as to how this can be addressed
- Agreement on the need to deliver affordable housing but some reluctance to see the growth that would provide such housing
- Concern regarding the impact of the closure of RAF Lyneham and questions about its potential suitability for

- housing in the future
- The focus on Wootton Bassett for housing and employment was at the expense of planning for smaller towns and rural areas
- The proposed expansion at the west of Swindon and its impact on the Community Area
- Congestion / Capacity of Junction 16 M4
- Detailed work was needed to inform the Core Strategy. This includes:
- Further planning for the proposed strategic development within the Community Area to ensure sustainable patterns of development was achieved
- Continued engagement with the military through the 'Military Civilian Integration programme in order to plan for the closure of RAF Lyneham
- Continued joint working with Swindon Borough Council to address development proposals at the west of Swindon and congestion issues at J16 M4
- Identify the key infrastructure requirements and plan for the appropriate delivery of services and facilities to support development
- Further assessment of the capacity of smaller towns and villages to accommodate growth.

The new Government had committed to abolishing the Regional Spatial Strategy; however, as yet, not details had been made public.

The Head of Spatial Planning welcomed the opportunity to meet with Wootton Bassett Town Council to discuss the proposed housing development. She also welcomed the opportunity to discuss the RAF Lyneham and its possible future uses.

Details of Wiltshire 2026 – Planning for Wiltshire's Future were available at the address below:

# http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk

The following points were raised:

The Core Strategy Document recognised the need to respect rural buffer zones and it was being considered further.

The planning team acknowledged that if RAF Lyneham was used for new housing development, the existing road infrastructure was inadequate.

Detailed project planning was underway which would last until the

end of the year. The spatial planning team would be in a better position to meet with the town and parish councils in the late summer/early autumn 2011.

Concerns around the Junction16 traffic were acknowledged.

Councillor Groom presented her statement on the issues of development at Ridgway Farm and presented the following resolution:

The Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board:

- Expressed its regret at Taylor Wimpey Ltd's failure to consult the local community about Ridgeway Farm
- Welcomed the Government decision to abolish Regional Spatial Strategies
- Called for the DCLG to clarify its guidance to Planning Inspectors in the interim period.

# **Decision**

The Area Board members voted unanimously to support the resolution and to form a Task and Finish Group to monitor the impact of any proposed development, to participate in the discussions regarding such development and to contribute to the Local Development Framework policies that replace the Local Plan 2011.

Cllrs
Jacqui Lay
and Mollie
Groom

The task group was to be led by Councillors Jacqui Lay and Mollie Groom and include Mike Bell (Purton Parish Council), Gina Chapman (Cricklade Town Council) and Peter Willis (Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council).

This group will report back at future meetings.

# 10. Funding

The Chairman gave an overview of the funding during the last financial year that included the following:

Cricklade and Community – nine grants totalling £16, 200 Wootton Bassett – five grants totalling £10, 827 Lyneham - £1000 Smaller parishes - £195

He encouraged all parishes and community groups to apply to the scheme.

Community Area Grants Scheme

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Wiltshire Councillors were asked to consider five applications seeking funding from the 2010/11 community area grant budget.

The Area Board councillors stated that in future the priorities for funding would be more tightly applied.

John Bower addressed the meeting on behalf of the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust.

Andy Gatenby addressed the meeting on behalf of the Thames Pre-School.

Michelle Casey addressed the meeting on behalf of the Lyneham Youth Club.

James Harvey-Samuel addressed the meeting on behalf of the Broad Town Village Show.

# **Decision**

Cricklade Town Festival was awarded £1240 towards the cost of street entertainers for annual community event.

### Reason

The application met the grant criteria and demonstrated links to the area board priorities by encouraging lifestyle changes, improving the local area through community events and increasing the number of people who feel safe in their community.

# **Decision**

Wilts and Berks Canal Trust was refused the funding sought to provide scalping for volunteers to spread on canal side.

#### Reason

The applicant had benefitted from previous grants, including one recently for grass cutting equipment; and, that the effects of limestone chippings on the biodiversity of the immediate environment were unknown.

#### Decision

Thames Pre School was awarded £555 for the cost of a metal tool shed to securely house garden tools to maintain newly created garden area.

#### Reason

The application met the grant criteria and demonstrated links to locally agreed priorities by increasing the number of people in regular volunteering, improving young people's participation in positive activities, increasing the number of people who feel safe in the community, improving

intergenerational activities and community events and increasing recycling and re- use of household waste and also fits with Ofsted recommendations, to provide outdoor learning spaces.

### **Decision**

Lyneham Youth Club was awarded £2,752 unconditionally towards summer activity programme for young people.

# Reason

The application met the grant criteria and demonstrated links to area board priorities by improving young people's involvement in positive activities

# **Decision**

Broad Town Village Show was awarded £2,241 towards the provision of an all weather blow up stage cover for the bands at the local annual community event.

#### Reason

The application met the grant criteria and demonstrated links to locally agreed priorities by increasing the number of people involved in regular volunteering, improving young people's involvement in positive activities and improving the local area through community events.

# Performance Related Grant Scheme

Wiltshire Councillors were asked to consider two bids to the scheme.

David Tetlow, Bob Jones and Sue Lett addressed the meeting on behalf of Cricklade Town Council.

Gary Walker addressed the meeting on behalf of the Cricklade Leisure Centre.

# Decision

The Cricklade Town Council project was strongly endorsed by the Wiltshire Councillors who agreed that the bid should go forward to be considered by the Performance Reward Grants panel.

#### **Decision**

The Cricklade Leisure Centre project was strongly endorsed by the Wiltshire Councillors who agreed that the bid should go forward to be considered by the Performance Reward Grants panel.

# 11. Outside Body Appointments

	The following appointments to outside bodies were made:	
	C&DCA (formerly Cricklade Leisure Centre) Councillor Peter Colmer	
	CAYPIG Councillors Peter Doyle and Peter Colmer	
	Community & RAF Fairford Liaison Group Councillor Peter Colmer	
	Viridor Councillor Mollie Groom	
	The Richard Jones Foundation Councillor Mollie Groom	
12.	Evaluation and Close	
	An Open Day at the Jubilee Gardens in Purton would be held on Saturday from 10am to 3pm.	
	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting.	

Item No. 05

# **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board 14 July 2010**

# **Community Payback - Call for Grot Spots**

Wiltshire Probation Services is launching a new scheme, 'Community Payback, Involving Local Communities'. The scheme works with offenders to offer free labour to local communities to enhance the local environment. This includes clearing undergrowth, removal of graffiti or litter, repairing and redecorating community facilities and other environmental projects.

The Community Payback initiative has been supported by our Area Boards to receive Performance Reward Grant funding to provide mobile facilities which will enable the work to be carried out more efficiently and to broaden the reach of the project to include more rural parts of the county.

Area Boards are asked to call for 'Grot Spots', local areas which need clearing or community facilities which need decorating, litter picking or graffiti removal. These can be referred to the Community Payback Scheme, either directly using the referral form on the Community Payback leaflet or via their Community Area Manager.

# Review of Local Transport Plan Car Parking Strategy

The Council's current car parking strategy dates back to 2000 and now needs to be reviewed to reflect the move to Wiltshire Council and to ensure that parking charges and standards are broadly consistent across the whole of the county.

A parking strategy can be one of the most useful tools available to local authorities in helping them achieve their objectives. In particular, it can:

- support the local economy;
- encourage the use of sustainable travel modes;
- enhance the look of streetscenes;
- meet residents' needs for car parking;
- raise revenue for the Council to reinvest in transport measures; and
- provide essential access for the mobility impaired.

The Council commissioned its consultants Mouchel to undertake the review.

Consultation on Mouchel's report is open from 12 July to 3 September 2010.

Our preferred method of communication is for comments to be submitted online at <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</a>. Paper copies of the questionnaire and a reference copy of Mouchel's main and technical report are also available from all libraries.

The Council will feedback to Area Boards in the autumn and the Council's Cabinet will consider the results in December, with any changes becoming effective from April 2011.

Consultation Portal Link: <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</a>

# Reducing Unnecessary Street Lighting in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council has been approached by a number of communities seeking to reduce their carbon footprint, reduce light pollution of the night sky and reduce energy costs. Street lighting and illuminated signs have been identified as a major use of energy by the Council in a recent review.

A start has been made with a project to replace the lighting units in the county's 1,600 illuminated bollards with new low energy units. Dimming and turning off unnecessary lighting for part of the night have already been successfully introduced in trial sites at Urchfont and Tidworth.

The Council has set aside £5,000 for each Area Board to introduce schemes in their areas this year. The Area Board is asked to solicit interest from Town and Parish Councils and other interested parties to take part in the scheme. The Area Board will then decide on which submissions will go ahead in their area.

The Area Board is also asked to nominate an individual to act as Project Leader, to liaise with the community and resolve any issues with the public (the Project Leader should be appointed by the Board, but does not need to be a member of the Board). The Council's staff and specialists will be available to advise on technical aspects, including the viability of the proposals, and will arrange the installation of the schemes. If successful more cash will be made available for schemes next year.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the scheme, please contact a member of your Area Board or the Community Area Manager.

# **Local Transport Plan (LTP) Scheme Selection Process**

#### Purpose of announcement

To ask the Area Boards to set up a Community Area Transport Group to identify schemes they wish to progress using the discretionary highway budget that has been allocated to the Boards.

#### Background

The establishment of Area Boards presents an opportunity for decisions on small-scale transport and highway improvement schemes to be taken locally.

In response to this there are plans for the Area Boards to be allocated a discretionary budget to assess and select small-scale transport schemes to be

progressed in their community areas. The amount of funding available to the Area Boards will be confirmed in due course.

The allocation will be for capital funding and can only be used to provide new and improved infrastructure. It is to be used for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport, and improve traffic management. It cannot be used to fund maintenance schemes or to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport.

Due to the complexity of assessing and selecting a scheme from the many requests, and the potential time that such an agenda item would take, it is proposed that recommendations are made to the Area Board by a Community Area Transport Group (CATG).

Members of the CATG will be identified by the Community Area Manager in conjunction with the Chairman, and agreed at the Area Board. It is requested that the number on each Group should not exceed ten and that the meetings take place during the day. Meetings will be attended by relevant officers from Wiltshire Council and will be chaired by the Area Board Chairman.

It is envisaged that the first meeting of the CATG would include a half day workshop covering the following matters:-

- Background to the Council's transport policies and transport funding.
- Review of requests received in the community area.
- Assessment of schemes.
- Discussion on the need for a feasibility study
- Discussion on future funding
- Selection of scheme(s)
- Recommendation to Area Board.

# **Area Board Priorities 2010/11**

The priorities for the current year are:

- Rural transport
- Older people and exercise
- Young people.

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# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area Board - July 2010



# 1. Neighbourhood Policing

**Sector Commander:** Insp Steve Cox

**NPT Sgt:** Martin Alvis

Wootton Bassett Town Centre Team Beat Manager – PC Nick Spargo PCSO – Jim Wale

Wootton Basset Lyneham & Rural villages Team Beat Manager – PC Steve Porter PCSO – Andy Singfield

Cricklade & Purton Team
Beat Manager – PC Chris Skey
PCSO Nicola Allan
PCSO Richard O'Halloran

# 2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

, Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

# 3. Police Authority Representative: Mrs Carole Soden

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or <a href="http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp">http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp</a>

# 4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Our area together with other parts of the County along with Gloucestershire have seen a rise in stone tile thefts. Cotswold stone tiles are very valuable and are in great demand. Tiles have been removed from numerous premises including Ashton Keynes Church that has been hit 5 times. Working in partnership with other forces and agencies we have put on operations and taken out preventive measures to target harden vulnerable locations and of course capture offenders. Four Offenders have been arrested and are currently assisting Police with their enquiries. Since their arrest, thefts have dropped, however we will continue to target this matter and are planning further joint operations.

I would like to stress however that we very much rely on our community to provide us with information and I will take this opportunity in saying, call us if you have any information on any crime that is occurring in your neighbourhood. If it is in progress 999, otherwise through the normal channels of 0845 408 7000 or via the internet.

# CRIME & DETECTIONS (June 2008 – Feb 2010 compared to previous year)

WOOTTON BASSETT		CRIME				DETECTIONS	
		JUNE 2008 - MAY 2010			JUNE 2008 - MAY 2010		
	2008/09	2009/10	+/-	% Change		2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	179	152	-27	-15.1%		56.4%	50.7%
Dwelling Burglary	44	47	3	6.8%		29.5%	8.5%
Criminal Damage	346	283	-63	-18.2%		21.1%	9.2%
Non Dwelling Burglary	118	117	-1	-0.8%		11.0%	2.6%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	84	55	-29	-34.5%		16.7%	7.3%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	18	22	4	22.2%		16.7%	13.6%
Total Crime	1167	1022	-145	-12.4%		26.5%	20.4%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently County Division is performing very well and is ranked 3rd (out of 15) for our overall detection rate and 2nd (out of 15) for our overall crime levels

# <u>Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents</u>

APR-JUNE	JULY-SEPT	OCT-DEC	JAN-MAR	MONTHLY
2009	2009	20009	2010	AVE (09/10)
330	326	253	181	91

Martin Alvis NPT Sergeant



# Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

# Report for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

# **Fires**

We have attended 9 accidental fires in the Boards area during the months of May and June 2010. These incidents have included a barn, roof fire, wood, mobile home, workshop, shed, bonfire, car and refuse.

We have also been called to 4 deliberate fires during the same period. These involved a van, coach house, and 2 unattended fires on open ground. Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service continue to liaise with the Police and other partners to help prevent and reduce deliberate fires.

# **Injuries**

No individuals have been injured through any fire related incident that we have attended during May and June 2010.

# **RTCs**

We have attended 6 road traffic collisions within the Boards area during May and June 2010. These incidents have occurred in a variety of locations.

# **Co-Responder Calls**

WFRS attended 30 co-responder calls during May and June 2010.

# **Community Safety**

As the warm weather continues, more people will be having bonfires to clear debris from their gardens. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service has the following advice to anyone building a bonfire for this purpose, as fire can spread easily and property can be at risk:

- Build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees.
- Check there are no cables, like telephone wires, above the bonfire.
- Don't build the bonfire too big and make sure the stack is stable and won't collapse outwards or to one side.
- Use only dry material damp material will cause more smoke, which could annoy your neighbours or be harmful to people with breathing difficulties.
- Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint – many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury.
- Remove any rubbish from the surrounding area so no-one is tempted to throw something on to the fire.

 Don't use petrol or paraffin to get the fire going – it may get out of control quickly.

Once the bonfire is lit, make sure you keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby, in case of emergencies, and don't leave the fire unattended. You should also make sure that children and pets are kept at a safe distance. After the fire has died down, spraying the embers with water will stop it reigniting.

For more home fire safety advice, visit www.wiltsfire.gov.uk.



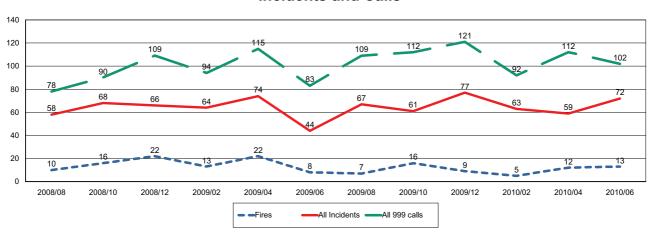
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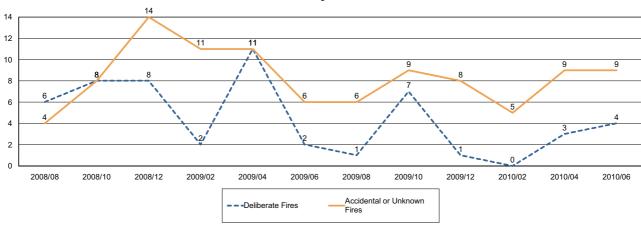
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The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including June 2010. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

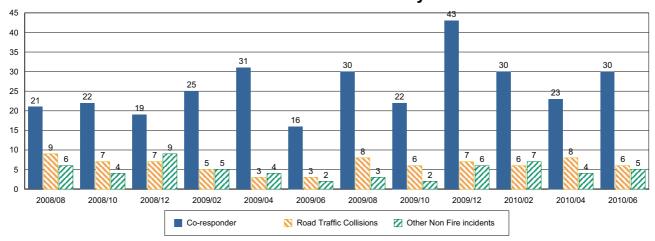
# **Incidents and Calls**



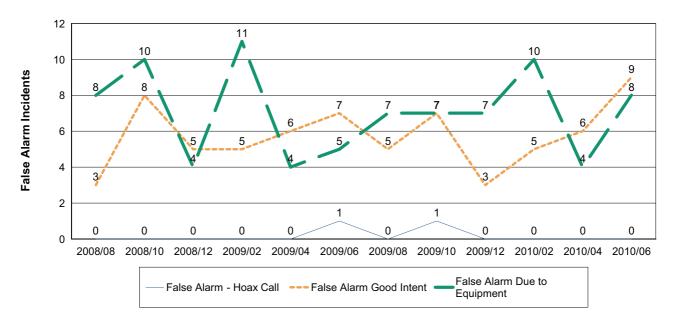
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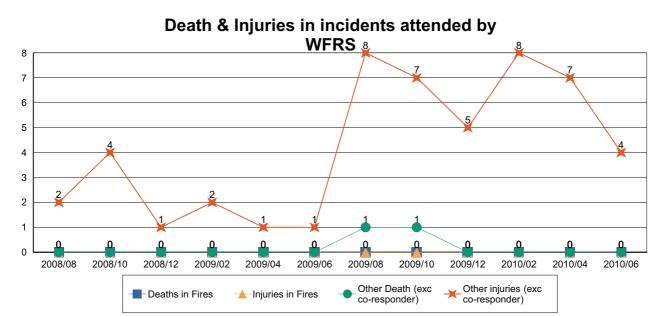


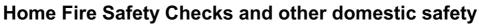
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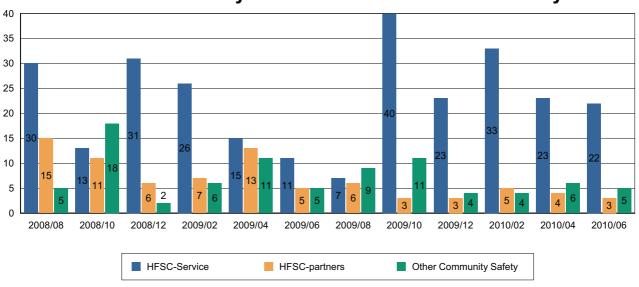


# **Number of False Alarm Incidents**









Comments and Interventions overleaf



# NHS Update - July 2010

# Stakeholder Assembly considers the future of healthcare

Representatives from patient groups, voluntary organisations, NHS providers and the local council met to discuss the future of health care across the county when NHS Wiltshire held its Stakeholder Assembly on Wednesday 26 June.

The Stakeholder Assembly, which is organised and held by NHS Wiltshire twice a year, considered how the NHS can continue to provide high quality care when the country is facing its toughest ever financial climate. Traditionally, the NHS has received increased funding every year, but from 2011 onwards there will be little or no additional funding. As a result, the NHS as a whole needs to save £20 billion per annum.

For the NHS in Wiltshire this means saving £40 million each year. The money won't be taken out of the NHS budget but will be needed to provide care for an ageing population, new technologies and new ways to deliver services to meet the needs of our patients.

The Stakeholder Assembly offered an important opportunity to discuss NHS plans with patients and partners and to think about how local people can be involved as we go forward. There will undoubtedly need to be changes to the way that some services are delivered and the way the works. Together we need to ensure that our residents and patients get real value out of every pound that is spent on health services in Wiltshire.

NHS Wiltshire has started working on a programme called "Delivering Value for Patients", which has already identified core areas where the NHS can work more smartly in order to make the savings needed to fund healthcare for the next three years. Examples of areas that are being looked at include how to look after people with long term conditions such as diabetes to avoid unintended hospital admissions, and working more closely with the Council to improve services for people with a mental health condition.

The Assembly attendees were a presentation by Jeff James about the overall programme, before hearing from local doctors Dr Stuart Henderson and Dr Celia Grummitt about a pilot project that is already running in south Wiltshire to improve the way in which urgent care is delivered. Dr Grummitt, a GP from Amesbury, and Dr Henderson, a consultant from Salisbury Hospital said:

"Improvements in the NHS are about ensuring high quality care but they are also about making best use of the public funding that we receive. Everybody in Wiltshire knows that they have to live within their own personal means and the NHS is no exception to this. If we are going to be able to provide care to our ageing population and fund new ways of delivering that care, then we have to make sure that we spend every pound of funding efficiently. This is the aim of the Delivering Value for Patients programme".

# GPs continue above-average service in Wiltshire

Thousands of Wiltshire patients rate the service they receive at their GP surgery higher than the national average, according a survey issued today.

The county's practices bettered the national average in the GP Patient Access Survey with 93% of patients reporting overall satisfaction with the care they get from the GPs and their

teams. The survey combines the quarter results of the 2009/10 GP Patient Survey April 2009 and March 2010 and was conducted by Ipsos MORI.

This is the fourth year that the Department of Health (DH) has conducted the GP Patient Survey in England. In 2009/10, the survey was conducted on a quarterly basis in order to provide more regular feedback on performance, and to give practices and local NHS organisations a clear indication of their patients' views and pinpoint areas where they should consider improvements. Each quarter, a different sample of 1.39 million adults is asked to voluntarily complete a questionnaire.

In Wiltshire, 19,456 patients gave their views on subjects ranging from the reception team and telephone access to their ability to see a nurse quickly and their satisfaction with extended opening hours in the evenings and at weekends.

The survey questions are intended to provide a broad assessment of patients' experiences when they access their GP, and the themes are based on situations which have been confirmed as those which are important to patients and the public.

Results for Wiltshire are as follows:

Question	England Average (%)	Wiltshire Average (%)
Overall level of satisfaction	88	93
The reception team was very helpful	93	95
It is easy to get through on the telephone	68	70
I am able to see a doctor quickly when I need to	80	80
I am able to book ahead	71	75
I am able to see my preferred doctor	62	65
I am satisfied with the opening hours	82	83
I am satisfied with the amount of time I have	89	93
with the doctor		
My doctor listens to me	88	92
I am able to see a nurse quickly when I need to	91	94
I am satisfied with the amount of time I have	84	87
with the nurse		
The nurse listens to me	79	81
I am satisfied with the speed of response of the	63	67
out of hours services		

In Wiltshire, 38,187 patients were sent questionnaires over the year. 19,456 replied, which is a response rate of 51%.

This report is based on combined findings from the four quarterly 2009/10 surveys. The overall national response rate to the survey is 39%, based on 2,169,718 completed responses from four combined quarters.

The next Board meeting will be held on 22 July 2010, in the Conference Room at Southgate House, Devizes

Papers are published a week before the meeting on <a href="www.wiltshire.nhs.uk">www.wiltshire.nhs.uk</a> or on request from Maggie Goodman, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733827, email:

<u>maggie.goodman@wiltshire.nhs.uk</u>). For further information or copies of documents referred to above, please contact Jo Howes, Community Engagement Manager, 01380 733929 or jo.howes@wiltshire.nhs.uk

# Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting 1	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2010

# Headlines/Key successes

- **Town Plan** The Town Council hosted a public meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> June to judge support for the production of a community-led Town Plan. This was followed up by a Town Council stand at the Cricklade Festival on 20<sup>th</sup> June to undertake consultation. This was a successful initiative and a Steering Group is currently being formed to drive the Plan forward with the support of Community First.
- Town Twinning A civic event was held on 18<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the twinning of Sucé-sur-Erdre with Cricklade.

# **PROJECTS**

- Town Centre Car Park –Full topographical, drainage and design surveys are almost completed. Planning permission is in place. An application for funding under the Performance Reward Grant Scheme has been submitted. The Town Council and the Business Association worked together on a car park survey over 7 days in June. All retailers and businesses in the High Street took part and there were almost 750 respondents with 87% telling us that they would come into the town centre more if there was adequate parking.
- **Skate Park** the Town Council, Wiltshire Council and Cricklade's young skaters are working together to extend and improve the town's existing facility.
- Eastern Roundabout Working with Wiltshire Council to adopt the roundabout at the eastern entrance to Cricklade from the A419 to enhance it as an attractive gateway to the town
- Transfer of Community Assets Working with Wiltshire Council officers to make an application through the Area Board for the transfer of a parcel of land in the centre of the town.

# Forthcoming events/Diary dates

A full list of events in Cricklade can be found at www.cricklade-tc.gov.uk

- RHS South West in Bloom Judging Day 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Britain n Bloom Judging Day 2<sup>nd</sup> August. This is the national finals. Cricklade is not only representing Wiltshire in the finals (in the Best Small Town category) but also the whole of the South West.

Signed: Shelley Parker – Town Clerk

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010

# Update for Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Name of Parish/Town Council	Wootton Bassett Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	14 July 2010

# Headlines/Key successes

- Armed Forces Day Representatives attended celebrations held at the South Coast Proms in Portsmouth, Thunder Rally in Chepstow and a Service and Family Day in Tredegar.
- Wootton Bassett has been shortlisted in the Community Category of the Royal British Legion inaugural "Friends of the Forces Gala Awards" which will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010 in London.
- Town Council has adopted accounts for 2009/10 which show a £27,660 saving on projection (3%) and a £148,500 increase in the balance sheet value of the Council (5.7% growth).

# **Projects**

- Summer Planting Scheme is now complete with over 11,500 plants, 2500 Carpet bedding plants and 60 Hanging Baskets
- The project to upgrade Street Furniture in the High Street is now complete,
  Town Council has included as a good will measure the parking bollards which
  are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council, and we hope that Wiltshire Council will
  be able to focus attention on the Boroughfields toilets which have been the
  subject of many complaints especially on Repatriation Days.
- Town Council is preparing development plans for each of its play areas and sharing this information with the officers responsible for the negotiation of Section 106 agreements. It is hoped that this initiative will allow County Officers to include the Development proposals in these agreements providing a much needed source of finance.

# Forthcoming events/Diary dates – Appreciation Events refer to website www.woottonbassett.gov.uk

- 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Town Crier Competition, WB High Street.
- 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010 Community Event, Memorial Hall.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 Civic Service (Harvest Theme), St Bartholomews Church

Signed: Johnathan Bourne, Town Clerk

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010

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# WOOTTON BASSETT & CRICKLADE AREA BOARD NORTH WILTSHIRE RURAL BUFFER TASK GROUP

Notes of meeting held at Bewley House, Monkton Park, Chippenham, SN15 1ER Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.30pm.

#### *Informative:*

- Task Group members note the decision of the AB on 26 May to establish the Task Group.
- Members also note the terms of reference agreed between the Chairman of the Area Board and Democratic Services Officers of Wiltshire Council (attached).

Present: Unitary Cllrs M.Groom (The Lydiards), J.Lay(Purton),
Parish Cllrs P.Willis(Lydiard Tregoz), TH.Pepperall(Lydiard Millicent) and
M Bell (Purton),

Apologies: DPDS, Cllrs John Brady(Cabinet member responsible for Economic Development and Planning) and T.Smith(W.C.).

- 1. The first decision was to provide notes from the meeting, for ourselves and the Area Board.
- 2. It was noted that the Task Group name had been changed from The Ridgeway Farm Development Task Group apparently to provide a wider remit for discussion.
- 3. Cllr Groom was proposed as Chairman of the meeting by Cllr Lay, seconded by Cllr Pepperall, and unanimously approved.
- 4. Regretfully there was no presentation by DPDS, but this may take place at our next meeting.
- 5. It was noted that the imminent dissolution of the RSS and its consequent policies has radically changed the current policy on various matters, not least the previously approved housing numbers. It was felt that the previous government's policies had been based on perceived housing requirements during the boom years from 1995 to 2008, and developers unbridled demand (especially at the 2004 EIP), and are no longer relevant in these current recessionary times. It was agreed that we are left with the planning guidelines of the existing Local Plans, and RPG.
- 6. The application for the development of 3000 houses at Ridgeway Farm has highly alarmed the Task Group members, and local Parish Councils and residents alike.
- 7. It was pointed out that in the last 10 years, Swindon Borough has already taken over significant areas from adjoining parishes, with its Northern Development, and the Western Development of Shaw and Nine Elms. These two latter hamlets have totally lost their identity and have become urban areas.
- 8. Swindon B.C. has also commenced their Southern Development, where sales of new dwellings are scarce, and they still have some 500 dwellings for sale in their Northern Development.
- 9. It was noted that Swindon B.C. has more than adequate land to its East, and that direction of growth has already been established at the 2008 EIP.
- 10. There are further recent concerns from local communities, which will affect housing demand, and cause vacuums in local communities. It is concerning that RAF Lyneham is due to close, which will affect not only housing demand, but cause a huge loss of numbers in schools and demand for local services, particularly in Lyneham and Wootton Bassett.
- 11. Conversely there are other areas, such as Corsham, where the MOD is expanding, which is creating the opposite effect. In addition Brize Norton is expected to grow

- from the closure of RAF Lyneham. This illustrates the current change for the need for local councils to assess demand, rather than blanket Governmental edicts.
- 12. All the above leads back to the focus on potential development west of Swindon. We are now guided by the existing Local Plans, and the RPG. The latter quoted a case for 1000 dwellings in this area, pointing out the benefits of the Tadpole Lane site. It was thought that this had already been re-allocated, and we would appreciate the advice of the Spatial Planning Section, who may be able to find a relevant 'paper trail'.
- 13. There are many reasons why further development to the West of Swindon is critically inappropriate:
  - a. Boundaries are perceived to have become irrelevant, or ignored, both by Swindon B.C. (with the backing of the RSS), and developers.
  - b. Highway infrastructure is already totally inadequate in the area, which is mainly rural, with lack of pavements, narrow and single-track roads and bridges, and subject to busy and dangerous commuter rat-runs.
     The villages are complaining also of increased numbers of HGVs, many ignoring the weight restrictions, and convoys of buses passing through and not using designated lorry routes.
  - c. There are already significant flooding problems, which can only increase with further development. West Swindon is a 'bowl' which, because of the topography, receives surface water from the N.E. & the S.W. The rivers are unable to cope in particularly wet conditions, especially when they are blocked off further downstream in Oxfordshire. The Cotswold Water Park, because of its clay-lined lakes, and recent housing development, has many fewer areas to soak up any surplus surface water.
  - d. This also affects, and is related to the Sewage problems. We are advised that Swindon's Barnfield Works are at full capacity, and cannot cope at certain times. During such conditions, there are several areas in West Swindon that suffer from sewage overflows.
- 14. The problems illustrated above lead us to suggest that:
  - a. no further development to the West of Swindon should be permitted. It also suggests that, for the protection of our rural communities, we should be requesting that the previous Rural Buffer Zones be re-instated to the west of Swindon, and perhaps also other similar areas around Swindon.
  - b. the protection against coalescence in the Local Plans should also be strengthened, to enable the retention of the unique identities of the hamlets and villages, and the green areas which are a haven for the residents and visitors from Swindon and elsewhere.
- 15. It was suggested that the next meeting should consist of three parts:
  Firstly a presentation by DPDS, to ourselves and a Spatial Planning member,
  Secondly a discussion between ourselves and Spatial Planning, and
  Thirdly a second closed session of this Task Group.
  The Jubilee ClubHouse (JCH) in the Recreation Field, off Chestnut Springs in
  Lydiard Millicent was offered, and the p.m. of Friday July 9<sup>th</sup> was mooted.
  It was felt that a venue local to the Task Group members was appropriate, and that
  a free venue would suit the non-funded nature of this Group.

Notes prepared by TH Pepperall, and reviewed by M Groom,

# Item No. 07b

Agenda Item	Participants:	Discussion detail:	Action
1.	Chair: Botor Doylo (Chairman AR)	Evaluined this was an initial mosting	None
Introductions	Chair: Peter Doyle (Chairman AB) Alison Sullivan (AB – CAM) Allison Bucknell John Bennett (Lydiard Millicent PC) Tom Pepperall (Lydiard Millicent PC) Mollie Groom (AB) Veronica Stubbings (Broad Town PC) John Webb (Lyneham PC) Adrian Hampton (Wilts Council) Andrew Brand (Marston Maisey PC) Gina Chapman (Cricklade TC) Jim Bailey (Wilts Council) Sgt Martin Alvis (Wilts Police) Bill Roberts (AB)	Explained this was an initial meeting to have a general discussion about whether it was useful to have a working group to consider local traffic and highways issues and exchange news, concerns and views about such issues with highways officers.  Sgt Martin Alvis advised that police would support the WG but attendance would be dependant upon operational requirements.	none
2.			
Review of Local Highways Issues	Alison Sullivan Adrian Hampton (Wilts Council) Sgt Martin Alvis (Wilts Police) And all others	Summary report of highways matters raised originally through the community issues process presented by Allison Sulivan including:  189 - Lyneham banks  787 - speedwatch, Latton  580 - speeding, Stone Lane  630 - speeding, Broad Town	None – separate HGV meeting Volunteers now awaited Provide update to parishes on Transport Scheme Funding Allocations (Broad Town and Lydiard Millicent
		562 – school buses, LM and Purton	Support actions by Wiltshire Council

	and Police pending possible meeting
	with Swindon BC
556 - Cross Lane jnt	Adrian to liaise directly with parishes on resolving outstanding issues where practical action is possible or further investigation needed
There was a general discussion on a speeding and parking issues. It was noted that a county wide review of C class roads would take place at a future date (on completion of the review of A/B roads) and that a review of on-street parking restrictions in Wootton Bassett was due to take place starting in the autumn.	None
There was extensive discussion between all participants about the above issues.	Alison Sullivan to familiarise herself with the local area following her recent appointment as CAM
A general discussion about Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) took place, including about site selection criteria and the periodic relocation of these.	None
It was also noted that the Community Issues Log contained some incorrect information relating	Alison Sullivan to amend the log with a comment that the WG is dealing with these issues given that

		to some of the previously raised issues.	the software system does not permit correction of previously entered information.
3. Work of Highways	Adrian Hampton (Wilts Council)	Adrian gave an outline of his role as Head of Local Highways and Streetscene	None
	Jim Bailey (Wilts Council)	Jim gave an outline of his role as Principal highways Engineer in the major works programme.  There was general discussion about the standard of major works performed. All participants expressed satisfaction with these and the courteous manner of all staff and contractors whenever such works took place.  There was a short discussion about proposals for road safety improvements at Crossways Junction (High Street/Bath Road/New Road/Whitehill Lane) in Wootton Bassett.	None  Awaiting revised detailed proposals.

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Working Group	All	There was a general discussion about alternatives for progressing local traffic and highways issues:  Two options considered: (a) Continue with the Working Group, or (b) Revert to Community Issues and limited discussion at Area Board.	Agreed to continue Working Group  Any new Community Issues related to local traffic and highways matters once raised, would be progressed through the WG and the log updated to that effect.
		All participants including Wiltshire Council Highways Officers expressed a desire to continue with the Working Group and to meet quarterly in the evening.  There was general agreement that	Date of next meeting to be advised (Provisional Date 21 September 6-8pm to be confirmed). Future Meeting Dates must not clash with those of parish councils.
		no specific terms of reference were needed	None

Report to	Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board Item No. 10a	
Date of Meeting	14th July 2010	
Title of Report	Community Area Grants	

#### **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 1 application seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding

 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Purton and Lydiard Beavers Pack seek £943 for Equipment. The application meets the criteria for a Community Area Grant.

#### 1. Background

- Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £51,680 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives.
- 1.6. The partnership core funding has been allocated £10,336.
- 1.7. The sum of £6,788 was awarded at the Area Board on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010, this leaves a total budget for Community Area Grants of £34,556.
- 1.8. Where the demand for funding exceeds the funds available applications meeting the area board priorities will be given priority.
- 1.9. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.10. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (<a href="www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards</a>) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

#### Background documents used in the preparation of this Report

- Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11
- Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area Plan

#### 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be 5 rounds of funding during 2010/11. There has been one round on the 26 May 2010 and the second is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;
  - 6 October 2010
  - 1 December 2010
  - 2 February 2011

#### 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

#### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board will have a balance of £33,613 for Community Area Grants

#### 5. Legal Implications

5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

#### 6. HR Implications

6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

#### 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 "Officer Recommendations".

#### 8. Officer Recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	1 <sup>st</sup> Purton and Lydiard Beavers Pack	To provide play equipment for the pack at their new premises Purton Youth Centre.	£943

- 8.1.1. The Grant meets the criteria for a community area grant. 2010/11
- 8.1.2. The grant demonstrates a link to the Community Plan, young youth society involvement in the community outside of school hours
- 8.1.3. The grant meets locally agreed/area board priorities, showing the Beavers the benefits of being involved with youth groups and encouraging them to participate in community groups.
- 8.1.4. The group is a not for profit organisation linked to the Scouts association.
- 8.1.5. To provide play equipment for the pack at their new premises Purton youth Centre, the current premises are no longer available as they are being rebuilt
- 8.1.6. The group welcome everyone of a suitable age and conforms to the requirements of the Scout Association.
- 8.1.7 The activities that the group currently undertake would not be able to continue and the group risk losing members who lose interest

Appendices:	Appendix 1 Grant application – Purton and Lydiard Beavers Pack
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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#### **Fire Cadet Project**

#### Background

In recent years Fire & Rescue Services have become much more involved in community-based, proactive prevention measures. This focus on community fire safety involves programmes to reduce the incidence of fires and fire-related injuries, delivered through a combination of publicity and educational outreach. This role reflects the opportunities for the Fire and Rescue Service to engage with children and young people, as well as families and the wider community, in a range of different settings, circumstances and local partnerships.

However, due to recent financial constraints the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service has had to revisit certain activities which fall outside of its statutory duties. The Fire Cadets scheme, being one of them, was chosen to be discontinued by the Management Board. This difficult decision was taken in view of the challenging financial circumstances that Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service is currently facing, and will face in the foreseeable future. Prior to this, there has been an ever increasing amount of pressure upon the Service to reduce costs, increase efficiencies and reduce spending. Whilst at the same time ensuring that we are able to deliver on our core functions of keeping people safe in our community, without compromise for the safety of our personnel.

#### Costings

We have two fire cadet units one based at Cricklade and one based at Ludgershall. Each unit regularly has three instructors working on their respective training nights.

The staff costs for Cricklade are approximately £5-6,000 per year.

The running costs to the station which include heat, light, and limited costs for a fire appliance as it only moves out of the garage and runs for about one hour before being returned to the garage is estimated at £1,000 per year.

There is a cost to equipment maintenance but that is currently met by the service.

Our Service Insurance Liability policy covers cadets but I would not know the exact break down for this aspect of the policy as it is all part of the policy. It is something to consider though.

The cost of uniform would be about so about £150, and currently the Personal Protective Equipment is all up to date.

The service also pays for CRB checks, which would be an additional cost of about £228 every three years and for the instructors to be registered with the incoming ISA another £336 but that is a one off cost.

The approximate costs of running the unit are, therefore, around £6-7,000 per annum.

#### Proposal

Wiltshire FRS would welcome any financial support that the Community Area Board would be able to offer. This would help to guarantee the Fire Cadet Scheme for another 12 months whilst alternative solutions to fund the scheme are explored. I will also arrange for the WFRS to be represented at the CAB Meeting at 7pm on 14 July at Lyneham School.

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#### COMMUNITY PLANNING WORKSHOP 22<sup>ND</sup> June

Held at Lyneham Primary School

#### Invitees

Parish & town councils
Chamber of Commerce & Bus Assn
Key Community groups
Schools
NPT team
Leisure Centres managers
Youth & community development officers

#### <u>Attendees</u> total no 19 representing the following organisations:

WB & C Area Board
Cricklade Town Council
Wootton Bassett Town Council
Broad Town Parish Council
Lydiard Millicent Parish Council
Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council
Lyneham & Bradenstoke Parish Council
Purton Parish Council
RAF Lyneham
St Bartholomew's C of E V A Primary School
Cricklade Business Association
NCAP (Northern Community Area Partnerships)
WFCAP (Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships)

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Jacqui Lay WB & C Area Board Shelley Parker Cricklade TC

The workshop explored different aspects and functions of the community planning process, and how they could work effectively in the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area.

#### HOW LOCAL COMMUNITIES WORK

There exist in the community area a variety of successful local organisations and clubs. These effectively engage people with shared interests. It was noted that there are many active groups for older people and the Age Concern Support Network.

Information is disseminated through notice boards, newsletters and magazines as well as by word of mouth, in pubs, shops, school playgrounds, Hive info centre and parish halls.

Public & civic events, fetes and carnivals attract local people who are ready to give their views and engage in face -to -face consultation.

The NPT is well established within the community and is working well.

#### THE COMMUNITY PLAN

• The community plan requires ongoing work to keep it up to date, to be robust, and to be representative of the needs of the wider community.

There was agreement that in order to keep the community plan relevant and robust, there was a need for an organised and co-ordinated approach, and that could best be achieved by a dedicated project worker.

It was suggested that achievable issues should be identified and targeted on a rolling basis. The results should then be recorded as part of the community plan, and success measured.

A model was given of the NPT task groups.

A request was made for examples of success stories where other community plans had made a difference.

#### WORKING TOGETHER

• In order to plan for the whole community area and to work effectively with the area board, parish and town councils need to work together.

There was an agreement that issues or projects should drive any working together by parishes and towns. Most issues cross boundaries and there should be a flexible model.

Although the concept of parish alliances or clusters was discussed it was not felt that these would be of value unless they were formed to address specific issues. There should be a flexible model enabling the various parishes to come together as issues arise.

It was suggested that there could be separate network for the rural parishes, also that hubs could be formed around the 2 market towns.

It was suggested that an up to date register of town and parish councillors was made readily available.

#### **EFFECTIVE NETWORKING & COMMUNICATION**

It was agreed that a variety of mechanisms should be used for different purposes in order to achieve effective communications throughout the community area.

Those methods which already work in the area had been noted when exploring what works in the community.

There was a need for improved connectivity and broadband speeds. Social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter bridge generations and provide interactive opportunities but need regular input and monitoring. There was a need for an investment of time and resources into local community web-sites and on-line forums.

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# WOOTTON BASSETT & CRICKLADE AREA BOARD

Date	Location	Area Board Agenda Items (including officer contact details)	Cabinet Member Attending	Other events happening (provisional)
6 October 2010	Wootton Bassett School, Lime Kiln, Wootton Bassett, SN4 7HG	Community Items: Partner items: Corporate items: Community Area Grants will be considered.	Cllr Jane Scott (Leader)	Waste Site Consultation  2011 Councillor Census  LTP Funding Allocation – Outcomes  Wiltshire Local Transport Plan Strategy  Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation
1 December 2010	Hook Village Hall, Hook Street, Wootton Bassett, SN4 8EF (tbc)	Community Items: Partner items: Corporate items: Community Area Grants will be considered.	Cllr John Thomson  (Deputy Leader & Adult Care, Communities and Libraries)	Leisure Facilities Review  Draft Wiltshire Local Transport Implementation Plan  Budget Consultation

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