

MINUTES

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD
Place: Durrington Village Hall, High Street, Durrington, Wiltshire, SP4 8AD
Date: 18 July 2019
Start Time: 6.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.40 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Graham Wright, Cllr Mike Hewitt (Vice-Chair), Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr Robert Yuill (Chairman), Cllr John Smale and Cllr Darren Henry
Also in attendance was Cllr Richard Clewer.

Wiltshire Council Officers

Jaqui Abbott, CEM and Tara Shannon, Democratic Services Officer.

Town and Parish Councils

Amesbury Town Council
Durrington Town Council
Allington Parish Council
Bulford Parish Council
Figcheldean Parish Council
Idmiston Parish Council
Newton Toney Parish Council
Shrewton Parish Council
Winterbourne Parish Council

Partners

Police, MOD, DIO, Lovells, CCG

Total in attendance: 37

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
28	<p><u>Election of Chair 2019/2020</u></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer opened the meeting and called for nominations for Chairman for 2019/2020.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Hewitt, seconded by Cllr Fred Westmoreland, moved that Cllr Rob Yuill be elected as Chairman.</p> <p>There being no other nominations, it was:</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To elect Cllr Rob Yuill as the Chairman for 2019/2020.</p> <p>Cllr Rob Yuill then took the Chair.</p>
29	<p><u>Election of Vice-Chair for 2019/2020</u></p> <p>Nominations were sought for the position of Vice-Chairman for 2019-2020.</p> <p>Cllr John Smale, seconded by Cllr Fred Westmoreland moved that Cllr Mike Hewitt be elected as Vice-Chairman.</p> <p>There being no other nominations, it was:</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>To elect Cllr Mike Hewitt as Vice-Chairman for 2019-2020.</p>
30	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board.</p>
31	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myra Orr, Chair of Cholderton Parish Meeting • Cllr Richard Harris, Shrewton Parish Council and Cllr John Berry • Natasha Campbell-Bell, Safe & Well Advisor, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pauline Church, Wilton and Lower Wylve Valley and Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Skills and South Wiltshire Recovery
32	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
33	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Darren Henry declared an interest in part of agenda item 15, the Cllr Led Initiative Youth Grant for LYN events. The declaration was for transparency purposes only as the grant had already been awarded under delegated powers. Cllr Henry did not take part in the decision to award the grant.</p>
34	<p><u>Appointments to Outside Bodies and Working Groups 2019/2020</u></p> <p>The Board considered the Outside Bodies and Working Groups report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>It was proposed that the Area Board reconstituted the working groups of the Area Board and appointed working group representatives and members to outside bodies as detailed in the report and appendices.</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <p>The Amesbury Area Board agreed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Appoint Councillor representatives to Outside Bodies as set out at Appendix A, noting that Amesbury Safe Places & Dementia Action Alliance and Amesbury Tenants Panel now fall under the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Group; b) Reconstitute and appoint to the Working Group(s) as set out in Appendix B; c) Note the Terms of Reference for the Working Group(s), as set out in Appendix C. d) Determined to use the H&WB group funding allocated for the Older Person's Champion (£1000) to fund other activities and events that the H&WB group find to be important to them.
35	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p>

- **Winter Weather Provisions**

Wiltshire Council would once again be running the Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS) which gives local Town and Parish Councils the opportunity to get hold of vital kit which can be used during adverse weather events. The application form was available now from weather.team@wiltshire.gov.uk. Requests for equipment should be made by the end of August 2019.

- **Highways Improvements and Traffic Survey Requests**

The Chairman explained that Wiltshire Council was changing the way highway improvements and traffic surveys were to be requested by members of the public and through Town and Parish Councils. The current process required updating to improve the customer experience and to reduce the steps involved. The proposed new system would foster a closer working relationship with town and parish councils, whilst providing a better and more informed experience for members of the public. The Chairman referred the meeting to the agenda pack for further details, links and forms.

- **Healthier Communities**

A new project by Wiltshire Council to help residents on a low income improve their health by becoming more active was launched in May. Wiltshire Council's Healthier Communities project would target ten areas across Calne, Chippenham, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Melksham and would provide estate-based sport and physical activity opportunities to residents living in identified locations. Residents from each community would be invited to take part and shape future provision.

- **Global Warming and Climate Change Emergency Task Group**

Cllr Graham Wright advised the meeting that a task group had been set up to look at global warming and the climate change emergency. Public participation was paramount and the group wanted to know people's views on how they could change things. The meeting was encouraged to get in touch and take part.

- **Upcoming temporary road closure of the A345**

The Chairman announced that from 5 August to 30 August 2019, there would be a part closure of the A345 Countess Road and A345 The Centre, to carry out resurfacing and maintenance. A diversion would be in place, which was shown to the meeting on a slide.

In response to a question from the audience regarding whether these works would coincide with works and road closures in Bulford, it was confirmed that they would be taking place at the same time.

It was conceded that this was not ideal. There may be delays. However the works were necessary and would result in a much better road surface through Amesbury. The works had been scheduled for the school holidays to try to minimise disruption.

Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils

The Chairman referred to the updates set out in the agenda and invited further updates from Town/Parish Councils and other Partners.

- **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Jerry Herbert introduced himself to the meeting and thanked the board for having him. The deputy PCC introduced the new Amesbury Police Inspector, Liz Coles and Sgt Lucy Thorne to the meeting. Unfortunately they would need to leave the meeting after their updates as they were attending another area board that evening.

- **Wiltshire Police**

Inspector Liz Coles introduced herself and thanked the board for having her. Inspector Coles had been a detective in CID and with the drugs squad, then worked as staff officer for the previous chiefs. Sgt Lucy Thorne also introduced herself. Sgt Thorne had been working for the police in the south of the county for 11 years.

Inspector Coles highlighted the new style report in the agenda. It was not believed that there were any county lines operations running in our area. Burglaries and Community Speedwatch were some of the current priorities.

In response to a question from Cllr Darren Henry regarding Shrewton being used as a rat run it was stated that an additional PCSO had been employed and they were hoping to coordinate with Speedwatch teams. The Dept. PCC had been leading on Speedwatch and had visited the community speedwatch team twice himself in the last 2 weeks. He was looking at what could be done.

Cllr Fred Westmoreland had read the report with interest. He stated that no anti-social behaviour in Amesbury had been mentioned. However, anecdotal evidence was otherwise, there was a large police presence at night in Amesbury. Who was responsible for policing the night time economy and who should people speak to, to see if there's anything that could be done regarding the issues experienced?

Inspector Coles responded that on NAFD weekend there had been a specific report of a party that might turn into a rave and this resulted in a large police presence, some of whom were officers policing NAFD. Inspector Coles stated she was happy to meet with Cllr Westmoreland to discuss Anti-Social Behaviour and identify areas that were issues, to see if their resources needed to be retargeted. Inspector Coles would leave some cards at the meeting with her contact details in case anyone wanted to contact her regarding such issues.

In response to a question from the audience regarding when to call 101, when to call 999 and why you have to wait so long to get through to 101. Inspector Coles explained that 101 was not her area, however she knew that they were trying to upskill their call handlers. If for example, someone saw a fight taking place that should be a 999 call. If people were unhappy with the service they received they should report this by emailing her or Sgt Thorne.

- **Town and Parish Councils**
- **Shrewton Parish Council** - David Hassett of Shrewton PC directed the meeting to the agenda report and added further details. The village hall was a fantastic asset, but had become a bit neglected. Now however, they had great volunteers to help out and keep the hall up and running. Thanks was given to the Dept. PCC and Inspector Coles. He was glad they have Shrewton issues on their radar and was also grateful for new signage and road markings.
- **Amesbury Town Council** – The Redworth centre (which was an annexe of Amesbury Leisure Centre) had been on decline but had now been refurbished and was looking really good. The children attending the kids club there had tidied up the outside area at the back so that they could use it. The official opening was soon to take place.
- **Lovells – SFA and Army Rebasing**
Neill Page the MOD project director for Army Basing Programme works gave an update to the meeting. The meeting was directed to his written update in the agenda pack. Around 500 families had already moved in. About 2000 individual soldiers were moving into barracks.

Medical and Dental centres were issues of local interest. There was an interim combined facility at Larkhill which would be in place until the new facility opened in 2020, another one would be opening in Bulford, in mid-2020. Civilians and MOD personnel could register there.

A lot of highways work was being undertaken. Highways works at Bulford should be complete by early September. Tidworth highways works had been delayed for variety of reasons (including WC planning delays and highways approvals). Also, cycleways and footpaths were being delayed around Bulford and Larkhill as a result. These involved separate planning application to the roadworks. In response to a question as to whether the Parish Council would be consulted it was stated that was up to WC planning.

Cllr Graham Wright stated that St Michaels School had opened on schedule and now children were trying to cross the A345. They could not cross there, as there were no signs that the crossing existed. Someone might get hurt or killed trying to cross before the signs etc. were implemented. Therefore, he and Durrington Town Council would be

objecting to the planning applications. Cllr Wright was hopeful that this could be resolved quickly and did not want friction with army rebasing. However, Cllr Wright wanted it on record that he thought this was dangerous and that you could not cross from Durrington to Larkhill safely in the busy time.

Neill Page responded that the current planning application referred to section 73 variations which related to timing, not planning applications for the crossing itself. So Durrington Town Council may want to object to the later application that would be submitted in August. There was a fine balance to be struck between getting through planning and getting things done.

Cllr Wright felt there was a perception that Army Rebasing was not that worried about members of the public. The Chairman stated that these type of issues had come up at various different meetings. They seemed to go around in circles. In this example, planning for the crossing hadn't even gone in yet. Surely it should be planned from the start and planning submitted well in advance? The local community impression was that they are getting pushed to one side, decisions were taken at a high level and those not at that level do not hear about things until it's too late.

The Chairman proposed that the Amesbury Area Board should write a letter to involved parties to make sure that things move forward and communication was improved. Cllr John Smale proposed that the board included Wiltshire Council on that list as they were also at fault for not keeping people informed. Neill Page responded that the letter needed to go to Wiltshire Council rather than Lovells or the MOD as they were the technical authority. Cllr Richard Clewer, Deputy Leader of the Council, who was also in attendance at the meeting, stated that there needed to be an update and Wiltshire Council needed to act as a facilitator, more communication would be helpful, he would point this out to officers.

Bulford Parish Council had not received the latest planning consultation, there were problems with pedestrian safety. They requested that this be implemented as soon as possible. Neill Page explained that they needed to do analysis, to see what people do and to put the crossing where it's needed. Cllr Hewitt stated on behalf of CATG that they were taking this as a request and the highways officer would look at where the crossings were needed. They had to do the survey first to see where the new inhabitants of the houses crossed the roads.

The Chairman thanked Neill Page for his update.

- **Lovells**

Nicola Schneider of Lovells gave an update to the meeting. Bulford SFA was now complete with all homes handed over to DIO. 84 were soon to be occupied. Peripheral works regarding highways, green space etc were

still being completed. The Lurgershall site was to be completed by the end of August, with the aim to complete off site works within 8 weeks of handing over last homes. However, residual work would continue. At the Larkhill site they had delivered 11 completed homes and occupations were starting in a few weeks.

Cllr Fred Westmoreland requested that the area board members be able to visit the sites to see what they looked like, this had been mentioned at previous area board meetings. Lovells explained that there had been site tours in May for the local area councillors. Cllr Wright stated that Lovells had done a brilliant job. The site visit showed quality houses being delivered sensibly. Cllr Yuill stated that he did not know about the site visit and did not believe the area board was invited. It had been the area boards suggestion to visit the sites. Neill Page explained that only councillors with sites in their division were invited. Cllr Westmoreland was very unhappy with communication, feeling that it was not good enough. As an ex member of the Army he found this very upsetting. The Lovells representative would take back the strong feeling and look at organising another visit.

- **MOD**

Lt Col Jamie Balls gave an update to the meeting. As garrison commander he was happy to receive letters from anyone and bat on their behalf. His responsibility was “business as usual” rather than Army Rebasing, which was Neill Page and his teams responsibility. However, business as usual involved an awful lot! He was happy to welcome Inspector Coles to the area and she was a brilliant police officer. They were looking at how the Military Defence Police might be re-established in the area. Regarding Health and Wellbeing issues, they working hard on the routine provision of dental facilities. School funding was in place and had been aligned to the schools. Sporting facilities were being implemented, everyone in the community was welcome to use them.

All service men paid Council Tax and they were trying to make sure that the right people are on the right electoral role.

The household cavalry were coming in, so you may get more VIP visitors coming in by helicopter as they visit the household cavalry. UK resilience plans were in place for whatever may happen later in the year.

Every months he meets with Jacqui Abbott the Community Engagement Manager.

Lt Col Balls was thanked by the Chair.

37	<p><u>Welcome to Durrington!</u></p> <p>The meeting received a presentation from Cllr John Todd, Chair of Durrington Town Council. Cllr Todd had just started his third year as chairman of the town council. He was very proud of the Town Council and thought they were very proactive.</p> <p>The play park had been upgraded. The area board, amongst others, had contributed funds to the project, resulting in a great play park. Slides were shown to the meeting of the accessible, safe and fun facilities.</p> <p>Durrington Village Show and Vintage Vehicle Event had taken place on 13 and 14 July 2019. .It was a great success with about 600 vehicles in attendance and many other fun events taking place.</p> <p>The Robinson room fat the Town Hall was available to hire, just speak to the Town Council for details.</p> <p>Cllr Todd was thanked by the Chairman for his update.</p> <p>Cllr Fred Westmoreland left the meeting at 7.30pm.</p>
38	<p><u>Boundary Review Update</u></p> <p>The Local Government Boundary Commission for England had decided to hold a period of further limited consultation prior to publication of its final recommendations. Their proposals involve revised divisions in South and South East Wiltshire. Cllr Richard Clewer gave an update to the meeting on this.</p> <p>The proposals from the LGBCE were unexpected and had come about because Furzedown wanted to remain with Winterslow, as a result massive adjustments had been made which would affect some of the current Amesbury Area Divisions. These included splitting Idminston and putting Gomeldon in a separate Division. The Winterbourne division would also be affected with some areas proposed to go to the Southern Area Board. The changes proposed to the Bourne Valley were also contentious.</p> <p>Wiltshire Council disagreed with the proposals and would oppose them, however the Boundary Commission had the final say, so people needed to look at the proposals and register their views.</p> <p>To view the revised divisions or to have your say please visit: https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/14518/. The consultation closes on 29 July 2019. Please also let Cllr Clewer or Wiltshire Council know your views. To make a compelling case as many responses as possible would be required.</p> <p>They are in final stages of this boundary review, the LGBCE would probably come back 1st October with final recommendations, then at that point no one</p>

	<p>will be able to do anything.</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Hewitt as to whether petitions or emails were more effective it was stated that in his experience letters/emails seemed to have more effect.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Cllr Clewer for the update. Cllr Clewer apologised as he had to leave the meeting after his presentation. Cllr Clewer left the meeting at 7.40pm.</p>
39	<p><u>Safe and Well</u></p> <p>It was announced that the Safe and Well presentation had been cancelled as the presenter was unwell.</p> <p>People could go to https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/ for details or call 0800 038 2323 to request a visit.</p>
40	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beat the Street Jacqui Abbott, Amesbury Community Engagement Manager gave an update to the meeting on the success of Beat the Street. <p>There had been great participation and it was a really successful scheme. The team were looking at continuing the legacy, wanting people to carry on exercising and would communicate with participants to encourage them to continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Provision of Doctors in the Amesbury Area (agenda supplement 3): <p>An update was received from Tracey Strachan, Deputy Director of Primary Care for the CCG and Dr Celia Grummitt, Cross Plains Health Centre.</p> <p>It was stated that Army Basing would have an effect. The current GP provision was across 6 practices. These 6 all worked together in the Primary Care network, there were also other practices boarding on impacted area that were affected. They were working with the MOD, Army and hospital trusts on plans. The main movement of people into the area would occur in August and September, once this had happened they could plan services, as they would have had high level information, for example, the number of pregnancies.</p> <p>The new facility being built at Larkhil and interim arrangements were up and running.</p>

There was huge pressure on resources and massive problems with recruitment, which had come to a head at Cross Plains Health Centre. Cross Plains would be going down to 2 surgeries rather than 3, patients could also choose to register with Tidworth or Lurgershall. The Durrington and Larkhill surgeries would continue, joint working arrangements were in place and they would move into the joint health centre from February next year. The Larkhill build was in progress, with a portacabin currently in use.

The NHS had invested additional funding for influx of people. Funding for new patients usually comes in retrospectively, however they have ensured that recruitment could go on in advance. There were planning uncertainties as patients may register NHS or may register MOD.

Joint recruitment initiatives were new to the area, there was also a new 10 year plan and they were taking advantage of joined up working.

In response to a question it was stated that there would be no changes to Amesbury. However the Amesbury practices were part of the Primary Care Network mentioned earlier.

All former patients of Cross Plains and Shrewton had been accommodated. The reason that there had been such struggles was because there were no doctors.

In response to another question regarding the ratio of patients to GPs and the time taken to get an appointment, it was stated that some surgeries may have a lower ratio but run a traditional model, meaning it would take longer to get an appointment. Those working on a more modern model where you are more likely to see a nurse or healthcare assistant would probably give appointments more quickly.

In response to a question where it was stated that it would take 4 days to register at Cross Plains it was stated that they are stretched beyond belief and there are no viable solutions, hopefully things would stabilise. However, there will always be resource issues.

- **Cllr Graham Wright gave an update on the Amesbury Health and Wellbeing Group.**

There had been a successful HWB Easter egg hunt, which was a great community event. The carers day at Evergreen Court had also gone very well. A DAA book called 'Confidence to care' was now in all Wiltshire libraries.

To following applications for Health and Wellbeing funding were considered by the board and it was;

	<p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To grant, Celebrating Age Wiltshire, £1500. • To grant Jan Tidd - Farley's Malone, £3000 <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their updates.</p>
41	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>a) Overview and Criteria The Community Engagement Manager ran through the criteria for grants, which was also details in the agenda pack and encouraged people to contact her regarding grants.</p> <p>b) Previous Grants Awarded Youth Café The Youth Café had received funding from the Area Board and was currently getting 30 plus attendees. They had 7 volunteers and it was going from strength to strength. They were hoping to have enough volunteers to open another night at another youth club as there was a growing need in the area. They had held their third festival of youth, although attendance wasn't as good as previous years, lessons had been learnt. They may make the event biannual and/or change the date.</p> <p>c) The following applications for Community Area Grant Funding were considered by the board, it was;</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To grant Berwick St James Chairman, £1306.00, towards a Berwick St James Shipping Container Storage Facility. • God Unlimited, £5000.00, towards the expansion of Outdoor Therapy Services 2020. • Buzz Action Foundation, £1000.00, towards Roadshow Equipment. • Assoun Foundation Trust, £965.00, towards the Amesbury Area Cultural Diversity Education Programme. <p>The Board noted that the following grants had already been awarded under delegated powers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figheldean Village Community Events, £967.22, towards Figheldean Fun Day. • Langford Parish Hall, £5000.00, improvements to fire escape and main entrance access.

42	<p><u>Local Youth Network Update and Youth Activities Grant Applications</u></p> <p>Cllr Darren Henry updated the meeting on the LYN event that had taken place on 1 July. The event was for adult support workers and carers, concentrating on CSE and mental health. It had been a great success.</p> <p>The board considered the following applications for youth grant funding, it was:</p> <p><u>Resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To grant The Newbourne Players, £750 towards The Newbourne Players Youth Group. <p>To board noted the following application, already awarded under delegated powers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Led Initiative, Cllr Darren Henry, £1,200.00 towards Amesbury Local Youth Network Co-ordination and Events.
43	<p><u>Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>Cllr Mike Hewitt gave an update on the CATG.</p> <p>The minutes were in the agenda pack for information.</p> <p>Regarding the issues mentioned earlier in the meeting in Bulford, the CATG officers wanted to wait to September until they had numbers of people who had moved in. Cllr Hewitt would ask to get this pushed forward. Bulford PC who were there at the meeting were happy to have this go to CATG.</p> <p>There was a new procedure for reporting to CATG, this was in the agenda pack and would be added to the OCM website.</p> <p>Cllr Hewitt thanked Cllr Yuill for chairing the meeting.</p>
44	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
45	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board would be held on 12 September at 7.00pm at Woodford Village Hall, Middle Woodford SP4 6NR.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>