

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Corsham Area Board  
**Place:** On-Line Meeting  
**Date:** 27 January 2022  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.35 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Dr Brian Mathew (Chairman), Cllr Ruth Hopkinson (Vice-Chairman),  
Cllr Helen Belcher and Cllr Derek Walters

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Kevin Fielding – Democratic Services Officer

**Total in attendance: 20**

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<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
28	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the on-line meeting and introduced the councillors and officers present.</p>
29	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager.</p>
30	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 October 2021 were approved as the correct record</b></li> </ul>
31	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
32	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The following Chairman's Announcements contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ask Angela Campaign relaunch – December 2021</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2-5 June 2022</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Reminder of changes to the Highway Code from 29 January 2022</p>
33	<p><u>Corsham Area Board meeting with Gigaclear</u></p> <p>Cllr Ruth Hopkinson</p> <p>Points made included:</p> <p>She had engaged in a series of meetings with Gigaclear.</p> <p>That not all problems could be attributed to Gigaclear.</p>

	<p>That Gigaclear needed to be more proactive, but that interactions with them had definitely improved over the last few months.</p> <p>That residents were frustrated that they could not join the Gigaclear network, due to Gigaclear issues with land owned by private individuals.</p> <p>That some remedial work carried out by Gigaclear had been of a poor quality – Wiltshire Council had now given permission for Gigaclear to organise extra teams to carry out this work.</p> <p>That a newly appointed Gigaclear Community Engagement Manager had now been appointed to cover corsham area – so things were improving.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Hopkinson for her update.</p>
34	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Written updates contained in the agenda pack were noted:</p> <p>Wiltshire Police – Inspector James Brain</p> <p>Local Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corsham Rural Speed checks Gastard and Box Woodland damage Quarry hill (Box &amp; Box Hill) Anti-hare coursing patrols</li> <li>• Corsham Town Speed checks, Corsham Newlands road, Valley Road, Park Lane, Pickwick &amp; Pickwick Road. Londis shop patrols underage alcohol and tobacco sales. ASB service delivery yard and alleyway rear of Londis.</li> </ul> <p>Points made by the Area Board members included:</p> <p>Good ongoing work on local drug dealing.</p> <p>Concerns re speeding along Valley Road.</p> <p>That good work was being carried out by PC Kev Golledge.</p> <p>That Speedwatch volunteers needed to be supported more by Wiltshire Police.</p> <p>Looking forward to seeing how Auto Speedwatch worked in the community area.</p>

	<p>Corsham Climate Action – Adam Walton</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr Ruth Hopkinson would circulate Corsham street lighting protocols to all.</p> <p>Corsham Town Council</p> <p>Box Parish Council</p> <p>Colerne Parish Council</p> <p>Lacock Parish Council</p> <p>CCG/Healthwatch</p> <p>The Chairman thanked all partners for their updates.</p>
35	<p><u>Community Area Grants and Funding Requests</u></p> <p><b>Dave Wright awarded £2,000 for Box Hill Community orchard and Rudloe Firs Limestone Wildflower meadow</b>  <i>Dave Wright outlined a future £3,000 application for kissing gates from the Area Board funding. The Chairman advised that an application should be sent to Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager asap.</i></p> <p><b>Sea Squad Explorer Scout Unit awarded £3,456.25 for Stand Up Paddle boarding equipment</b></p> <p><b>Pound Arts Community Garden awarded £2,500 for Development of a community garden at Pound Arts, Corsham</b></p> <p><b>Katherine Pugh awarded £1,377 for Colerne Defibrillator Project</b>  <b>On the condition that Colerne PC funded 25% of the application</b></p> <p><b>Colin Wellenkamp requesting £2,450 for Families Out Loud counselling project.</b>  <i>This application was deferred for the applicant to further discuss the application details with Ros Griffiths – Community Engagement Manager.</i></p> <p><b>That the Area Board noted the Neston Over 60s group requesting £200 for Microphone and screen to support group activities.</b>  <i>Funding for this application had been approved between meetings as it was time sensitive.</i></p>

	<p><b>Youth Grants</b></p> <p><b>Corsham Windband Association awarded £1,000 for 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b></p> <p><b>Rewired Counselling / Pound Arts awarded £2,000 for Spark 2022 Young People Wellbeing Event for all Yr 9 students at Corsham School</b></p>
36	<p><u>Working Group updates</u></p> <p>Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Brian Mathew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That group would be meeting in the near future – to date be confirmed</li> <li>• The minutes of the 16 November 2021 meeting were noted</li> </ul> <p>Local Youth Network – Cllr Helen Belcher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group had last met during December 2021 with various town representatives in attendance – a good meeting, with lots of work to do</li> </ul> <p>Community Area Transport Group – Cllr Ruth Hopkinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minutes of the 12 January 2022 meeting were noted</li> </ul> <p>Climate Group – Cllr Derek Walter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group had met during December 2021 and January 2022 with good support</li> <li>• That the group was a good platform to press Wiltshire Council on climate issues</li> </ul>
37	<p><u>Any other Business</u></p> <p>There was none.</p>
38	<p><u>Close</u></p>