

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Nadder Centre, Weaveland Road, Tisbury, SP3 6H  
**Date:** 30 January 2019  
**Start Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.00 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Jose Green (Chairman), Cllr Pauline Church, Cllr George Jeans and Cllr Tony Deane (Vice-Chairman)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

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

### **Town and Parish Councillors**

Bishopstone Parish Council – M Ash  
Fovant Parish Council – A Mallalieu  
Mere Parish Council – J Jordan & R Sims  
Quidhampton Parish Council – C Churchill  
Tisbury Parish Council – S Harry  
West Tisbury Parish Council – B Ford  
Wilton Town Council – P Edge & P Matthews

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police - Inspector Pete Sparrow

**Total in attendance: 22**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<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>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Bridget Wayman</li> <li>• Steve Bannas – Swallowcliff PC</li> <li>• Charles Smith and Mary Rowitt – Dinton</li> <li>• Liz Stockwell – Sedgehill and Semely PC</li> <li>• Patrick Duffy –</li> <li>• Karen Linaker – Community Engagement Manager</li> </ul>
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were none.</p>
4	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The following corrections were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank Freeman – speakers full name for item 7</li> <li>• Date of next meeting had been missed off.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>Subject to the amendments as listed, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p> <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>The Chairman noted that following the last meeting, she had received an update from Inspector Hutchings regarding the Community Speedwatch training.</p> <p>We received an email from Jon Hutchings – new arrangements for training sessions for CSW. Those sessions will now take place in more local venues and also in own homes in some cases. If you know anyone interested then pass this info on.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Community Engagement Manager (CEM), Steve Harris will be leaving us tomorrow, and replaced by Karen Linaker. Thanks to Steve for the thorough work and commitment he has given to us over the years.</li> <li>• £8m Government funding for Highway Maintenance – make sure you have submitted your lists to your WC Cllr. A list of works will be built up from that.</li> <li>• Nadder Centre open day – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.</li> <li>• Polling District &amp; Polling Station Review detailed in the agenda on p51</li> <li>• There had been recent prosecutions on fly tipping and scrap metal dealers.</li> </ul>
6	<p><u>Partner and Community Updates</u></p> <p>The Board noted the written papers attached from partners.</p> <p><u>Police – Inspector Pete Sparrow</u> Inspector Sparrow was in charge of the Wilton area, which was a low crime area, just outside of the city. Rural crime and poaching was increasing.</p> <p>During this early period of the year, we see an increase in outbuilding burglary starting to rise, usually up until Easter. In December there was a slight rise in vehicle crime, especially in beauty spots, however this only amounted to 8 offences. The total number of crimes reported last year was 321. He asked which areas people would like a report on?</p> <p>Questions received included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Deane - Overall crime has been reduced and you should be commended for that, but at the same time how can the PCC ask for an increase in the Police precept? <u>Answer:</u> My colleague will answer that under the PCC update next.</li> <li>• Mere is low on crime but there is a higher level of hare coursing there, were you doing anything about this? <u>Answer:</u> We do have Officers dedicated to rural crime. We had 4 dogs that were seized in the Wilton area, and 3 people arrested. In Amesbury 10 dogs were seized and 9 people arrested.</li> <li>• Pete Edge – Parking on the pavements is a problem, what is your advice when we see an occurrence? <u>Answer:</u> We have seen a huge increase on the demand on Police officers over the last year, if we were going to respond to every incident we would have a problem. Parking has been de-criminalised, and the majority was now handled by parking services. If it is someone that is blocking a road, and it creates a bigger problem for access, then we can help to deal with this.</li> <li>• In Fovant the residents once received a flyer from the Police saying that if they park on the pavement then they would receive a parking notice. It is an offence to block a pavement completely, but not to part obstruct. <u>Answer:</u> We rely on people showing courtesy by parking responsibly.</li> <li>• There has been an increase in the theft of keyless cars, what precaution</li> </ul>

can people take? Answer: We have not seen this in Wiltshire. We do see theft of keys from premises, and then they use that to take the car.

James Williams – Deputy for West Wiltshire was in attendance, as Inspector Andy Fee had moved to a temporary post in Public Protection. With regards to hare coursing, we carry out lots of patrols and have weekly prioritising meetings. There were 12 recorded patrols for hare coursing. We have had good success with a whatsapp scheme involving farmers to track and alert of hare coursers in the area.

Hindon PC – would like to thank the Fire & Rescue Service with the work they did on the house fire there.

#### Nadder Centre

The Messums art project was moving forward and would be picked up by the new CEM when she was in role.

There were plans to showcase the work of local artists at the centre.

#### Deputy PCC – Jerry Herbert

The Police Precept video was shown. Deadline for submissions to the consultation was midday Thursday 31 January.

The PCC was asking for a raise of £2 a month from an average band D property. This would allow us to raise the resources we are able to give the chief constable.

We will have an increase from the Home Office, however this would not cover the salary rise agreed for all staff. Last year we dipped into our reserves to a sum of £750 million, we cannot continue to do that.

We would be recruiting a further 41 officers this year. Targeted at reinforcing the community teams and two new teams.

#### Questions:

- If the rise was £2 per band D property, the overall budget would go up by £7m. What would that be for? Answer: The total police budget this year was £110m, it would be £117m next year.
- An increase of 41 Officers, but what types? Answer: All would be Police Officers with warrant cards and 2 additional special division officers.
- How optimistic were you in recruiting these 41 Officers and was the drop out quite high? Answer: This year we need to recruit 110 officers, there was a degree of natural wastage and some come to the end of their

	<p>career. Our last 2 courses were full. We have another 2 to start early in the new financial year, which we already have candidates vetted and ready to start. In the south wilts policing team in November 10 new students started. One per team. When they finish their tutorship phase next week they will be going out as fully trained officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event in Salisbury last year must have dug into your budget? <u>Answer:</u> Fortunately, that had no effect on the budget as the PCC lobbied the Home Office for repayment of the expenses. We have had confirmation that the Home Office will also settle all of the outstanding additional costs.</li> <li>• We do not know what will happen after Brexit. What advice have you been given for this? <u>Answer:</u> There had been a Brexit planning team working for some time, jointly with partners. National Policing Reinforcement requirement was in place. Our Officers and staff worked incredibly hard during 2018, they will be ready to do so again if required.</li> <li>• The 2% would go to the PCC which equates to £100k, that could be better directed don't you think? <u>Answer:</u> The PCC was increasingly commissioning services other than the Chief constable. There are times and places when it may be appropriate to spend money in other ways, in providing police as well as crime prevention initiatives. There were a range of things that are not always best done by the police service.</li> <li>• Elizabeth Forbes – What was the impact in terms of accountability with regards to Freedom of Information (Fol) requests and what was your attitude on the performance of those outsourced bodies? <u>Answer:</u> The Fol regulations apply equally to the OPCC and we respond in the same way that anyone else does. There may be occasions where the request relates to sensitive information. There does not seem to be an issue and we comply with the regulations.</li> </ul> <p><u>Wiltshire Council Updates</u> Special Needs Schools consultation was running – the Council had proposed to close two special schools and to build a state of the art facility to serve those families that used these services.</p>
7	<p><u>Theme Item - Environment and Sustainability in South West Wiltshire</u></p> <p>The Board heard from Richard Meaburn – Deputy Branch Manager in Waitrose, Salisbury, who shared information on the work they were doing to reduce plastic waste.</p> <p>Since Blue Planet 2 was aired, Waitrose had seen an 800% increase in enquiries about plastics.</p>

- Plans to eliminate plastics in our processes.
- First supermarket to stop selling products with microbeads.
- Looking at stopping selling products with glitter.
- Swopped from plastic cotton buds to paper.
- Customers have started to bring in their own re-usable containers to take away their mince / meat / fish products from the counters.

Grants were available to support projects to reduce plastic waste.

Reducing food waste was a positive step for the environment and local communities.

In February 2016 we launched the misshaped fruit and veg range and were looking to roll out an extended range.

Love food hate waste, we have lots of hints, tips and recipe ideas in our newspaper.

Food waste in our operations – working hard to predict the needs, but there will always be some wastage, looking to donate the food we cannot use to charities and local groups.

More information is available online at Waitrose.com [Info](#)

#### Nadder Community Energy – Richard Ecclestone

Why is this a problem? Its not just about climate change, it is about the 3 crisis:

1. Climate crisis
2. Resource crisis
3. Biodiversity crisis

The solutions:

1. What can they do? - Government is the biggest lever, it can influence positive activities and behaviours.
2. What can we do? - We can work together as communities. Local activism.
3. What can I do? - Might seem insignificant, but lost of people doing it can make a huge difference.

I do not think the Government is doing enough in the UK. We will not hit the targets, with the continuing subsidization of the fossil fuel.

Work out what your carbon footprint is, there are many sites online where you can calculate this. Then you can work out what you can do to reduce that.

Ways to reduce your carbon footprint –

- Take less flights – think about carbon offsetting
- Purchase your energy from 100% energy renewable suppliers
- Drive less – use public transport
- Make your next vehicle an electric vehicle – use a bike or walk
- Eat less meat – especially beef.
- Buy less stuff – lots we buy we don't need and it doesn't make us happy.

Push for change

Some ideas:

- Get active – join a local group
- Solar installations such as at St Peters School, Wilton

Wilton – Laura Toomhunt

I started a few projects in the Wilton area:

- Wilton Facebook page
- Book Bunker
- Greener Wilton. Started going out and putting up carrier bag holders, asking people to re-use and refill the used bags.

We asked business owners to start to think about their wastage, however they are not likely to show interest unless it saves them money. Hoping Greenerwilton can liaise with them to find ways to reduce their waste.

Book Bunker – find single typed recyclables that can be collected for charities. We collect pens for a school who are then able to get money back. Water filters and batteries could also be collected, we offer a drop off point at the book bunker, outside my house.

Reduce the time we spend trying to recycle these items. There are a lot of older people where I live who like to be involved but do not want to have to travel in to Salisbury to recycle.

Hoping to work with seeds4success and do litter picks in the summer. The children are really important, we need to teach them to do it for themselves.

Hopefully we can come up with a few initiatives where we all live. You need to set the examples, people from the parish councils can help.

I post my successes and my failure for all to see. If we can get more people in

the community involved the better.

The Chairman added that The Council was also playing a role, there would be a replacement of street lights with LED bulbs, over a 2-year programme and were also looking at setting up a task group to use the black plastic in repairing potholes.

Questions:

- We should be more careful with what we do with our water, and try not to use too much of it.
- We need to look at textiles that are not made of non-natural materials, we could stop using fabrics with plastics in it.
- If you are over 60 you will remember when everything came in paper bags, there wasn't a bit of plastic in sight.
- Sell the idea to the young people, the local communities working with young people in schools.
- Coffee shops create huge amounts of waste.
- If we don't produce it in the first place we won't have to get rid of it.
- Waitrose – there are lots of things that are required for food hygiene, but also lots we don't need.
- Richard Buddon – congratulate the speakers – the polluters should pay to recycle schemes. Plastic film is at the bottom end of the chain and a big problem. It was for Waitrose and other businesses to insist the manufacturers take them back.
- Waitrose had saved 51m tonnes of paper cups going to landfill, since introducing their reusable cups.
- From the supermarket we produce plastic waste, we work with a charity organisation, they trialled separating hard plastic and plastic film. They had homeless people sifting through the materials, they were fed, watered and housed as part of the process, they were turning away from that work to go back on the streets, due to the smell and disgusting things they were finding in there.
- Lucy Stone - When we install the solar panels and they are generating energy we will go and run sessions for the children to educate them.
- Nadder Community Energy – run by volunteer directors. As well as getting a return on their investment some goes to a pot for funding.
- There were a group of residents in Tisbury setting up a re-use shop.
- Peter Edge – In Wilton, we are indebted to Laura for the work she is doing, we are hoping to be the first eco town in Wiltshire.
- Eco bricks can be filled with non-recyclable plastic and used for building.
- New builds should have solar panels.
- Litter picks and allotments should be encouraged.
- Listed buildings – the planners should take that into consideration to allow them to have double glazing.
- In France – have compostable bags, and refill buckets. There is less litter and less advertising. Young people are bombarded with marketing to



	<p>make them want these items that come in packaging.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><u>National Armed Forces Day 2019</u></p> <p>The Community Engagement Manager, Steve Harris presented information on the National Armed Forces Day event for 2019.</p> <p>This was a three day programme which was free to attend. Part of the event involved projects aimed at engagement with local communities. There were three projects running.</p> <p>All Area Boards had been asked to contribute funding towards these projects, and to assist local people in taking part.</p> <p>Two projects which would be promoted in the community area were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Art Tapestry Project</li> <li>• World Largest Poppy attempt</li> </ul> <p>The Board was asked to consider allocating £2,000 towards the projects, as detailed in the report on p53 – 54 of the agenda pack.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that there was no way to determine how many people from our area would take part in the poppy attempt or the event.</p> <p>Cllr Deane felt that this was a National Armed Forces day, and should be funded from Wiltshire Council and not by asking Boards for contributions from their community funding pots. The transport element of the request, could be provided by a provision from Tisbus and other local community services.  <u>Answer:</u> The CEM noted that the rationale was that the funding was for projects which would take place in the community areas, in addition to the event. The cost of those projects was asked for, from all 18 Area Boards.</p> <p>Cllr Church – This was a celebration of our Armed Forces, and an amazing opportunity for our community to be involved in. It would take a great deal of organisation, and was a jammed packed 3 day. In the past it had only ever been a one-day event. It was about putting £2k in for our community to be there and be a part of it.</p> <p>Cllr Jeans supported Cllr Deane’s comments. We have so little in our community budget, to put some in to the transport element to get our people there would be ok.</p> <p>Do people realise how many people will visit Salisbury for this event, to bring financial opportunity for our economy.</p>

	<p>The 4th June this year is the anniversary of the D-day landings. We support it but do take the points made.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that Salisbury had been through exceptional circumstances, and this was a once in a lifetime opportunity. She moved the motion of allocating £1,000, towards the projects.</p> <p>Cllr Deane moved an amendment to ringfence the £1,000 specifically for the transport element. Cllr Jeans seconded this amendment.</p> <p>Cllr Church noted that the sheer number of people that will want to move around for the events would be huge. We cannot underplay the importance for this part of the county.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The South West Wiltshire Area Board awarded £1,000 towards the transport element of the event.</b></p>
9	<p><u>Area Board - Sub Group Updates &amp; Funding</u></p> <p>Jaki Farrell was in attendance to speak to the funding request for £5,000 to put on a range of new classes to teach skills over the summer.</p> <p>As Seeds4success we liked the NCS scheme but have found that their direction had changed. The young people have come up with an alternative programme.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The South West Wiltshire Area Board awarded £5,000 to Seeds4success for the summer 2019 programme of sessions.</b></p> <p>Phil Matthews, Wilton Town Council noted that from the end of March Wilton Youth Club would be closing, due to the premises owners taking back the building at short notice. This matter would be discussed by Wilton TC to see if an alternative premise could be located to hold the sessions.</p>
10	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p><u>Community Speed Indicator Device Scheme.</u>  The Board considered the recommendation to ringfence a further £1,500 to the SID Scheme. The Board had received a further 2 applications for this scheme. Next year the Board would look at supporting further SID schemes.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>SWWAB agreed to ringfence a further £1,500 to the Fingerpost Scheme.</b></p> <p><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing Group Funding</u>  Anne Marie Dean was in attendance to present a bid for funding towards a</p>

	<p>Memory Garden. The garden would be a community project and asset, and named in the Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan. With the aim of a garden which would stimulate all of the senses. For children to come and learn about the environment.</p> <p>The land was in West Tisbury's, but owned by Tisbury PC.</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you asked West Tisbury for a contribution? <u>Answer:</u> No as I was turned down when I approached them with the project in the first place.</li> <li>• Tisbury PC need to give 50% match funding. <u>Answer:</u> They had confirmed a contribution of £300.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Deane supported the proposal, but felt that parishes should be contributing more, he suggested that the Chairman of Tisbury PC would support a 50% contribution.</p> <p>The Board agreed to consider an award of half the project amount, if the parish council would fund the other half.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The South West Wiltshire Area Board awarded £2,250 to the Memory Garden project. With the condition:</b></p> <p><b>1. That Tisbury PC also put in the remaining 50% (£2,250).</b></p> <p><u>Community Area Grant</u>  The application from Fovant Babies and Toddler was withdrawn.</p>
11	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board will be held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 6.30pm.</p>

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