

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Nadder Centre, Weaveland Road, Tisbury, SP3 6H  
**Date:** 18 July 2018  
**Start Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.30 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Jose Green (Chairman), Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr George Jeans, and Cllr Bridget Wayman

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Stephen Harris, Community Engagement Manager  
Lisa Moore, Democratic Services Officer

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Bishopstone Parish Council – M Ash  
Bower Chalke Parish Council – J Body  
Compton Chamberlayne Parish Council – A Winchester & D Winchester  
Hindon Parish Council – D Robertson  
Quidhampton Parish Council – K Taylor  
Swallowcliffe Parish Council – S Banas  
Wilton Town Council – P Edge & P Matthews

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police - Inspector Sparrow  
Public Health – Deborah Hayes

**Total in attendance: 32**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
21	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman Cllr Jose Green, welcomed everyone to the meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board.</p>
22	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Tony Deane</li> <li>• Claire Churchill – Quidhampton PC</li> <li>• Jason Moncrieff – Fire &amp; Rescue</li> </ul>
23	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
24	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 30 May 2018, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
25	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire was currently going through the Local Government Boundary Review. The Board Councillors would be forming a submission to submit to the Review Panel and the Boundary Commission. The Board urged others to send in their responses as to how they saw the Area Boards working in the future. Steve would circulate the link to submit comments online. The Chair noted that it was important to get as many submissions as possible.</li> <li>• The Best Kept Village competition was underway. Hindon had won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the medium sized village category. Fovant and Dinton had both won awards in the small village category, with other villages including Ansty and Burcombe also doing well. The second round of judging would take place in July.</li> <li>• Nadder Community Land Trust, launch meeting will take place on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Initially focussing on Tisbury.</li> <li>• A new 'Our Community Matters' community blogsite was being launched</li> </ul>

	<p>this week, the first new style e-newsletter would be sent on 20/7/18. If not already signed up contact Steve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new finger post scheme for 2018/19 was now in place, Parish Councils could apply for up to £400 towards the cost of a replacement post. Contact Steve for more details.</li> </ul>
26	<p><u>Area Board funding review for 2017/18</u></p> <p>The Area Board heard from previous grant recipients about the outcomes they had achieved after receiving a grant from the Area Board.</p> <p><u>David Barton - Kilmington &amp; Stourton Cricket Club</u> Grants received from the Board over the years have helped towards Gang Mowers and practice equipment, and electric score board, and kit for the under 19s team. We are ggrateful for your support ad would not have been able to have done all of this without the funding we have received.</p> <p><u>John Jordan – Mere Footpath Group</u> The purpose of our project was to get more people to walk. We invited everyone to join us for a walk around Great Bottom, where they were asked to pay £5. The funds raised went to provide kissing gates and self-closing gates on all of the paths around Mere.</p> <p>Over the past 5 years we have been improving the footpaths of Mere. On the day of the walk, 97 people turned up to take part, the youngest was 4 years old, the oldest was 92 years old. At the end we gave everyone a goodie bag. The main donor was the Area Board, so thanks to you for your support.</p> <p>Hoping to run the event next year, and our aim would be to have 200 participants.</p> <p><u>Nick Wharmby – Bowerchalke Village Hall</u> We had a £5k grant to do up the village hall as it was in a pretty bad state. The toilets were out dated and had deteriorated, and we had a leaking roof. Following the works, the toilet is now of a mobility class standard. We raised 2/3 of the money needed for the project, the process was quick and simple and the support Steve gave us was great. This has made a real difference to the hall and for those that use it. All of the local businesses either did their bit at cost or gave a reduction as we are a charity.</p> <p>We now need help to move our next project forward, we have been trying to have a disabled parking space sign panted on a space outside, but have been passes from one department to another. Cllr Wayman would speak to Ringway to see if they can clarify the way forward.</p> <p><u>Steve Harris – Salamander</u> As a result of the Boards generous funding, the following was possible:</p>

- 15 students started the course (3 females and 12 males)
- 13 students successfully completed the 5 day programme and achieved AQA Award in Fire Services Training
- 77% of participants reported the same or an increase in overall personal confidence
- 100% of participants reported the same or an increase in comfort when taking on new challenges
- 85% of participants reported the same or an increase in their problem solving skills
- 92% of participants reported the same or an increase in awareness on how their actions and behaviour can impact others

#### Zoe Cupit – Wilton Community Land Trust

This was a voluntary, not for profit organisation, working to provide affordable business opportunities for small businesses.

Last year we were awarded Area Board funding for our pop-up week and our big lunch, which was hosted by Wilton shopping village. This event attracted 1500 visitors. Thanks to the Area Board's continued support.

#### Mike Ash and John Gibbon – Chalke Valley speed indicator device

The main road through the village was the C12, which was an unusually straight 30mph road where everyone speeds.

The Board met 50% of the cost for us to buy a new device to use. Following discussion, Bishopstone, Broadchalke and Bowerchalke decided to share a device.

The device we chose works well on the solar charge as well on a long charge. The effectiveness of its use does become less so over time, however we have found that sharing it across the three villages works well, as we also site it in different places within the three villages.

Thanks to the Board for its contribution as it has helped to keep the speed down through our village.

#### Steve Harris - Music on your doorstep project

A DVD was shown detailing the project, to view click on the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLAEO4nuFGI>

A day of musical activities took place in Mere school. A West African drumming group has now been set up and they run a weekly session in the school as that was the most popular.

#### WW1 Australia Badge – Helen Roberts

We are a registered charity, set up last year to restore a WW1 chalk badge.

Hurdcott camp once held up to 4000 soldiers at any one time. Australians took

	<p>over camp in March 1917.  We have had a lot of help from historic England who are keen to get tis badge re-instated.  Other local badge groups have provided good advice.  The grant paid for public liability insurance that was required, and some chalk.  We started on the first letter to test out the process.</p> <p>Thanks to the Area Board for your grant as we started with nothing.</p> <p><u>Peter Edge – Wilton Town Council</u>  This project started with the idea to replace two notice boards which had been vandalised beyond repair.</p> <p>During discussions Cllrs became aware that the Business Chamber were considering the need for a Heritage Trail. It was agreed that the Council should explore ways of trying to combine the two projects, essentially map boards and finger sign posts&gt;</p> <p>Financial contributions were promised and received from the Business Chamber, Wilton Shopping Village, Redrow, the site developers, as well as the Area Board, and four boards were ordered.</p> <p>Steve Harris noted that as part of the Community Matters website, from today there would be a project bank, where people could obtain information on other projects already completed in the community area. The aim was to build a menu of community projects, detailing examples for people to follow or take ideas from.</p>
27	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written updates attached to the agenda, and received the following verbal updates from partners present:</p> <p><u>Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow</u>  This Area Board has not been organised specifically to talk about the recent events in Amesbury and Salisbury, there are however two public meetings next week where you will have an opportunity to raise concerns and ask questions.</p> <p>There will be one at Salisbury City Hall next Tuesday (24 July) from 6.30pm, and one next Wednesday (25 July) at The Stonehenge School, Amesbury, from 6.30pm.</p> <p>Inspector Sparrow then gave a brief update on the position from Wiltshire Police.</p> <p>We know that our communities here in Amesbury and Salisbury are naturally feeling very anxious and we completely understand these concerns. However, the message from Public Health England continues to be that the risk to the public remains low. This is being continually assessed and if there was any</p>

concern then that advice would be updated. At the moment Public Health are advising people that the key message from them is “If you didn’t drop it, don’t pick it up”.

Inspector Sparrow had personally been out and about in Salisbury and Amesbury with staff from Public Health over the past week or so, providing reassurance and answering questions from the public. He had been really impressed by the continued resilience that local people were showing and wanted to say a big thank you for the ongoing support they were giving to Wiltshire Police and other emergency services.

There was a Freephone helpline for advice and information which was staffed by Wiltshire Police and PHE colleagues. This was 0800 0920 410 or 0207 158 0124.

In addition, if you have any information which you believe could help the counter terrorism police investigation, then please call the CT hotline on 0800 789 321.

We know many of you will have questions about specifics relating to the ongoing investigation, however the investigation was being led by Counter Terrorism Police, so we are very limited in what we are able to tell people. CT policing were giving updates as often as they were able regarding the progress of their investigation.

However, Inspector Sparrow was able to share that more than 400 exhibits had been recovered, and more than 100 specialist officers had been deployed on this investigation.

CT police had also recovered a small bottle from the address in Muggleton Road and detectives believed this to be the source of the contamination, substance confirmed as Novichok, of Charlie Rowley and Dawn Sturgess.

Work was ongoing to establish whether the nerve agent was from the same batch as used in the attack against Sergei and Yulia Skripal in March, and this of course remains a main line of enquiry for the investigation team.

Searches were still expected to continue for some time yet, as officers look to identify any other potential sites or sources of contamination, as well as gather further evidence to assist with their investigation.

I can reassure you that Wiltshire Police will be doing all it can to assist CT Police, so that we can hopefully get some answers about what exactly happened and who is responsible for this barbaric act.

If you have any concerns or questions for any of the agencies involved, I would encourage you to attend one of the special public meetings next week where there will be representation from all agencies.

Questions and comments included:

- Peter Edge – It is important to note that Wilton is close to Salisbury and there has been a knock-on effect to our businesses in Wilton, not as bad as in Salisbury but there has been a noticeable downturn in footfall. Answer: We are aware of the effect on the surrounding towns and villages. We have been looking at footfalls and percentages, we will make sure Wilton is on the list of affected areas.
- Cllr Pauline Church – As the Cabinet Member for Salisbury recovery – if any business feels that they have been impacted on by these incidents we want to know, we have had just over £1 million of help from central government. Go to the Council website for information and to complete a form for financial recuperation. It will be assessed and if appropriate you will be awarded a grant.
- What indications have there been that the tourist industry has been affected? – Answer: There is a reported downturn in numbers at the Cathedral and the Playhouse. We are working closely to help rebrand to improve tourism.
- Cllr Jose Green – We are stoic as a community – 4 months was quite a time after the first incident, how long will it be before we are back to normality? – Answer: You can look at what we have done so far and how long that has taken, look at the recovery process so far. We hope that Zizi's and The Bishops Mill sites could be back on line soon. The people working in those establishments are happy for the thoroughness we have taken in cleaning those premises, and feel reassured. After we have followed all lines we can we will move on to rebranding and relaunching.
- Is Charlie's prognosis good? - Answer: The hospital is pleased with how he is doing, so that is good to hear.
- Pete Sparrow – the process to take samples involves, first the Offices who volunteer must go into the robing chamber, where it can reach 40 degrees. They must put on full kit and can take 40 mins to robe up. They then go in groups of 6 or 8 and can only stay in for 15 minutes at a time. Then 40 mins to de-robe. These officers have to have blood taken before they go in and after they come out to ensure they are not contaminated. That is why the process takes so long.
- Steve Bannass – What radius to Salisbury does the message 'if you didn't drop it then don't pick it up' apply? Answer: This advice is primarily focused on Salisbury and Amesbury. We have talked about a wider are, but the rest of the county just need to take obvious precautions. If you normally have grabbers and gloves to carry out your litter picks, then follow your normal procedures.
- Cllr Bridget Wayman – Quidhmpton queried this, and presumably they should not do a litter pick as they are so close to Salisbury? Answer: It's a judgement for each area to make, they should think about their distance and what they feel comfortable doing. The advice is talking about containers. General litter would not have been used to bring a nerve agent in to the country. At this time we feel we have the original bottle that brought t in, but we cannot be sure. If you see a small vile or a

	<p>syringe then don't pick it up, call the numbers and we will come and do it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Church – Quidhampton is next to Salisbury, so I would say don't do litter picking at this time.</li> </ul> <p>The Board noted the written updates attached to the agenda.</p>
28	<p><u>Nadder Centre Update</u></p> <p>The Board received an update on the Nadder Centre, the main points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Business Manager had been appointed, this was Becky Banbury.</li> <li>• Messums – The Board would investigate what was required for the art works proposed and hope to get this project moving forward.</li> </ul>
29	<p><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing Group (HWG)</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The Board noted the actions of the last HWB meeting held on 4 July 2018 as detailed in paper attached to the agenda.</b></p>
30	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board considered eight applications for funding from the Community Area Grant Scheme for 2018/19, as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>Applicants present were invited to speak in support of their projects. Following discussion and questions, the Board then voted on each application in turn.</p> <p>The Board noted that the scout premises was in Salisbury community area, however as both Wilton and Tisbury both had Scout groups that used the facility it proposed a reduced amount of £1,000.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Salisbury &amp; South Wilts District Scout Council was awarded £1,000 towards the Improvement project at Dennis Marsh House.</b>  <b><i>Reason</i></b>  <b><i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.</i></b></p> <p>The Board noted that in the past it had usually only funded £50 towards the purchase of defibrillators, as there were 38 parishes, if all applied for funding for defibrillators, the funding would be diminished in one swoop.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Ebbesbourne Wake Village Hall Management Committee was awarded £50 towards the purchase of a defibrillator.</b>  <b><i>Reason</i></b>  <b><i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.</i></b></p>

**Decision**

**Compton Chamberlayne Village Hall was awarded £650 towards the guttering repair work at the hall.**

***Reason***

***The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.***

The Board was supportive of the work the Studio did, however as the Board had limited funds available, a reduced amount of £1000 was proposed.

**Decision**

**Studio Theatre was awarded £1,000 towards the extension project.**

***Reason***

***The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.***

The Board felt that the Parish Council should be approached to part fund the project. A reduced amount of £400 was proposed, with the recommendation that the applicant apply to the PC for the remaining £200.

**Decision**

**Weaveland Road Allotment Society was awarded £400 towards the purchase of a new community shed.**

***Reason***

***The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.***

**Decision**

**Bishopstone Village Hall was awarded £5,000 towards the car park project.**

***Reason***

***The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.***

The Board noted that there had been a restriction on supporting a similar project put forward by Wessex Internet, and asked for clarification on how this project differed.

The CEM confirmed that Wiltshire Online had been approached to clarify whether the Board could award funding. From a Broadband perspective this would represent a double funding issue as Wiltshire Council had committed funding centrally to the Wiltshire Online Broadband roll out, however if purely a 4G mobile connection, as this project was, it was felt that it did not contradict our commitment to fund BB.

The CEM also confirmed that the Area Board funds would not be released until confirmation that all 25k had been secured.

**Decision**

**CH4LKE Mobile was awarded £5,000 towards the community mobile and broadband project, subject to the confirmation that state aid had been acquired and that this project did not contradict the Wiltshire Online Broadband roll out scheme currently operated by the Council.**

***Reason***

	<p><b><i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Chalke Valley Short Mat Bowls Club was awarded £930 towards replacement mats.</b></p> <p><b><i>Reason</i></b>  <b><i>The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria for 2018/19.</i></b></p>
31	<p><b><u>Close</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.</p> <p>The next meeting of the South west Wiltshire Area Board will be held on Wednesday 19 September 2018.</p>