

MINUTES

Meeting: SOUTHERN WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: Alderbury Village Hall, Rectory Rd, Alderbury SP5 3AD
Date: 1 August 2013
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.45 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Richard Britton, Cllr Julian Johnson, Cllr Ian McLennan and Cllr Leo Randall

Cllr John Thomson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways, Streetscene and Broadband

Wiltshire Council Officers

Tom Bray, Southern Wiltshire Community Area Manager

Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer

Tracy Carter, Service Director - Waste Management Services

Parvis Khansari, Service Director for Strategic Services (Highways & Passenger Transport)

Tim Woolford

Adrian Hampton, Head of Local Highways & Streetscene (Northern Area)

Bob Crean, Community Coordinator – Streetscene

Tony Nye, Youth Development Coordinator

Town and Parish Councillors

Alderbury Parish Council – E Hartford, A McGowan & A Newbery

Clarendon Park Parish Council – K Rodger

Downton Parish Council – S Barnhurst-Davis, R Ford, S Lacey, D Mace & J Whitmarsh

Firsdon Parish Council – B Edgeley

Grimstead Parish Council – E Daffern

Landford Parish Council – J Martin & G Hewson
Laverstock and Ford Parish Council – V Busserean
Odstock Parish Council – R Parsons
Pitton and Farley Parish Council – C Purves
Redlynch Parish Council – D Baker-Beall, Perry & D Trice
West Dean Parish Council – H Urquhart
Whiteparish Parish Council – M Pennington
Winterslow Parish Council – P Robinson

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector Andrew Noble
Alderbury Youth Group – Chelsey Coulbeck & Becky Ingram
Police & Crime Commissioner's Office – Paul Deal

Total in attendance: 43

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman; Councillor Richard Britton welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Southern Wiltshire Area Board, and invited those sitting on the top table to introduce themselves.</p> <p>A special welcome was given to Councillor John Thomson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways, Streetscene and Broadband.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 6 June 2013, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p><u>Area Board Satisfaction Survey</u> Each year Wiltshire council runs a survey of Area Board performance, this year the Southern Wiltshire Area Board came second out of 18 Boards. The winners were Tidworth which has a very active Community Area Partnership involving the Army.</p> <p>Councillor Britton announced that he was proud to be Chairman of such a well performing Area Board; he gave thanks to Tom Bray the Community Area Manager for his important contribution to the success of the Board.</p> <p><u>Wiltshire Council Corporate Awards</u> The Southern Wiltshire Area Board received a Corporate Award in the Integrated Partnership Working Category for its work on the Footpath Project. Councillor Randall and Tom Bray were at the ceremony to receive the award on behalf of the Area Board.</p> <p><u>Community Safety Lead Members</u> Some time ago the Area Board had requested that each Parish Council nominated a lead councillor to act as a point of contact on Community Safety issues.</p>

	<p>Whilst some Parishes had done this, there were others who had not yet responded to the Board. The Chairman urged any parish which had not already responded to contact Tom with the details of the nominated person.</p>
6	<p><u>Current Consultations</u></p> <p>The Board noted the details of current consultations detailed in the agenda. In addition to this, the Chairman noted that there was also a 20mph Speed Limit Review in process, to take part in this follow the link: http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=847</p> <p>All other current consultation can be viewed online at: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations.htm</p>
7	<p><u>Our Community Area</u></p> <p>The Chairman opened this item by explaining that this part of the agenda was an opportunity for people to make comments or provide information which may be of interest to the community as a whole.</p> <p><u>Police – Inspector Andy Noble</u> In addition to the written update attached to the agenda, Inspector Noble explained that the main focus at present was to target three men suspected of burglaries which had occurred in Winterslow and Alderbury recently. Further updates on this would be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Fire & Rescue</u> A written update was attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Good Neighbour Scheme</u> A written update was attached to the agenda.</p> <p><u>Southern Wiltshire Issues System</u> In addition to the information attached to the agenda, Tom Bray noted that an Issue which had been logged on the Monday had then been taken to the CATG meeting for discussion on the Tuesday and was resolved in one week.</p>
8	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The CATG had held their meeting earlier in the week on Tuesday 30 July, where they debated and agreed to put forward 5 schemes for funding as set out in the paper circulated at the meeting (also attached to these minutes).</p> <p><u>Decision</u> The Southern Wiltshire Area Board agreed to fund the schemes as set out below:</p>

Parish	Project	Funding
Coombe Bissett & Homington	Road safety improvements through Homington (part 2 of project, part 1 completed last year through CATG funding)	CATG - £3510 PC - £390
Whiteparish	'Pseudo footpath' linking the car park at the surgery to the school.	CATG - £1000
Landford	Wooden finger post replacement in Landford.	CATG - £550 PC - £770
Alderbury and Downton	Bus Shelter refurbishment in Alderbury & Downton subject to the Parish Council's taking ownership of the assets	CATG - £2000
Laverstock & Ford	Pedestrian Danger at Old Sarum, Portway Rd onto Green Lane Junction. To install small section of footway to join the 2 paths.	CATG - £2500
Total CATG funding allocated		£9560
Total parish contributions		£1160
Total CATG funding available for 2013/14		£22,676
Total amount left if above approved		£13116

The Chairman announced that the Area Board had received an additional £9,000 from a central pot of funding which had been set aside for speed reviews. It would now be the Area Boards decision as to how that money was used, whether or not to commission the speed review surveys or to allocate it to other CATG projects.

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Local Highways and Streetscene Service

The Chairman welcomed Parvis Khansari, Service Director for Strategic Services, Highways and Transport.

Parvis gave a presentation which included information on Wiltshire's Highways assets and statistics which showed the condition of A, B and C Roads and distance of roads treated over the last five years, within each community area.

Data on the condition of the road is collected in several ways, these include:

- SCRIM* - 100% A, B, and some C and UC (Group 1 roads that are suitable for survey) approx 1010 kms.
- Scanner - 50% A roads per annum in both directions
100% B roads per annum in one direction

50% C roads per annum in one direction

- CVI** - 25 % UC roads per annum
- Deflectograph – approx 20% of A roads per annum in both directions

(*Sideways-force Coefficient Routine Inspection Machine, ** Coarse Visual Inspection)

Much of the maintenance is data driven; Southern Wiltshire's A roads were rated at a medium level of need of attention. The current road maintenance expenditure for Wiltshire was £14 million. In Southern Wiltshire there are 255kms of roads which equates to 5% of the total network across Wiltshire.

The Board then received a presentation from Tim Woolford, Area Manager South for Highways and Streetscene, and Adrian Hampton, Head of Local Highways and Streetscene South, detailing the recent contractual changes from Ringway to Balfour Beatty which were implemented on 1 June 2013.

The new contract had reduced service providers to just one. The new team would continue to provide all of the old services available but would deliver them in a more community focused way.

Each Community Area across Wiltshire has a community team; this consists of one Community Coordinator and an Engineer per two coordinators. In Southern Wiltshire the Coordinator is Bob Crean and the Engineer for Southern Wiltshire and Salisbury is Graham Axtell, both officers are based at the Wilton depot.

Town and parish councils are able to contact their Community Coordinator directly, members of the public can report all services to the Clarence number 0800 23 23 23.

Comments and questions were then taken, these included:

- Who decides on what work will be done? Answer: We work to ensure that the highways are safe and usable. There will be a session of community days across the community area, where we will be coming out to speak with individual parishes to find out what needs to be done, such as grass cutting, potholes and hedge cutting.
- Who was told about the work which took place in Beech Grange, as the parish council did not know? Answer: Our team will be writing to parish councils to ask them when we should come, as our visit may be tied in with an event already scheduled, which may be of benefit to the parish.
- Some time ago there was a demonstration of a piece of kit which spat out hot tarmac to fill holes, is this equipment still in use? Answer: The machine is called a Unimog, which is a multi purpose vehicle, which can be used for filling potholes, grit cutting, cleaning signs etc. There are 6 of these machines across the county.
- What is done to ensure quality control from the new contractor Balfour

Beatty? Answer: The new contractor is still under a mobilisation period. The contract is worth £50 million a year, all work is monitored closely against the contract, and they only get paid for the work they carry out.

Cllr Thomson added that an Officer had been appointed to monitor the new contract. The Council are very active to improve services provided under this contract, when the grass cutting fell behind schedule, Cabinet met to resolve the situation. The numbers of grass cutters then increased from 75 to 100.

A new app for smart phones had been launched and was available to download from the Wiltshire website. The app enables users to report highways maintenance.

- Cllr Johnson asked why local councillors were no longer receiving the schedule for the year ahead, as he felt it was useful when advising residents within his ward of planned maintenance? Answer: The Highways programme document was now available online.
- How was the Clarence number promoted? Answer: All phone books and libraries have the number; if people call Wiltshire council the operators will put them through to Clarence.

The Chairman urged anyone involved with parish magazines to also promote the number.

- With the improvements to the IT system, the service schedule would now be online, so if rain causes a delay to the grass cutting, the information would change on the system, to give an accurate schedule of work.
- Would it be possible to notify parish councils when utilities are due to dig up the road? Answer: The council receives over 27,000 applications from utility companies every year to dig up the road; there is usually a link on the website where this information is published.

Road repairs carried out by utility companies following excavation remain their responsibility for 18 months thereafter. Cllr Thomson urged parish councils to keep a note of the date of any utilities works, and to report any refills in a poor condition to the council so that the contractors may be contacted to make the repairs.

A copy of the presentation can be viewed online at:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard

At the last meeting of the Area Board a workshop had been held to identify projects that were both important and achievable and which would lead to collaborative solutions across the area. From the 10 potential projects which emerged, people were then able to vote for their top 3.

From the outcome of this, the Area Board proposed to take 2 main projects forward for 2013/14, there would be Footpath links between villages and Youth Activities.

1. Footpath links between villages

Councillor Leo Randall would be leading on this project with the continued help of the volunteer Footpath Group established in 2012/13. Councillor Randall explained that if new links between parishes could be established, the outcome could be very worthwhile.

2. Youth Activities

Due to the spread out nature of the area, the Board felt that an appropriate solution would be to have the community area broken down into clusters of villages. These clusters would not be restricted to political boundaries. The proposed clusters were grouped as follows:

Cluster s	Villages
1	Laverstock, Ford & Old Sarum
2	Alderbury, Whaddon, West Grimstead, Clarendon
3	Coombe Bissett, Homington, Britford, Odstock, Nunton & Bodenham
4	Downton, Charlton All Saints, Redlynch, Lover, Morgan's Vale & Woodfalls
5	Firsdow, Winterslow (M,E,W), Lopcombe Corner, Pitton, Farley, East Grimstead, West Dean
6	Whiteparish, Landford, Nomansland

The Board would like to develop a way of working with the young people, through the Youth Development Coordinator Tony Nye, to try and improve leisure and development opportunities available to the young people in the South West Wiltshire community area.

Tony's role would be to work with appropriate people within each cluster to identify what is already taking place, what resources are in place and what do the young people within the individual clusters wish to add to that. Through the proposed village clusters the aim would be to achieve the following:

1. Identify and promote existing activities for young people within each cluster.
2. Where there is no youth club within the cluster, promote the provision of

one. (Voluntary-led with support from the youth service.)

3. Engagement with voluntary sector partners (youth clubs, scouts, sports clubs, parish councils etc) to avoid duplication and maximize the effect of the available resources within each cluster.
4. Joined up approach to organizing transport within and between clusters.

Comments and questions were then taken, these included:

- Firsdown PC would welcome being clustered with other parishes as it would bring resources together.
- West Dean PC – Our young people already have links with Alderbury, we need to consider the geography of the areas when forming clusters as our young people may cycle to Alderbury as the route is flat, but they probably wouldn't cycle over the hill to Whiteparish.
- One part of the project could look at transport, if it was established that young people needed transport to get to another area to access the resources, then this could be worked on.
- Would Tony visit the PC's to discuss the project? Answer: Tony would put together a group of interested people in each cluster. Anyone interested should contact Tony so that he could add them to the list. Tony.nye@wiltshire.gov.uk One meeting pre cluster would be held.

Following the discussion and a show of hands from the room which showed support for the cluster arrangement as the best way to develop our Youth activities for the year. The Board members voted on the proposals to focus on the 2 themes for 2013/14.

Decision

The Southern Wiltshire Area Board agreed the 2 themes for 2013/14 and proposals would be:

1. Footpath links between villages

Proposals:

- Tom Bray to ask Parishes where links between villages can be improved.
- Leo Randall to host a meeting with volunteer Coordinators and Nick Cowen to develop a plan of action.

2. Youth activities

Proposal:

- **Tony will establish a working group, in liaison with the key contacts such as the Parish Councils, Youth Clubs and other**

	<p>groups in each cluster to identify what is already on offer and create a budgeted action plan for each cluster. Local funding and in-kind support will be important in making this work. Funding for projects delivered through voluntary sector groups will be available from the Area Board.</p>
11	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Southern Wiltshire Area Board considered 3 applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme for 2013/14. Applicants present were invited to speak in support of their projects, following discussion the Board members voted on each application in turn.</p> <p><u>Decision</u> Odstock Parish Council was awarded £5,000 towards their project to purchase and install outside play equipment for a children’s play area, with the condition that if other sources of funding were not secured, the award would be withdrawn.</p> <p><i>Reason</i> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme Criteria for 2013/14.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Trafalgar School (Downton), was awarded £500 towards its project to purchase boxing equipment for the Trafalgar Boxing Fitness club.</p> <p><i>Reason</i> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme Criteria for 2013/14.</i></p> <p><u>Decision</u> Downton Memorial Hall was awarded £1,100 towards a new boiler.</p> <p><i>Reason</i> <i>The application met the Community Area Grant Scheme Criteria for 2013/14.</i></p>
12	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>Richard Parsons of Odstock PC gave thanks to the Area Board for the CAG funding awarded to them the previous year for their Jubilee Gardens project. The work had now been completed in time for their annual raft even held in July, the project had been greatly received throughout the community.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.</p>