

MINUTES

Meeting: WESTBURY AREA BOARD
Place: The Laverton, Bratton Road, Westbury, BA13 3EN
Date: 6 June 2019
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.30 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Russell Hawker and Cllr Gordon King (Vice-Chairman)

Wiltshire Council Officers

Jessica Croman (Democratic Services Officer)
Graeme Morrison (Community Engagement Manager)

Town and Parish Councillors

Westbury Town Council
Bratton Parish Council
John Pollard – Chair of Edington Parish Council

Partners

Wiltshire Police

Total in attendance: 11

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<u>Election of Chairman</u> The election of the Chairman was deferred to the next meeting,
2.	<u>Election of Vice-Chairman</u> The election of the Vice-Chairman was deferred to the next meeting.
3.	<u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u> The Vice-Chairman, Cllr Gordon King, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Westbury Area Board. It was noted that the Chairman Cllr David Jenkins had resigned from being a councillor and that the meeting would not be quorate, which meant that no formal decisions could be made during the meeting.
4.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Jerry Wickham
5.	<u>Minutes</u> The minutes were deferred to the next meeting.
6.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no declarations of interest.
7.	<u>Chairman's Announcements</u> The Vice-Chairman gave a summary of the announcements included in the agenda. Graeme Morrison, Community Engagement Manager (CEM), informed the meeting about the National Armed Forces Day and encourage the community to get involved. A 50 seater coach would be available to the residents of Westbury, free of charge, to travel to the celebrations in Salisbury. To secure a place on the coach residents were encourage to email the CEM. The CEM also spoke about the Joint Strategic Assessment due in early 2020. It was noted that feedback from the previous years was that residents wanted more involvement in selecting the priorities on the lead up to the event. A consultation would take place in the first two weeks of the summer holidays where residents could voice their priorities on community matters.

8.	<p><u>Appointment of Working Groups and Outside Bodies</u></p> <p>The appointments were deferred to the next meeting, it was noted that the councillors would remain in their current roles in the mean-time.</p>
9.	<p><u>Shared Lives Service</u></p> <p>The representative from the Shared Lives Service were unable to attend the meeting and therefore the item was deferred.</p>
10.	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>Police</p> <p>Police Inspector Andy Fee referred to the police report in the agenda pack. it was noted that recent recruitment of community coordinators had taken place with five now being in place. Pc Helen Daveridge, Community Coordinator, would be taking over the Westbury, Warminster, Tisbury and Mere areas.</p> <p>A question was asked about drug crime in the area and it was noted that there had been a lot of proactive policing activity, including carrying out some search warrants, although no significant drug crime was reported in the area.</p> <p>Town and Parish councillors were encouraged to attend a weekly tasking meeting, which was held at Trowbridge Police station on Wednesday's at 11am, to discuss emerging community issues and concerns.</p> <p>Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Jerry Herbert noted that the increase in officers was part of delivering the precept and thanked the number of volunteers who helped daily for their time, effort and dedication.</p> <p>Some questions were asked and the police communication process was explained recognising that community messaging could be better.</p> <p>Local Youth Network</p> <p>The CEM explained that there were no more Local Youth Facilitators and the he would take on the LYN coordination. He had been in communication with Matravers and Dilton Marsh School's and was keen to have representatives from the villages on the LYN. It was likely that a meeting would take place before the start of the new school year.</p> <p>Westbury Town Council</p> <p>The following updates were given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that the new town Mayor was Cllr Mike Sutton;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant season had begun and local groups were encouraged to apply; • An online events calendar was nearly ready to launch; • A community BBQ was coming up. <p>Bratton Parish Council</p> <p>The following updates were given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recently held the AGM where Cllr Jeff Ligo was once again elected chairman; • The parish finances were in a good position; • A neighbourhood plan was being developed which had recently received excellent feedback from a recent consultation; • The White House Church would now be known as the Bratton Parish News and publicised widely.
11.	<p><u>Connecting Chapmanslade</u></p> <p>Adam Mosley from Connecting Chapmanslade gave a presentation on a project to create cycling and walking routes to connect Westbury, Warminster and Frome with Chapmanslade central to the route and three towns.</p> <p>The aim of the project was to create a new National Cycling Network to take cyclists away from the main roads, making it safer and more healthy for those wishing to use the network. The routes would be suitable for many different user groups as they would be wheelchair and pushchair friendly.</p> <p>Communication was taking place with a number of confirmed and potential partners to support the project. The next step would involve having a feasibility study carried out.</p> <p>Members of the Area Board noted their support for the project and looked forward to seeing the finished project.</p>
12.	<p><u>Grant Funding</u></p> <p>The CEM introduced the grant application.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>To agree in principle the Bratton Remembrance Garden application for £1000 and delegate authority to the CEM under delegated authority.</p>
13.	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>

	Those in attendance expressed their sympathies for Cllr Jerry Wickham.
14.	<u>Future Meeting Dates, Forward Plan, Evaluation and Close</u> The next meeting of the Westbury Area Board will be held on 25 July 2019.