

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** WARMINSTER AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Chapmanslade Village Hall, High St, Chapmanslade BA13 4AP  
**Date:** 10 September 2015  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.30 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Pip Ridout, Cllr Andrew Davis (Vice Chairman), Cllr Keith Humphries,  
Cllr Christopher Newbury (Chairman) and Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philippe

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Jessica Croman (Democratic Services)  
Jacqui Abbott (Community Engagement Officer)  
Sandra Samuel (Community Youth Co-ordinator)

### **Town and Parish Representatives**

Warminster Town Council (Heather Abernethie, Sue Fraser)  
Chapmanslade Parish Council (Philip Jefferies, Francis Morland, Keith Muston)  
Chitterne Parish Council (Mike Lucas)  
Corsley Parish Council (Neil Carpenter)

### **Partners**

Wiltshire Police

**Total in attendance: 26**

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Warminster Area Board and invited members of the board to introduce themselves.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire &amp; Rescue Service</li> <li>• Sarah Jefferies</li> </ul>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>The minutes of the special meeting held on 22 July 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p> <p><b>The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made announcements about the following, which were included in the agenda pack:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Art of Autism Competition</li> <li>• School place Planning</li> <li>• Army Re-basing</li> </ul>
6	<p><u>Updates from Partners</u></p> <p>Some written updates had been received before the meeting and were included in the agenda.</p> <p><b>Police</b></p> <p>Angus Macpherson, Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner, gave a presentation on the 2014/2015 annual report and presented the 2015/2017 Police and Crime Plan.</p>

	<p>The presentation focused on the achievements of 2014/2015, the policing priorities over the next two years and how those would be achieved.</p> <p>Question: Is speeding classed as antisocial behaviour?</p> <p>Answer: The Police Commissioner stated that he was unsure as to whether speeding could be formally classified as antisocial behaviour. It was noted that speeding was a problem in Chitterne and the Commissioner was encouraged to look into resolving the issue</p> <p>Question: When would the Area Board receive an update on the Warminster custody unit?</p> <p>Answer: Progress was slow but as soon as more information was available the Area Board would be informed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Macpherson for the presentation.</p> <p><b>Fire &amp; Rescue</b></p> <p>The current merger between Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Services was going smoothly with their headquarters would be based in Salisbury.</p>
7	<p><u>Local Youth Network Update and Youth Activities Grant Applications</u></p> <p>Sandra Samuel, Community Youth Co-ordinator, gave an update on the LYN noting that the Light House Youth Centre had changed its opening days from a Monday to a Friday.</p> <p><b>Grants</b></p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>1. To award The Other Club £1890 for equipment.</b></p>
8	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>A prior issue on broadband speeds in Corsley was discussed. A written response was provided by the Project officer.</p> <p>It was noted that broadband speeds in Corsley had been reducing.</p> <p>Cllr Fleur De- Rhe-Philippe agreed to speak to the Project Officer and investigate further.</p>
9	<p><u>Child Poverty Community Area Profiles</u></p> <p>Justine Womack, Public Health Consultant, and Kate Blackburn, Public Health Registrar, gave a presentation on reducing child poverty in Wiltshire.</p>

	<p>The Area Board was informed that currently 585 children lived in poverty in the Warminster area with a percentage of 11.6%, higher than the Wiltshire average of 10.6%.</p> <p>Risk factors for child poverty and prevention methods were noted.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the presenters for their presentation.</p>
10	<p><u>Julia's House: Building a Children's Hospice for Wiltshire</u></p> <p>Ian Wadley, Wiltshire Fundraising Manager for Julia's House, introduced the Area Board to Julia's House and the work they carried out. The aim of the presentation was to raise awareness of the charity within Wiltshire. The charity was in the process of setting up a hospice, which was likely to be built in Devizes, to support Wiltshire families who needed help.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Mr Wadley for the presentation.</p>
11	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Warminster Area Board was asked to agree the budget allocation proposals from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) for the Warminster Community Area.</p> <p>It was noted that the policy for speed indicators was changing and that Wiltshire Council would be donating speed indicator devices (SIDs) to parishes on a first come first serve basis. The Warminster Area was keen to apply for their own speed indicator devices SIDs. It was recognised that volunteers needed support when handling the SIDs.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>The Warminster Area Board approved the following projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>£4000 for Greys Hill Passing Place (diverted from £6000 fro Longleat signage).</b></li> <li>- <b>£833 for Waiting Restrictions for the Maltings</b></li> </ul>
12	<p><u>Warminster Community Area Campus</u></p> <p>The Area Board was asked to agree to set up a Regeneration Working Group, to take the place of the existing Shadow Community Operations Board.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>The Area Board agreed to set up a Regeneration Working Group to replace the Shadow Community Operations Board and appointed the outgoing</b></p>

	<b>members of the Board to sit on the new Working Group.</b>
13	<p><u>Community Engagement Update</u></p> <p>Jacqui Abbott, Community Engagement Manager, gave a presentation on the purpose of her new role and set out it's priorities as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To Increase the number of volunteers</li> <li>• Projects to increase people's confidence</li> <li>• New IT user projects</li> <li>• To enhance community engagement</li> <li>• To review community transport</li> <li>• To develop a community hub</li> </ul>
14	<p><u>Area Board Funding - Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The area board considered the following applications seeking 2015/16 Grant funding:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>Warminster Town Council was awarded £1800 towards new community events equipment.</b></p> <p><b>Reason</b></p> <p><b>This application meets grant criteria 2015/16 and has match funding.</b></p>
15	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There was an urgent item on the Athenaeum Community Asset Transfer set out in the supplement agenda 1.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>The Area Board agreed to amend Clause 9.1 of the Area Board decision on 22 July to include authority to transfer the freehold of the building to the Warminster Athenaeum. All other terms of the decision would remain valid and in full force.</b></p>
16	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Warminster Area Board would be held on: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the Warminster Civic Centre.</p>