

# **AGENDA**

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD

**Place**: Avon Valley College, Recreation Road, Durrington, SP4 6HH.

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Date: Thursday 21 October 2010

**Time:** 6.00 pm

Including the Parishes of Allington, Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Cholderton, Durnford, Durrington, Figheldean, Great Wishford, Idmiston, Milston, Newton Toney, Orcheston, Shrewton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Tilshead, Wilsford Cum Lake, Winterbourne, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford and Wylye.

The Area Board welcomes and invites contributions from members of the public. The chairman will try to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak will have the opportunity to do so.

If you have any requirements that would make your attendance at the meeting easier, please contact your Democratic Services Officer.

Refreshments and networking opportunities will be available from 5:30pm.

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or Karen Linaker (Amesbury Community Area Manager), Tel: 01722 434697 / 07917 751728 or (email) <a href="mailto:karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk">karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>

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#### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Mike Hewitt (Vice Chairman)
John Noeken
John Smale (Chairman)
lan West
Fred Westmoreland
Graham Wright

Bourne and Woodford Valley
Amesbury East
Bulford, Allington & Figheldean
Till & Wylye Valley
Amesbury West
Durrington & Larkhill

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# See map enclosed at page 1

From 5.30pm, prior to the start of the meeting at 6pm, the following displays will be available:

- A short film on the Parish Steward Scheme; and
- A display stand and Resource Pack for Parish Councils on the Living River Project.

	Items to be considered	Time
1. 2.	Welcome and Introductions  Apologies for Absence	6.00pm
3.	Declarations of Interest	
	Councillors are requested to declare any personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.	
4.	Minutes (Pages 3 - 16)	
	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2010.	
5.	Chairman's Announcements (Pages 17 - 24)	6.05pm
	<ul> <li>a. Wiltshire Intelligence Network - <a href="http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk/">http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk/</a></li> <li>b. Petitions</li> <li>c. Consultation on the Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026 - <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</a></li> <li>d. Update on progress of Community Plan</li> <li>e. Adverse Winter Weather – Call for Partnership Working</li> <li>f. Living River Project</li> </ul>	
6.	Your Local Issues (Pages 25 - 28)	6.10pm
	To receive an update from the Community Area Manager on local issues.	
	The Chairman will invite comments and questions on issues not covered elsewhere in the agenda	
7.	Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils (Pages 29 - 36)	6.25pm
	To receive updates from the Town and Parish Council Representatives, and from other partner organisations, including outside bodies on which the Area Board is represented.	
8.	Feedback on Results of the Car Parking Strategy Consultation (Pages 37 - 38)	6.40pm
	To receive feedback on the results of the consultation on the Car Parking Strategy, prior to a report being submitted to Wiltshire Council's Cabinet in December.	

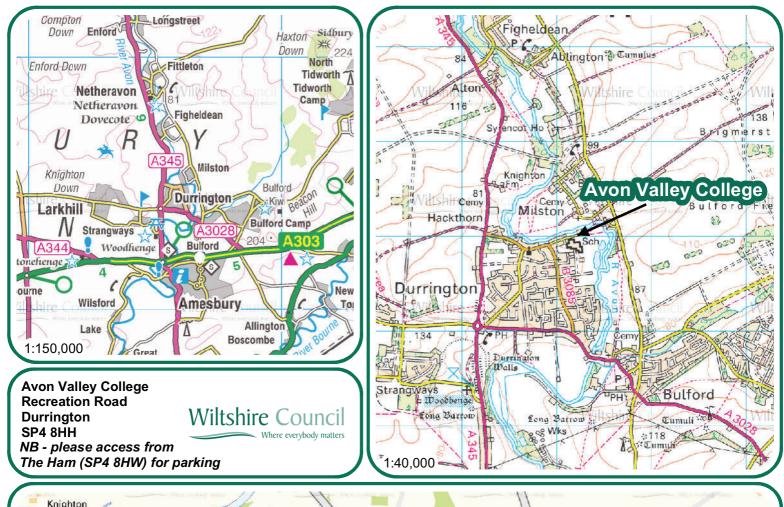
9.	Review of Leisure Facilities (Pages 39 - 40)	7.00pm
	To receive a presentation from Councillor Stuart Wheeler (Cabinet Member for Leisure) on the recent review of leisure facilities in Wiltshire.	
10.	Grit Bins (Pages 41 - 42)	7.20pm
	To determine the location of additional Grit Bins within the Community Area.	
11.	Reducing Street Lighting (Pages 43 - 44)	7.30pm
	To consider recommendations in relation to the funding available to reduce street lighting and subsequent light pollution.	
12.	Area Board's Highways Budget - Prioritisation of Schemes (Pages 45 - 52)	7.40pm
	To consider the recommendations from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) in relation to the funding available towards Local Transport Projects.	
13.	Community Asset Transfer (Pages 53 - 62)	7.50pm
	To consider two applications for Community Asset Transfer:	
	<ol> <li>Meadow View Play Park, Winterbourne Stoke (report enclosed)</li> <li>South Mill Hill, Amesbury (report to follow)</li> </ol>	
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14.	Community Area Grants (Pages 63 - 68)	8.00pm
	To determine any applications for Community Area Grant funding.	
15.	Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close (Pages 69 - 70)	8.05pm
	To note the attached Forward Work Plan.	
	The next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board will be held on 2 December 2010 at Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury.	
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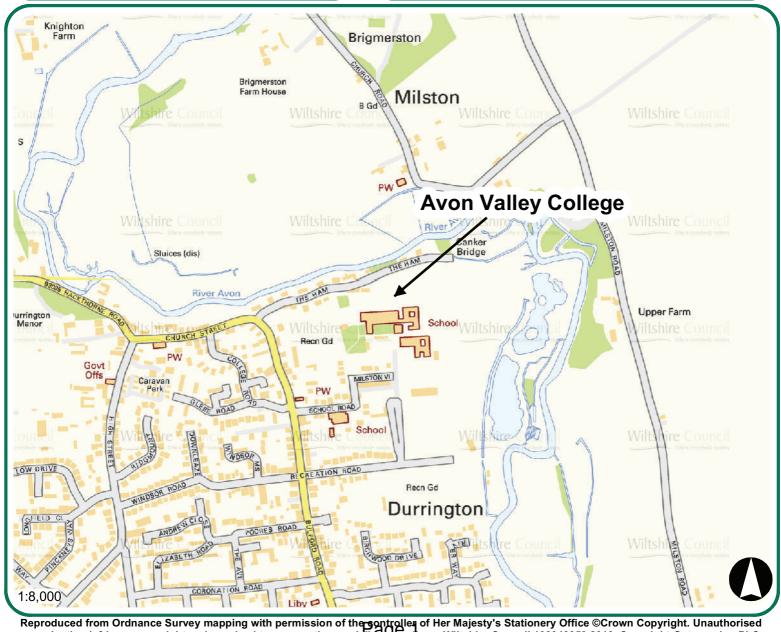
# **Future Meeting Dates**

Thursday, 2 December 2010 6.00 pm Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH

Thursday 27 January 2011
6.00pm
Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH

Thursday, 24 February 2011
6.00pm
The Bowman Centre, Shears Drive, Archers Gate,
Amesbury, SP4 7XT





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# **MINUTES**

Meeting: AMESBURY AREA BOARD

Place: The Bowman Centre, Shears Drive, Archers Gate, Amesbury, SP4 7XT

Date: 2 September 2010

**Start Time:** 6.00 pm **Finish Time:** 8.20 pm

Please direct any enquiries on these minutes to James Hazlewood (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Tel: 01722 434250 or (e-mail) james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk

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### In Attendance:

#### Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr John Smale (Chairman), Cllr Mike Hewitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr John Noeken, Cllr Ian West and Cllr Fred Westmoreland

Cllr Dick Tonge (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport)

#### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Mark Smith, Service Director
Karen Linaker, Community Area Manager
Matthew Woolford, Media Relations Manager
James Hazlewood, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Hughes, Senior Spatial Planning Officer
Sandie Lewis, Head of Strategy (Community and Voluntary Sector Support)

#### **Town and Parish Councils**

Amesbury Town Council – Wendy Bown
Durrington Town Council – David Healing, Mary Towle, M Wardell
Allington Parish Council – Mike Brunton
Bulford Parish Council – G Burt
Durnford Parish Council – James Templar, Nick Gallop
Figheldean Parish Council – Simon Banton
Idmiston Parish Council – Paul Fisher
Newton Toney Parish Council – Stan Stubbs

Orcheston Parish Council – Sam Shepherd Shrewton Parish Council – Peter Sweet, Carole Slater Wilsford Cum Lake Parish Council – J Mullins, Peter Bailey

#### **Partners**

Police – Inspector M Sweett

43 Wessex Brigade – Bill Dowling
Salisbury Journal – K Barton
Amesbury and Boscombe Down Link – R Paye
Amesbury PCC – M Douglas-Witners, Alan Bush
Amesbury Library – Phil Edwards
Bourne Valley Link – Maureen Atkinson
Stonehenge Chamber of Trade – John Richardson
Wiltshire Assembly of Youth – Jamie Capp
Five Wishes Children's Centre – Andrea Gray
Church of England (Bourne Valley Team) – Peter Ostli-East
Amesbury Community Partnership – Paul Leighfield

Members of Public in Attendance: 17

Total in attendance: 58

Agenda Item No.	Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision	Action By
1.	Welcome and Introductions  The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board, and thanked the Bowman Centre for hosting the meeting.  At the Chairman's invitation, the Councillors and officers sitting at the front of the meeting introduced themselves. The Chairman also welcomed and introduced Jamie Capp, a member of the Wiltshire Assembly of Youth and Deputy member of the Youth Parliament.	
2.	Apologies for Absence  Apologies for absence had been received from:  Wiltshire Councillor Graham Wright Richard Brasher – Berwick St James Parish Council David Marks – Bulford and Tidworth Garrison.	
3.	Declarations of Interest  Councillor Fred Westmoreland declared a personal interest in item 12a (Performance Reward Grant – Wyndham Community Hall). Councillor Westmoreland explained that he had supported the group in developing this project and submitting the application, in his role as the local Councillor, but was not an active member of the project team.	
4.	Minutes  Decision The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	
5.	<ul> <li>Chairman's Announcements</li> <li>a. The Great Stones Way – Information on this project was available at pages 17-18 of the agenda.</li> <li>b. "Hear to Help" project Information on this project was available at page 19 of the agenda.</li> </ul>	o 3 of 13

- c. <u>Community Payback Call for "Grot Spots"</u> Information on this initiative was available at page 21 of the agenda.
- d. <u>Postponement of Gypsy Traveller Site Consultation</u> The information set out at page 23 of the agenda advised that this consultation had been postponed.
- e. <u>Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026</u> Information on this document was available at page 25 of the agenda.
- f. Planning and Housing receptions moving to 27-29 Milford Street It was noted that the public receptions for these departments would be relocating.
- g. Confirmation of membership of new Community Area Transport Group (CATG) – This group was being set up and would meet in October, making recommendations to the Area Board meeting on 21 October.
- h. Reducing Light Pollution scheme update Wishford, Bullford, Durrington and Figheldean had all applied to become part of the trial scheme. A report would be submitted to the Area Board meeting on 21 October.
- i. Name of Area Board The Chairman advised that correspondence had been received from the Bourne Valley Alliance of Parish Councils in relation to changing the name of the Area Board. In principle the Area Board had no problem with this proposal and would welcome suitable suggestions. It was noted that any decision to change the name would be determined by the full Council and not by the Area Board itself.
- j. <u>Community Planning</u> It was confirmed that Councillors were continuing to review options regarding a community plan for the area, and that a report on this would be forthcoming. The previously agreed deadline of January 2011 was no longer envisaged.
- k. Questions to Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, Councillor Dick Tonge, and other comments –

The Chairman invited questions to Councillor Dick Tonge:

 Replying to a query regarding the Camera Safety Unit (CSU), Councillor Tonge explained that this body had been jointly funded by the government, Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council, and Wiltshire Police to coordinate and run the mobile and fixed speed cameras in the county. However, the government had made in-year cuts of £400K to the funding for this body which had resulted in its closure. It was confirmed that Community Speed Watch would continue and that the police would continue to use fixed and mobile speed cameras to enforce speed limits.

Inspector Martyn Sweett added that Neighbourhood Beat Teams would continue to carry out speed checks and enforcements on roads, and that a strategy was being developed to cover the shortfall.

- Councillor Tonge confirmed that, despite a delay to the works to Bulford Bridge of 10-14 days due to issues with the installation of utilities, it was anticipated that the original deadline would still be met. Furthermore, it was hoped that traffic would be able to use the bridge with temporary signals, before the bridge was fully re-opened.
- Concern was raised regarding the temporary traffic signals on the Portway at Old Sarum. Mark Smith, Director of Neighbourhood Services, advised that the permanent lights at the junction had been turned off due to lack of activity at the site. However, now more construction traffic was entering the site, it had been considered necessary for safety reasons that traffic lights be used at the site. It was acknowledged that improved signage needed to be installed.

The view was expressed that the phasing of the lights was too long, and that the arrangements at the junction were not suitable for the flow of local traffic.

The Chairman asked the local member, Councillor Mike Hewitt, and the Cabinet Member, Councillor Tonge, to take the issue forward.

- Concern was also raised that Winterslow Road, Porton had been listed for resurfacing during the previous week. However, this site had not been resurfaced, although another site in East Gomeldon, which had not been listed, had been resurfaced. Councillor Tonge undertook to investigate and provide a written answer.
- In response to a comment regarding parking, Councillor Tonge advised that the Parking Strategy consultation would close on 3 September. A large number of

responses had been received and these would be collated and fed back to Area Boards in October and November, prior to a report being submitted to the Cabinet. It was emphasised that the strategy was not solely concerned with parking charges, but also considered parking arrangements and the number of spaces required for residential and commercial development.

Responding to a concern that the decision had already been made, Councillor Tonge commented that all Cabinet meetings were open to the public and that anyone was welcome to come along and see the decisions being debated and taken.

Further concerns were raised regarding the perceived potential impact on local trade in Amesbury, particularly with the new Tesco store due to be opened soon. It was noted that 64 businesses and 200 signatories to a petition had confirmed their opposition to any form of charging for parking in Amesbury.

 Responding to a question regarding Grit Bins, Councillor Tonge explained that Wiltshire Council had not had a full inventory of where the former District Councils' grit bins were. However, this had now been clarified with help from Parish Councils.

During the previous winter, it had not been possible to refill all bins, due to resources and access to some areas. However, all possible efforts had been made to ensure the road network remained open, and in the main, feedback from residents and Parish Councils had been very positive.

Councillor Tonge announced that input from Area Boards would be sought in the near future regarding locating additional grit bins, requested following the severe weather during the previous winter.

#### 6. Your Local Issues

Karen Linaker, the Amesbury Community Area Manager, introduced the report enclosed at pages 27-28 of the agenda.

At the Chairman's invitation, Councillor Ian West referred to speeding and congestion issues on the A303 in Winterbourne Stoke, raising a specific request that a speed camera was required on the eastbound side of the road. These concerns were echoed

by other residents of the village. Inspector Martyn Sweett commented that the police were aware of the issue, and would try to ensure that this was considered as part of the strategy to address the loss of the CSU (see minute 5 above). It was noted that the road was the responsibility of the Highways Agency and that speed indicator signs could be a possible solution. 7. Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils The Chairman referred to the updates set out in the agenda invited further updates from Town/Parish Councils and other partners, including outside bodies. It was noted that the preferred option was for written updates, to minimise time spent during the meeting. David Healing of Durrington Town Council updated the meeting on events and issues relevant to Durrington and Larkhill, including: The Village Design Statement was now in Final Draft stage. An Expression of Interest had been accepted by Plain Action for help in funding the Village Hall Extension. • Durrington had applied to be trial parish for the new reduced street lighting scheme. Thanks were offered to the Area Board for their assistance in getting Larkhill Road resurfaced. Simon Banton of Figheldean Parish Council advised that Figheldean had also applied to be a trial parish for the reduced street lighting scheme. Inspector Martyn Sweett spoke to the update set out at page 29 of the agenda, adding that PC Alan Day had retired and that a replacement would be named in the next two to three weeks. Councillor Mike Hewitt referred to a Hampshire Police initiative to put chemicals into farm fuel to allow stolen fuel to be identified. Inspector Sweett responded that Wiltshire's Farm Watch was working hard to reduce rural crime, with three hare-coursers having been caught the previous week. Good Neighbour Scheme 8. The Chairman thanked Maureen Atkinson (Bourne Valley Link

Scheme) for suggesting this item, and encouraged other attendees

to suggest items for the Area Board to consider.

Sandie Lewis (Head of Strategy, Community and Voluntary Sector Support - Wiltshire Council), and Helen Lines (Community First) gave a presentation on Wiltshire Good Neighbours.

Sandie explained that the scheme, developed in a partnership between Wiltshire Council, Community First, Age UK Wiltshire, and Age Concern Salisbury District, sought to learn from the experience, skills and success of the Link schemes. The scheme would be based on volunteering but with some paid coordinator time, providing support, facilitating access to services and providing access to information for older and vulnerable people in the area. It was hoped that this would lead to those in need feeling more secure, more cared for, having a better quality of life, and demonstrating that Wiltshire was a place where "everybody matters".

It was proposed to have 25 Good Neighbour Co-ordinators in place by September 2011, each covering a small cluster of parishes, with the project being rolled out in 3 phases. A project covering Winterbourne, Idmiston, Porton, Gomeldon and East Gomeldon would be included in the first phase.

The Co-ordinators would play a central role, promoting the service, helping with referrals and "signposting" volunteers and local people towards information and services.

The Chairman thanked Sandie and Helen for the presentation, and also took the opportunity to thank all Link scheme volunteers for their hard work. Questions and comments were raised as follows:

- Concern was raised that Wiltshire Good Neighbours would duplicate the work of existing Link schemes and may jeopardise future funding. Sandie confirmed that the scheme would develop and complement the services of the Link Schemes, which in some places had become limited to transport. It was also confirmed that there was no intention to reduce existing funding for Link schemes as a direct result of this new initiative.
- Initially, the service would be funded by Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire, although it was hoped that other sources of funding could be identified in the future. Community First and Age UK Wiltshire were already exploring other funding options.
- Responding to concern that the use of the term "older people" could be unclear and exclusive, Sandie commented that the scheme had been designed for those in need, and that no one

would be refused access to the services. However, it was anticipated that the main service users would be older, vulnerable residents.

### 9. Stonehenge Visitor Centre

The Chairman welcomed Martin Harvey (Project Development Manager, English Heritage), who was attending in place of Loraine Knowles, to give an update on the Stonehenge Visitor Centre project.

Martin summarised the proposals, confirming that Airman's Corner remained the site of the proposed visitor centre and exhibitions. This plan incorporated the closure of the A344 from Stonehenge bottom to Byway 12, and improvements to the Airman's Corner junction. In conjunction with these proposals, Wiltshire Council would seek traffic orders to restrict motorised vehicles on the A344 from Byway 12 to Airman's Corner, and on Byways 11 and 12. The Highways Agency had made a commitment to undertake improvements to the Longbarrow Roundabout on the A303, although this was currently under review following the Government announcement.

In June the Government had announced a series of cuts, including the withdrawal of £10 million funding for the Stonehenge Visitor Centre project. Following strong support from the press and public, English Heritage had decided to explore alternative sources of funding and to complete the current planning and design phase of the project using money raised from private sources.

Current and on-going activities included:

- Completion of the current design phase and on-ongoing review of costs.
- Submission of the application for the A344 Stopping-up Order in August – this would shortly be subject to a public consultation and possibly a public inquiry.
- Submission of Scheduled Monument Consent application for A344 works at The Avenue and nearby burial mound.
- Round two funding application submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in August.
- Revision of the Business Case for the project.

The revised Business Case would be submitted to the Government in late 2010. Subject to approval of this, and to funding commitments being secured, work could begin on the site in 2012, with the new centre opening in 2013. As the original target

completion deadline of the 2012 London Olympics would no longer be met, any on-going works would be scheduled to minimise disruption around that period, as an increase in the usual seasonal visitor numbers was anticipated.

Martin concluded by commenting that English Heritage would be happy to arrange one-to-one meetings with any local organisations concerned about the A344 closure, as part of the forthcoming public consultation. Input on other aspects of the project was also welcomed, and any comments or concerns could be raised via Karen Linaker.

The Chairman thanked Martin for his presentation and invited questions and comments:

- It was noted that the improvements to the Longbarrow roundabout were necessary if the A344 was to close.
   Following the Government announcement in June the Highways Agency had stopped working on that project and had indicated that more would be known after the government's spending review in Autumn.
- Martin confirmed that English Heritage was in discussions with landowners of the private land required for the scheme.
- In response to a comment over the use of kilometres to express distance in an English Heritage leaflet, Martin undertook to feed this back to colleagues.
- A view was expressed that, regardless of plans for the new centre, some money should be spent on improving the existing facilities. Martin commented that some work had been undertaken (including an access ramp) and more improvements were planned (including works to the toilets). However, a balance was required between keeping the site in good order and avoiding excessive spending on facilities that English Heritage hoped to decommission in the very near future.

#### 10. Strategic Planning Sites in the Amesbury Area

The Chairman introduced Sarah Hughes (Senior Planning Officer, Spatial Planning) who was in attendance to give a presentation on Strategic Planning Sites in the Amesbury Area.

Sarah gave an overview of the following four key development sites in the Community Area:

Archers Gate – This site had planning permission for 550 houses, of which the majority were now complete. A local commercial centre was currently being completed on the site, next to the Bowman Centre. As part of the development, a school had been built on the site, with scope to expand, and an additional 170 houses were currently being built on the white land.

<u>Kings Gate</u> – This name had been given to the second phase of the Archers Gate development, to differentiate from the completed phase. This larger development would consist of 1300 houses including 40% affordable homes. Essential infrastructure would be installed along with the dwellings, including a new primary school, play areas, green spaces, community facilities, and contributions towards doctors'/dentists' surgeries.

<u>Solstice Park</u> – The majority of this site had detailed planning consent, with only some of the smaller plots still available. A detailed plan of the site was available on the Solstice Park website.

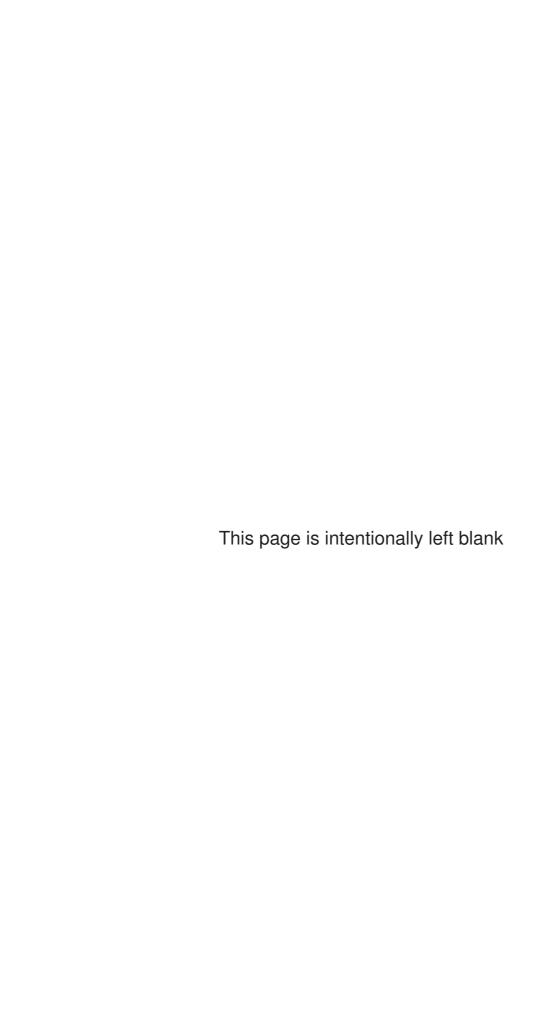
<u>Durrington H12</u> – Outline planning permission had been granted for 120 houses on this site. A reserved matters application on the detail of the development had been submitted and was under consideration.

The Chairman thanked Sarah for her presentation and invited questions and comments. The following points were made:

- Concerns were raised regarding the ability of the existing highways infrastructure to cope with up to 2000 extra cars from the future development at the Kings Gate site. It was also noted that the nearby development at Old Sarum had already increased the volume of traffic on the road network. Sarah commented that transport was a key component of the Core Strategy for development in South Wiltshire. In addition the Local Transport Plan would set out anticipated demand and proposals to encourage use of transport other than cars.
- Councillor Fred Westmoreland commented on the need for the community to be more active in demanding infrastructure and contributions to local investment from developers. A significant level of development would be taking place in Amesbury over the next few years, offering a unique opportunity to add to existing community facilities, and local infrastructure. Even smaller developments in surrounding villages could result in capital schemes to benefit the community. Councillor Westmoreland

	<ul> <li>considered that now was the time to identify what was needed, and that early intervention by elected Members was crucial to securing the required outcomes from developers.</li> <li>It was noted that the previous government had been developing a scheme to require a "Community Infrastructure Levy" from developers for each new dwelling built. However, this was under review by the new coalition government, as they looked at the potential for other public services (e.g. Education, Fire and Rescue) to benefit from the levy.</li> </ul>	
11.	Community Area Grants	
	At the Chairman's invitation, Councillor John Noeken, Lead Member for Grants, introduced this item, thanking the other members of the panel who assisted in reviewing the bids: David Healing, Roger Fisher and Trevor Woodbridge.	
	Councillor Noeken reported that the application from Wessex Community Action had been withdrawn.	
	Decision Wyvern Village Hall Committee was awarded £1,230 to replace the main doors of the village hall.  Reason – The application met the Community Area Grant criteria 2010/11 and would support the maintenance of this community facility.	Karen Linaker
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12.	Councillor Noeken explained that applications for Performance Reward Grant were not for determination by the Area Board, but sought approval for referral to the Performance Reward Grant Panel, who would make a final decision.  (a) Wyndham Community Hall  Several comments were made regarding the quality of this bid, particularly in view of the need for more community facilities in the town, with Antrobus House and the Bowman Centre often running at full capacity. In response to a question, it was confirmed that	

	Decision The Amesbury Area Board supported the bid from Wyndham Community Hall to go forward for consideration by the Performance Reward Grant Panel.  (b) Wiltshire Voices  This was a County-wide project to support Area Boards in engaging with hard-to-reach elements of society. Each Area Board would identify a different target group; in Amesbury this was proposed to be Council tenants and leaseholders.  Decision The Amesbury Area Board supported the bid for Wiltshire	Karen Linaker
	The Amesbury Area Board supported the bid for Wiltshire Voices to go forward for consideration by the Performance Reward Grant Panel.	Karen Linaker
	(c) Wiltshire is Saving Energy (WiSE)	
	This bid was another county-wide project, to provide energy monitors which could be hired for free from libraries, to allow users to see clearly how much energy their appliances used and how their behaviour impacted on their energy use.	
	A successful pilot had been run, with people borrowing the monitors for up to three weeks.	
	<u>Decision</u> The Amesbury Area Board supported the bid for WiSE to go forward for consideration by the Performance Reward Grant Panel.	Karen Linaker
13.	Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close	
	The Area Board noted the Forward Plan as set out on pages 67-68 of the agenda.	
	Those present were invited to give their views on the meeting by means of the electronic voting handsets.	
	The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and noted that the next meeting of Amesbury Area Board would be held on Thursday, 21 October 2010 at Avon Valley College, Recreation Road, Durrington.	
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# Amesbury Area Board 21 October 2010

#### **Chairman's Announcements**

## Wiltshire Intelligence Network



#### **New Research Website Launched**

A new website has been created to provide access to a wide variety of information and research for Wiltshire. The new site, <a href="https://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk">www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk</a>, is available to all and aims to support planners and policy makers, community leaders and politicians, voluntary groups and the general public in using accurate data to make informed decisions. A broad range of information is available, organised into the following topic themes:

- Consultation
- Local Area Profiles
- Population & Census
- Health & Wellbeing
- Education & Skills
- Economy
- Crime & Community Safety
- Community
- Planning & Housing
- Transport & Communications
- Environment, Climate Change, Waste & Recycling
- Culture. Leisure & Tourism

The content of the site will continue to grow over the coming months and the research team is keen to hear any suggestions for content that people would like to see on the site. The site was developed by Wiltshire Council's corporate research team in the Department of Public Health and Wellbeing, in conjunction with the South West Observatory and working in partnership with NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Police. For more information, or to give your views and feedback, please contact Sally Hunter on 01225 713289, or email <a href="mailto:sally.hunter@wiltshire.gov.uk">sally.hunter@wiltshire.gov.uk</a>.

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# **Amesbury Area Board 21 October 2010**

#### **Chairman's Announcements**

#### **Petitions Scheme**

Wiltshire council is committed to ensuring people have a voice and a real say in local decision making. The Council welcomes all petitions from anyone who lives, works, or studies in Wiltshire or who uses the services provided by the Council. The Council recognises that petitions are one way in which people can let us know their concerns. A new procedure for petitions came into place on 15 June 2010 and sets out how petitions can be submitted, how they are handled and dealt with.

All petitions sent or presented to the Council will receive an acknowledgement from the Council within 10 working days of receipt. This acknowledgement will set out what the Council plans to do with the petition: the response to a petition will depend on what a petition asks for and how many people have signed it. The petition will also be published on our website.

Petitions which have been signed by more than 2.5% of the population of a Community Area will automatically be forwarded to the relevant Area Board for a full debate. Petitions with fewer signatures will be referred to the Area Board Chairman to decide on the best way to deal with it, although this may be discussed outside of a full formal meeting

The Council will treat something as a petition if it is identified as such, or if it seems that it is intended to be a petition. You can submit your petition on paper or electronically. Online/electronic petitions can be sent to <a href="mailto:committee@wiltshire.gov.uk">committee@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> and the Council is developing its own e-Petitions facility, which will allow the creation, signing and viewing of e-Petitions online at a new e-Petitions site, which will be available later this year.

For more information, including details of the petitions scheme, frequently asked questions, and details of all petitions submitted so far, please visit:

http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgGeneric.aspx?MD=Petitions%20Homepage&bcr=1

...or simply search for Petitions from the Council's homepage – <a href="www.wiltshire.gov.uk">www.wiltshire.gov.uk</a>

Alternatively, please contact Democratic Services on 01225 713018.

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# **Amesbury Area Board 21 October 2010**

#### **Chairman's Announcements**

Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011 - 2026

The Council has a statutory duty to review and publish a new Local Transport Plan (LTP) by the end of March 2011. In essence, Local Transport Plans steer the implementation of national transport policies at the local level.

The Wiltshire Local Transport Plan is made up of:

- A long-term transport strategy that seeks to:
  - o support economic growth
  - o reduce carbon emissions
  - o contribute to better safety, security and health
  - promote equality of opportunity
  - o improve quality of life and promote a healthy natural environment
- A shorter-term implementation plan based on a realistic assessment of available funding, and
- A number of supporting strategies and technical documents.

In addition, the Local Transport Plan provides the framework for all other organisations with a direct or indirect involvement in transport in Wiltshire.

Consultation on the draft Local Transport Plan will run from **4 October to 26 November 2010**.

The preferred method of communication is for comments to be submitted online at: <a href="http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal">http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal</a>, where electronic copies of all the documents will be available. Paper copies of the summary document, questionnaire and a reference copy of the Local Transport Plan will also be available from all libraries and main Council offices.

The Council's Cabinet and full Council will consider the results of the consultation in February 2011 prior to the publication of the final Local Transport Plan in March 2011.

Consultation Portal Link: http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal

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### **Amesbury Area Board 21 October 2010**

#### **Chairman's Announcements**

# Adverse Winter Weather - Call for Partnership Working

Wiltshire Council is looking to expand its partnership working with the city, town and parish councils should problems be caused by adverse winter conditions.

Wiltshire Council is encouraging local Councils to record their interest in working with us to help provide services during adverse weather conditions. This could involve being a local agent for storing salt, or refilling salt bins, or mechanical salting of footpaths and roads.

This partnership working will help us jointly to provide a better and more extensive coverage at a time when resources will be fully stretched.

The local councils are asked to register their interest via their Community Area Manager before 30 November 2010.

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**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL** 

Item 6

# AMESBURY AREA BOARD 21 OCTOBER 2010

# **ISSUES UPDATE**

# 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To update the board on the issues received and in progress since the last meeting in September 2010.

# 2. Background

- 2.1 An online system has been designed to enable anyone from the Amesbury Area to submit an issue for the Community Area Manager to respond to, by identifying the relevant officer, councillor or partner to assist.
- 2.2 The system is currently being reviewed to ensure its ease of use by members of the public and any one wishing to submit an issue, and to ensure that the process by which issues are addressed is fully robust and efficient.

### 3. Overview of the issues received on the online system:

Issues in progress -

ID	Category	Parish	Summary of Issue	Status	Date Received
344	Highways	Amesbury	Speeding through Woodford Valley and specifically in area of West Amesbury	These concerns have been reiterated and subsequent reports recently received that matters have got worse. The Neighbourhood Policing Team are looking into this matter. This issue is also being assessed as one of the Amesbury Community Area Transport Group's priorities	7 Oct 09
772	Highways	Durrington	Various road surfacing and highway safety concerns	These concerns remain and are being pursued in conjunction with the town council	19 Feb 10

820	Transport	Amesbury	Promised bus shelter on Countess Road, Amesbury	Wiltshire Council officers have confirmed that budgets do not allow for this shelter in 2010/11 and Wilts & Dorset Bus Company has announced a review of bus routes in this area.	8 Mar 10
868	Highways	Shrewton	Large volume of vehicles consistently exceeding 30 mph speed limit on A360	Community Speedwatch is currently operating	26 Mar 10
999	Highways	Porton	Speeding on Winterslow Road, Porton	A speedwatch team is being put together	21 May 10
1006	Highways	Amesbury	Speeding on Porton Road, Amesbury, by the Baptist Church	Continuing development in Amesbury South will mean this roundabout and traffic levels on Porton Road will be assessed as part of these forthcoming developments. A formal review of the speed limits on all C class roads in Wiltshire will be conducted in due course.	25 May 10
1108	Community Safety	Newton Tony	Community Payback - paint local fence	The Community Payback team are processing this request.	03 Aug 10
1173	Highways	Durrington	Speeding on Hackthorne Rd	A metrocount request has been raised	28 Aug 10
1174	Highways	Durrington	Meads Rd	A metrocount request has been raised	28 Aug 10
1203	Highways	Durrington	Larkhill Rd	A metrocount request has been raised	6 Sept 10
1124	Highways	Shrewton	London Rd	A metrocount request is being raised	7 Oct 10

# 4. Updates for the above issues:

Full details on the issues are available online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/southernwiltshireareaboard, and then click on issue tracking.

If you would like to be sent hard copies of the issues and updates, contact Karen Linaker: karen.linaker@wiltshire.gov.uk or 01722 434697.

To report an issue go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/amesburyareaboard and click on "report an issue in your community now".

#### 5. Other issues that the Area Board continues to track include:

(a) Bulford Bridge works – the following update has been provided by Highways:

"Works on the bridge are progressing well, with the piling and foundation work finished and all the service diversions in place.

The north edge beam (closest to the temporary footbridge) and the skew span deck have been completed, and the demolition of the main bridge span will be undertaken during the week beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> October, followed by the placing of the precast beam and casting of the infill deck. Sections of the southern edge beam are also due to be cast during the week beginning the 11<sup>th</sup> October, and finishing touches such as pilasters, parapet walls, carriageway/footway resurfacing and railing will follow over the proceeding weeks.

It is planned that the road will reopen in mid November."

- (b) Broadband access Peter Smith, Secretary to the Stonehenge Broadband Group will say a few words at the October board meeting, with a view to delivering a fuller presentation on the Group's work in December [Peter Smith: pewsmith@aol.com 01980 620648]
- (c) A338 / A346 Working Group's recommendation to de-prime these roads from LGV use – an update report from Cllr Charles Howard will be made available shortly.

Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager

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# Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Amesbury Community Area Board

21 October 2010



# 1. Neighbourhood Policing

Team Sgt: Martin Phipps

#### **Amesbury Town**

Beat Manager – PC Lucy Smith PCSO – Jo Atkinson PCSO – Dean Shaw

#### **Amesbury Rural**

Beat Manager – PC Mark Steele PCSO – Shona Maycock PCSO – Will Todd

#### **Durrington, Larkhill & Bulford**

Beat Manager – PC Lyndsey Smith PCSO – Chris Miller

# 2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on our Wiltshire Police Website.

\* Visit the new and improved website at: www.wiltshire.police.uk

#### 3. Police Authority Representative: Councillor Richard Britton

Please contact via Wiltshire Police Authority Tel. 01380 734022 or http://www.wiltshire-pa.gov.uk/feedback.asp

#### 4. Performance and Other Local Issues

Amesbury area neighbourhood policing team welcomes PC Mark Steele as the new rural Community Beat Manager. Mark has over twenty years experience as a police officer in Wiltshire Police. He has been in a similar role in Tisbury where he was nominated for awards for his success as an Area officer. More recently he has been involved with interviewing suspects and file preparation on the Local Crime Team and tutoring/ training of police officer recruits. He will be a valuable and experienced member of Amesbury NPT and no doubt contribute to the continuing success of the team.

This last month has seen a decrease in crime in most categories on the same period last year but we have identified two areas of concern. Amesbury Town has seen an increase in incidents of graffiti. The local team has taken a lead in this and through

their local knowledge and enquiries have identified several suspects. Although enquiries are still in hand it is envisaged that the majority of these crimes will be detected and the offenders brought to justice. We hope that this action will solve the current problem.

The other area of concern is the recent spate of 14 non- dwelling shed burglaries where bicycles and mopeds have been stolen. Again we have had success and suspects have been identified and arrests have been made. Most of these crimes involve bikes left in insecure sheds and are occurring in the early hours of the morning. We are increasing patrols in Amesbury and Durrington to prevent more of these crimes.

Of course, there are two ways in which the community can help:

- Report any suspicious activity to police as soon as possible.
- Always close and lock all windows and doors, to your home and outbuildings. Double-check that doors and windows are locked at night before you go to bed.

Please do all that you can to stop thieves targeting your homes - prevention is always better than cure!

The current priorities for Amesbury Town are preventing and detecting offences of graffiti/shed breaks and preventing ASB in Harvard Park.

Durrington, Larkhill, Bulford and Figheldean NPT have set their main priority as reassurance and crime prevention in relation to the shed breaks. The team will also be working on reducing ASB in Durrington and Bulford. Durrington continues to drive their pub and shop watch schemes and have also organised a crime prevention afternoon at Durrington and Larkhill on 13 November 2010 to promote cycle awareness and security. It is hoped if this is successful it will be rolled out to Amesbury and our other areas.

Amesbury Rural continues to enjoy very low levels of crime and their priorities concentrate on preventing ASB in the parish park areas as well as Byford Gardens in Porton.

Drugs have continued to be targeted with two warrants being executed in the Bulford area over the last month - both these warrants proved positive with persons arrested and drugs seized.

Sergeant Martin PHIPPS

AMESBURY SECTOR							
AMESBURY		CRIN	ΛE			DETEC	TIONS
		OCT 2008 - SEPT 2010				OCT 2008 - SEPT 2010	
	2008/09	2009/10	+/-	% Change		2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against the Person	294	274	-20	-6.8%		56.5%	47.1%
Dwelling Burglary	64	56	-8	-12.5%		46.9%	8.9%
Criminal Damage	307	284	-23	-7.5%		28.7%	15.5%
Non Dwelling Burglary	72	95	23	31.9%		11.1%	13.7%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	61	77	16	26.2%		39.3%	22.1%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	30	30	0	0.0%		26.7%	30.0%
Total Crime	1314	1295	-19	-1.4%		41.3%	29.3%

County Division is compared with 15 most similar divisions in other Forces. Currently we are performing well e.g. ranked 3rd (out of 15) for violent crime and 4th (out of 15) for violent crime detections.

#### <u>Anti-Social-Behaviour – reported incidents</u>

OCT-DEC	JAN-MAR	APR-JUN	JUL-SEP	MONTHLY
2009	2010	2010	2010	AVE (09/10)
343	310	368	397	354.5

Inspector Martyn Sweett Area Commander 21/10/10

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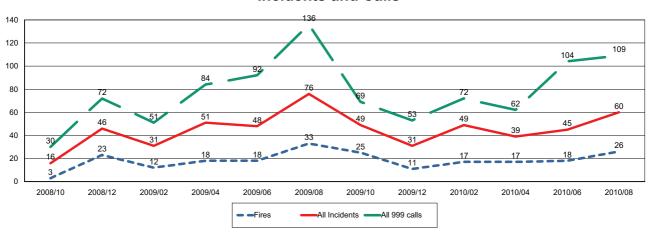
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Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority

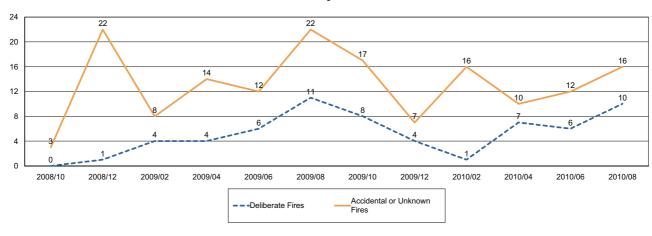
### **Report for Amesbury Area Board**

The following is a bi-monthly update of Fire and Rescue Service activity up to and including August 2010. It has been prepared by the Group Manager for the Board's area.

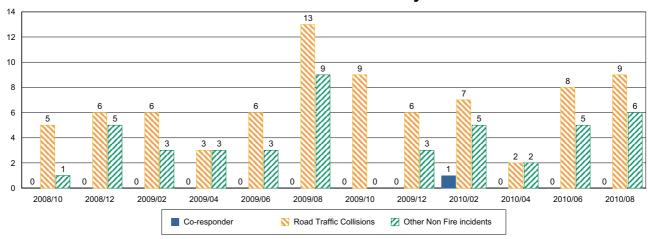
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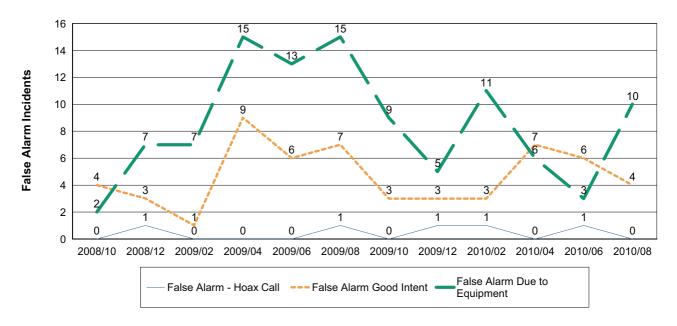
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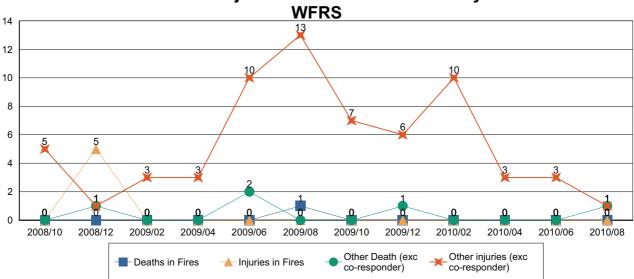
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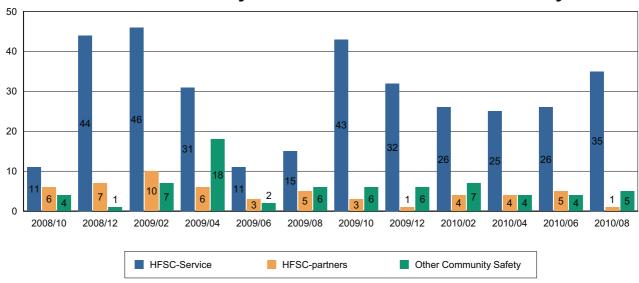
#### **Number of False Alarm Incidents**



#### Death & Injuries in incidents attended by



### Home Fire Safety Checks and other domestic safety



Comments and Interventions overleaf



#### NHS Update - October 2010

#### **Transforming Community Services (TCS)**

The revised NHS Operating Framework for 2010/11, released by the Health Secretary Andrew Lansley in June 2010, makes it clear that all Primary Care Trusts in England must make it a priority to separate themselves completely from providing actual services and that a complete split has to be achieved by April 2011.

This means that NHS Wiltshire must organise a transfer of community services provided by Wiltshire Community Health Services (WCHS) to other organisations, such as hospital Trusts, other NHS providers (such as GPs) or to Wiltshire Council, with the capability of securing on-going employment for front-line staff on NHS pay and conditions.

NHS Wiltshire is currently in discussions with each of the potential bidders who will submit their proposals by 15 October. The proposal will be short listed by the 28 October with bidders being invited for interview. The Board and Commissioning Committee will make a decision about the preferred provider by 9 November, this will ensure that WCHS staff can be notified formally about their new employer by January 2011 and will allow for a smooth transfer by 1 April 2011 to fulfill government requirements.

#### Wiltshire performs well in cancer stats

More people than ever are surviving longer than a year after being diagnosed with cancer, and Wiltshire patients fare better than the national average, figures just released from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) show. In England, the number of people surviving for at least a year after diagnosis increased during the period between 1996 and 2006 from 61.8% to 65%. In Wiltshire the one-year survival rate went up from 64% in 1996 to 65.8% ten years later.

NHS Wiltshire's blueprint for improving cancer survival is its Wiltshire Cancer Reform Strategy, approved by the Board in October 2008. One of the key aspects of the strategy is encouraging and supporting people to make lifestyle changes (stopping smoking, sensible drinking and keeping an eye on your weight) that can help prevent many forms of cancer. Cervical, breast and bowel cancer screening offer a better opportunity for early diagnosis and successful treatment.

In 2008, the year when the strategy was introduced, NHS Wiltshire invested an extra £1.1million on early detection and screening services, bringing its total cancer spend to £6.7million for the year. The Cancer Survival Index for Primary Care Trusts covers all cancers, and has been designed to monitor the effectiveness of cancer services in PCT areas. It is adjusted for differences

between PCTs in the profile of their resident cancer patients by age, sex and type of cancer.

#### Chippenham celebrates new NHS dental practice

A new dental practice in Chippenham offering NHS treatment to around 12,000 patients opened officially on 24 September 2010. Guest of honour Duncan Hames, MP for Chippenham 'cut the ribbon' at the Hathaway Dental Practice. He was joined children from nearby New Road Nursery, who last year won the prestigious Gold Award from NHS Wiltshire's Happy Little Teeth programme. Happy Little Teeth works with children aged 0-5, their families and carers, to promote healthy teeth and stop children being scared of the dentist's chair.

The Hathaway Practice, which started seeing patients in spring 2010, is the flagship of a three-year, £3million+ investment in NHS dentistry in Wiltshire. Run by established dental providers Dr Michael Frain Ltd., the practice has state-of-the-art accommodation for 5 dentists, 2 hygienists and an oral health promoter. It currently has 5,500 NHS patients on its books, with capacity for at least another 6,500 over the coming two years.

#### Overnight stays for partners to continue at PAW

A pilot scheme offering partners an overnight stay after the birth of their baby at the Princess Anne Wing (PAW) of the Royal United hospital in Bath has been so successful that Wiltshire Maternity Services have decided to run it indefinitely.

The Annual General Meeting and Board meeting of NHS Wiltshire will be held on Wednesday 17 November at 10am - **2010 at Southgate House.** Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Papers are published a week before the meeting on <a href="www.wiltshire.nhs.uk">www.wiltshire.nhs.uk</a> or on request from Stacey Saunders, NHS Wiltshire (tel: 01380 733839, email: <a href="mailto:stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk">stacey.saunders@wiltshire.nhs.uk</a>). For further information or copies of documents referred to above, please contact Jo Howes, Community Engagement Manager, 01380 733929 or <a href="mailto:jo.howes@wiltshire.nhs">jo.howes@wiltshire.nhs</a>

#### **Car Parking Strategy**

#### **Consultation Feedback – Key Points**

#### Why Review Car Parking?

- Move to Wiltshire Council lack of consistency between former districts
- Parking is wider than just charging important part of local transport policy
- Need to update existing strategy price comparison with neighbouring areas

#### **Consultation Process**

- Informed people through:
  - o Web portal and documents in libraries
  - o Press release, Parish Newsletter and Area Boards
  - o Emails and letters to some 8,000 contacts
- Overall, some 600 people responded making over 5,000 comments
- Reasonable response from Amesbury, Chippenham, Corham, Devizes and Salisbury; more limited number of responses from most other areas
- Concerted campaign by councillors and parish councils in South West Wiltshire

#### **Countywide Responses**

- Overwhelming support for economy as most important objective
- Next highest support for meeting residents' need for parking
- Majority support for concept of banding towns and proposed land-use zones
- Small majority disagreed with proposed bands
- Large majority agree that town and parish councils should be offered 'buy back' and car park management opportunities
- Majority selected 'conventional' (lowest) parking charges option
- Little enthusiasm for proposed Sunday parking charges
- Significant support for more pragmatic approach to residential parking in new housing developments
- Overwhelming support for policy and process on residents' parking zones
- Majority support for council's approach to parking enforcement

#### **Local Responses**

- 28 respondents (with further 234 as signed petition)
- When Tesco opens, customers will park and shop there and desert the local shops.
- The primary school produced a school travel plan which encouraged parents to park in the main car park at dropping off and collecting time.
- The central car park was a gift to the people of Amesbury and is supposed to remain free.

#### **Next Steps**

- Sept-Nov: Area Boards' feedback presentations
- Oct-Nov: consideration of consultation responses
- Dec: Cabinet decision meeting (14th Dec)
- Jan-Mar: statutory procedures
- Apr: implementation of changes

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### REVIEW OF INDOOR LEISURE FACILITIES Replacement, Refurbishment & Devolvement Programme

#### PRESENT SITUATION UNSUSTAINABLE

- Wiltshire Council inherited some form of financial responsibility for 23 leisure facilities on 1 April 2009
- Present indoor leisure facility stock is broadly outdated, inefficient and unsustainable
- £93 million would be required over the next 25 years to sustain the existing buildings (does not include service or building enhancements)

#### THE PROPOSALS

- Indicative proposals that would enable the council to deliver a sustainable, cost effective, high quality leisure facility service for the foreseeable future
- £117 million investment over the next 25 years which will:
  - create high quality service,
  - secure the sustainable devolvement of the smaller, local focused facilities
- Costings reflect high quality facilities which would exceed sustainability targets and reduce the council's existing carbon emissions (currently 21%)

#### LINKS TO WORKPLACE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

 Intrinsic part of the Workplace Transformation Programme and fundamental to the delivery of community campuses

#### MANAGEMENT OPTIONS NOT CONSIDERED

- The management of those facilities that the Council would retain responsibility for will be the subject of a future Cabinet paper
- Ongoing revenue to be part of subsequent paper

#### **INDICATIVE PROPOSALS**

#### Council retained facilities:

- Four new facilities within campuses
- Significantly enhance two further facilities within campuses
- Scheduled maintenance investment in the remaining facilities

#### **Community Management facilities:**

- Capital investment prior to devolvement
- · Mentoring support period
- Identification of appropriate administrative business models
- Phased financial support resulting in independency
- Transfer of freehold where possible

#### PROPOSALS SPECIFIC TO AMESBURY AREA BOARD

- Indoor leisure facilities in the Amesbury/Durrington area of the county considered of strategic significance
- Proposed new indoor leisure facility within a community campus in the Amesbury/Durrington area to replace existing facilities at Amesbury Sports Centre and Durrington Leisure Centre
- Proposed facilities for leisure aspect include: 25m main pool, learner pool, sports hall, fitness suite, multi-activity rooms
- Current indicative timeframe aims for completion in 2023
- Existing facilities would remain available for community use until new site opens

#### CONSULTATION

- Extensive consultation exercise between 27 July and 29 October 2010
- Consultation leaflet available across all sites, libraries etc
- Amesbury Area Board: 21 October 2010
- Dedicated email address and web pages

#### THE NEXT STEPS

- Consultation 27 July to 29 October 2010
- Cabinet to consider the outcome of public consultation in December 2010
- Full Council February 2011



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

**ITEM 10** 

### AMESBURY AREA BOARD 21 October 2010

#### **ALLOCATION OF GRIT BINS**

#### **Background**

- The Council provides grit bins at suitable locations on minor roads not routinely treated with salt. The bins are filled with salt at the beginning of the winter season, and refilled periodically as the salt is used.
- Earlier this year the Council carried out a review of grit bins with the Parish and Town Councils to confirm the location and condition of the 983 existing bins. As a result 65 of the bins are now being repaired or replaced
- Following the severe weather last winter a large number of requests for additional bins were received. It is not feasible to meet the cost of providing and filling the 422 additional bins requested, but it would be possible to provide about 100 new bins.
- It is necessary to prioritise the provision of these bins which represent a 10% increase in bins across the county.
- It is proposed that each Area Board should have a 10% increase in the number of bins in their area.

#### Factors to consider when prioritising the allocation of grit bins

- Grit Bins are not provided on roads routinely treated by the Councils gritters.
- Salt must only be used on the highway. It is not for use on private drives or other property.
- The bins must be located so they do not obstruct the carriageway, footways or visibility.
- They are usually placed on highway land, but may be placed on private land with the owner's agreement.
- The final locations will have to be agreed by the area highway staff to ensure road safety.
- The Council will arrange for the bins to be installed.

- Arrangements will be made for them to be refilled, but in severe weather the gritting and clearing of snow from the main roads may have to take priority.
- The Council can provide Parish and Town Councils with 1 tonne bags of salt in order to speed up the refilling of grit bins provided they have suitable under cover storage and the capability to fill bins in their area.
- The agreed list of sites for the new Grit Bins should be provided to the area highway office as soon as possible so that the site can be inspected, and the bins installed and filled before the start of this winter.

#### Parish Council requests for bins as part of the review earlier this year

ALLINGTON - 2
AMESBURY - 13
BULFORD - 1
DURNFORD - 1
DURRINGTON - 2
GREAT WISHFORD - 2
STAPLEFORD - 4
TILSHEAD - 1
WINTERBOURNE - 3
WYLYE - 2

#### The Amesbury Area Board only has 4 bins to allocate in 2010/11

- we asked parish councils to review their requests made as part of the review
- in response, 1 additional bin has been requested over and above the 31 previously recorded by Highways as part of the review
- Durrington Town Council has agreed to forego the bins they initially requested as part of the review
- Amesbury Town Council has reduced its request from 13 to 2



WILTSHIRE COUNCIL
AMESBURY AREA BOARD
21 October 2010

**ITEM 11** 

#### REDUCING UNNECESSARY STREET LIGHTING IN THE AMESBURY AREA

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To seek the Area Board's approval of X bids to the "reduced unnecessary street lighting" budget 2010/11.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1. Wiltshire Council has been approached by a number of communities in the recent past seeking to reduce their carbon footprint and reduce light pollution of the night sky by reducing unnecessary street lighting. Turning off unnecessary lighting for part of the night has already been successfully introduced in trial sites at Urchfont and Tidworth.
- 2.2. Each of the 18 Area Boards has been allocated £5,000 to introduce part night lighting in their respective community areas in 2010/11. This would enable lights selected by parish councils, subject to assessment by highways consultants, to be upgraded to a unit which automatically switches off around midnight and switches back on again around 5.30pm. The £5,000 is expected to enable between 100 and 150 lights to be upgraded.
- 2.3. Part of the consultation process and technical assessments includes the discernment of support or otherwise from residents, local businesses, the police, community safety and highways' officers. This discernment process includes checking to ensure that where lighting is needed all night for community or highway safety purposes, units are not upgraded.
- 2.4. In May 2010, parish councils in this community area were invited to consider whether or not they would like to take advantage of this scheme, and, accordingly, to consult with residents.
- 2.5. In response, 3 parish councils have so far submitted bids and a fourth is due to do so later this year.

#### 3. Main Considerations

3.1. The Area Board is asked to consider the bids detailed below:

Table 1

Town / Parish	No. of lights
Figheldean	34
Bulford	4
Durrington	73
TOTAL	111

- 3.2. Maps showing the location of each of the lights which have been subject to initial assessment by Highways, and found (subject to final assessment) as suitable for conversion will be displayed at the 21<sup>st</sup> October board meeting.
- 3.3. Comments have been received regarding the community safety implications of these bids. These confirm that there are no issues relating to the requests for light upgrades in Figheldean and Bulford, but a number of community safety issues associated with certain areas in Durrington. The town council will be working with the police and community safety officers to ensure that only in the most suitable areas will lights be switched off between midnight and 5.30am.
- 3.4. Subject to the Area Board's approval of these bids, a final assessment will be carried out by highways officers and confirmation given as to the total number of lights to be converted.
- 3.5. Once final confirmation has been received, the process for upgrading the lights will begin and will take approximately 3 months.

#### 4. Implications

#### 4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

The benefits from the upgrade of street lights to part night lighting are two fold (a) reduced carbon emissions and (b) reduced energy cost. It is estimated that for each individual street light conversion there will be a reduction of 40% in both carbon emissions and energy cost.

#### 4.2. Financial Implications

The Area Board has a budget of £5,000 to allocate in 2010/11.

The cost of the alterations to the lighting units will be paid for by the savings in energy consumption, and it is estimated that it will take approximately four years to pay back the cost of installation.

£5,000 will pay for the upgrading of between 100 and 150 lights.

#### 5. Recommendation

It is recommended that the town and parish council bids detailed in Table 1 above be approved.

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

**ITEM 12** 

AMESBURY AREA BOARD 21 October 2010

### AMESBURY AREA HIGHWAYS BUDGET 2010/11 PRIORITISATION OF SCHEMES

#### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To seek the board's approval of the Amesbury Community Area Transport Group's (CATG) recommendations for the prioritisation of schemes for funding from the Amesbury Area Highway's Budget in 2010/11.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1. During the course of each year, Wiltshire Council received numerous petitions and requests for small-scale transport and highway improvement schemes.
- 2.2. In previous years, an allocation has been made in the budget to fund a small number of the schemes requested by town and parish councils. To identify those that would receive funding, all requests were assessed and prioritised using the Council's Scheme Assessment Framework, which provides an objective, quantitative and rapid method for evaluating and ranking schemes. However, following the establishment of area boards, this area of funding presents an opportunity for decisions on investment in highway improvements to be taken locally.
- 2.3. The Area Boards have been allocated a budget of £250,000 in 2010/11 and are being involved in the assessment and selection of small-scale transport schemes to be progressed in their community areas. This funding was been distributed between the Area Boards in accordance with a formula which takes into account population and the area covered. In the case of the Amesbury Area, £17,731 has been allocated for this scheme in 2010/11.
- 2.4. The Area Board convened a Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to work with officers at the beginning of October to consider the 26 schemes on the list at <a href="Appendix 1">Appendix 1</a>, and to devise a recommendation to the Area Board as to which schemes should be prioritised for further assessment and potentially subsequent funding in 2010/11.

#### 3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. In choosing their local transport scheme(s), the Area Board will need to be mindful of the objectives of the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and the likely availability of future funding for implementation. Current LTP objectives are safety, accessibility, economy, integration and environment.
- 3.2. It should be noted that the £17,731 budget is for capital projects and can only be used to provide new and improved infrastructure. It is to be used for schemes that improve safety, increase accessibility and sustainability by promoting walking, cycling and public transport, and improve traffic management. It cannot be used to fund maintenance schemes, these are selected using technical surveys and inspections. In addition, it cannot be used to pay for revenue functions such as passenger transport.
- 3.3. In considering which of the 26 schemes in the attached were eligible under this scheme, the CATG also took into account alternative funding avenues, including S106, other LTP funding streams and match funding opportunities.
- 3.4. The typical schemes (and their corresponding approximate costs) eligible within the Area Board's highways budget are:

Pedestrian Refuge : £5k < 10k

Zebra crossing : £20k

Signalised (Puffin) crossing: £60k

Footways : £100 per metre length

Traffic calming : £50k < £150k

Gateway feature : £5k

- 3.5. Based on advice from Highways' officers following their assessment of the schemes listed at Appendix 1, and having due regard for how feasible and affordable each scheme is likely to be, the CATG concluded that the following 6 schemes should be prioritised for further assessment, with a view to potential funding in 2010/11.
- 3.6. In addition, the CATG has requested investigation into the possibility of the area board purchasing a mobile speed enforcement unit that could be shared across the Area, not only to monitor speeds, but also to gather data for subsequent analysis:

Earls Court	Traffic Calming				
Road/Boscombe Down Rd, Amesbury	Further assessment needed to establish which traffic calming measures could be effective and affordable				
The Packway,	Upgrade Zebra to Pelican Crossing				
Larkhill	Pelican crossing would be too expensive (approx £60k), but further assessment is required to see what other measures could be put in place, e.g. an advanced feature on the approach to the crossing to slow traffic down				
Winterslow Road,	Pedestrian Crossing				
Porton	Further assessment needed to establish if a pedestrian crossing could be effective and affordable				
Church Road,	Traffic Calming				
Idmiston	Further assessment needed to establish which traffic calming measures could be effective and affordable				
A338 Porton	Crossroads request				
Crossroads	Whilst a crossroads could not be funded under this scheme in 2010/11, further assessment was requested to see if any advanced warning signs/rumble strips could be introduced as you approach the bend travelling from Salisbury to Porton				
C42 Upper	Improved traffic control and calming				
Woodford into West Amesbury	Further assessment needed to establish which traffic calming/control measures might be feasible/affordable				

#### 4. Implications

#### 4.1. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

There are no immediate environmental implications from the recommendations made in this report. Once the Area Board agrees which schemes should go forward with funding in 2010/11, the environmental impact of these schemes will be assessed.

#### 4.2. Financial Implications

The Area Board has a discretionary highways budget of £17,731 to allocate in 2010/11.

As detailed above, the cost of a small scale local transport scheme ranges from £5,000 to £60,000+. Following further assessment of the schemes listed on page 2 above, the Area Board will need to decide before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010/11 how much of its budget it should commit to these schemes. The board could also choose to supplement funding of schemes from its Community Area Grants budget.

#### 5. Recommendations

- (a) That the 6 schemes listed above on page 3 be prioritised for further assessment, with a view (subject to the outcome of these assessments) to these receiving funding during 2010/11.
- (b) That officers be requested to investigate the possibility of the Area Board purchasing a mobile speed enforcement unit that could be shared across sites in the Area to monitor speeds and to gather data for subsequent analysis.

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#### Amesbury Area: Discretionary Highways Budget (for small transport schemes) 2010/11 – Transport Group's Recommendations

	Location	Parish	Scheme	Reason	Transport Group's Recommendation	
Sch	Schemes logged with the Highways Department over the past 5 years					
1	Church Street	Amesbury	Pedestrian crossing	Pedestrian safety	In relation to other schemes on the list, this is not a priority in 2010/11	
2	Earls Court Road/Boscombe Down Rd	Amesbury	Traffic calming	Highway safety	Further assessment needed to establish which traffic calming measures could be effective and affordable	
3	Porton Road	Amesbury	Pedestrian crossing	Pedestrian safety	As S106 funding has been agreed as part of the RDC development for this pedestrian crossing, this scheme should not be prioritised for this budget in 2010/11	
4	Bulford to Solstice Park	Bulford	Footpath from Salisbury Road, Bulford - Solstice Park	Pedestrian safety	This was not prioritised under this scheme as S106 funding has been secured from the recent Tesco store development	
5	The Packway	Durrington	Zebra to Pelican crossing	Pedestrian safety	Pelican crossing would be too expensive (approx £60k), but further assessment is required to see what other measures could be put in place, e.g. an advanced feature on the approach to the crossing to slow traffic down	
6	B3085 Hackthorn Rd to Bulford Road	Durrington	20 mph speed limit	Highway safety	Not prioritised for funding under this scheme in 2010/11 – await outcome of national policy and Wiltshire Council pilot of 20mph zones, and investigate potential for S106 funding from nearby future development	
7	Winterslow Road, Porton	Idmiston	Pedestrian crossing	Pedestrian safety	Further assessment needed to establish if a pedestrian crossing could be effective and affordable	
8	Porton village to Gomeldon Primary (Gomeldon Road)	Idmiston	Footway from Porton village to Gomeldon Primary School	Pedestrian safety	This was not prioritised, due to the length of the footway required (at a cost of £100 per metre), and due to concerns that the carriageway was too narrow to accommodate a footway	
9	A338 (between Idmiston village & School)	Idmiston	Footpath	Pedestrian safety	This was not prioritised, due to the length of the footway required (at a cost of £100 per metre), and due to concerns that the carriageway was too narrow to accommodate a footway. The Parish Council could investigate putting in place a footpath to the rear of dwellings with the assistance of funding from the Pathways Improvement Grant, and community payback to clear vegetation.	
10	Winterslow Road, Porton	Idmiston	Provision of footway (Porton village to Porton Down)	Encourage more walking / less traffic through village?	Not prioritised due to the length of the footway required rendering the scheme unaffordable in 2010/11	
11	Church Road	Idmiston	Traffic Calming	Highway safety	Further assessment needed to establish which traffic calming measures could be effective and affordable	

12	A338 (between Idmiston & Porton)	Idmiston	Footpath	Pedestrian safety	Not prioritised due to the length of the footway required rendering the scheme unaffordable in 2010/11
13	Through Newton Tony	Newton Tony	20 mph speed limit	Highway safety	Not prioritised for funding under this scheme in 2010/11 – await outcome of national policy and Wiltshire Council pilot of 20mph zones
14	London Rd, B3086	Shrewton	Traffic calming	Highway safety	Not prioritised, as speed limit is currently 30mph. Instead Parish Council should pursue camera enforcement
15	B3083	Stapleford	Footway	Pedestrian safety	Not prioritised due to the length of the footway required rendering the scheme unaffordable in 2010/11
16	A360	Tilshead	Traffic calming	Highway safety	Not prioritised for funding under this scheme in 2010/11

Scher	Schemes requested at area board meetings / the community issues system since June 2009					
	Location	Parish	Scheme	Reason	Transport Group's Recommendation	
17	Salisbury Road	Amesbury	General state of repair of highway needs attention	Maintenance	This budget is unable to fund highway maintenance schemes. Ensure being pursued through correct avenue of funding	
18	Road layout by Baptist Church, Porton Road	Amesbury	Adaptations requested to encourage traffic to slow down	Pedestrian safety	As S106 funding has been agreed as part of the RDC development for this pedestrian crossing, this scheme should not be prioritised for this budget in 2010/11	
19	Amesbury – Bulford	Amesbury / Bulford	Cycle Route	Transport links	This scheme is benefiting from S106 funding from the Tesco store development	
20	Countess Roundabout	Amesbury / Durrington	Traffic flow / congestion	Congestion	This road is managed by the Highways Agency and not Wiltshire Council	
21	C42 Upper Woodford into West Amesbury	Amesbury /Woodford Valley	Traffic calming and control to make road less hazardous	Highway and pedestrian safety	Further assessment needed to establish which traffic calming/control measures might be feasible/affordable	
22	Coronation Rd	Durrington	No through route signs and weight /width restrictions	Highway safety and residential amenity	Officers advised that these measures would not be appropriate	
23	A338 Porton Crossroads	Idmiston	Crossroads requested	Highway and pedestrian safety	Whilst a crossroads could not be funded under this scheme in 2010/11, further assessment was requested to see if any advanced warning signs/rumble strips could be introduced as you approach the bend travelling from Salisbury to Porton	

24	Salisbury – Amesbury	Bourne Valley / Amesbury	Cycle routes	Transport links	Not prioritised under this scheme, as this project is being developed with funding from alternative sources
25	Porton, Idmiston & Gomeldon	Idmiston	Traffic calming and speed restrictions, including 20mph limit	Highway safety	Not prioritised under this scheme in 2010/11 - – await outcome of national policy and Wiltshire Council pilot of 20mph zones
26	Winterslow Road, Porton (Surgery/Shop), Gomeldon & Idmiston Schools	Idmiston	Pedestrian priority crossings	Pedestrian safety	Not prioritised in 2010/11 for reasons of affordability

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#### WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 13a

AMESBURY AREA BOARD 21 OCTOBER 2010

# COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER THE MEADOW VIEW PLAY PARK, WINTERBOURNE STOKE APPLICATION FROM WINTERBOURNE STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

#### **Executive Summary**

This report deals with an application for the transfer of The Meadow View Play Park in Winterbourne Stoke (SP3 4SS) to Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council in accordance with Wiltshire Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.

#### **Proposal**

The Area Board is asked to consider an application submitted by Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council for the transfer of The Meadow View Play Park in Winterbourne Stoke (see map attached at Appendix 1). The applicants' proposal is set out at Appendix 2.

#### **Reasons For Proposal**

This proposal supports and implements Wiltshire Council's Community Asset Transfer Policy.

#### Recommendation

The Area Board is recommended to approve the transfer subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that the terms and conditions contained within the existing lease are maintained
- (b) that the asset continue to be used for community purpose.

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## COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER THE MEADOW VIEW PLAY PARK, WINTERBOURNE STOKE APPLICATION FROM WINTERBOURNE STOKE PARISH COUNCIL

#### **Purpose of Report**

1. The Area Board is asked to consider an application submitted by Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council for the transfer of The Meadow View Play Park in Winterbourne Stoke (see map attached at Appendix 1). The applicants' proposal is set out at Appendix 2.

#### **Background**

- 2. Wiltshire Council is supporting the principle of the transfer of community assets in order to empower and strengthening local communities. The Council believes that transferring appropriate public assets to communities leads to more responsive services that better meet local people's priorities.
- 3. Transfer of an asset can also provide the opportunity to lever more resources into a community and provide a more accessible and responsive base from which to deliver local services.
- 4. A community group or organisation can benefit from greater financial stability and build confidence through having ownership (or long term security through a lease) of a physical asset. This financial sustainability can help the organisation become less dependent on grants, provide security for further borrowing and opportunities for further growth.
- 5. Typically, organisations that would be considered appropriate are Voluntary and Community Groups/Associations, Town or Parish Councils, Trusts or Charities, or Social Enterprise Groups.

#### The application before the Area Board

- 6. The application from Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council is attached at Appendix 2 and relates to the transfer of The Meadow View Play Park in Winterbourne Stoke.
- 7. The application was submitted in accordance with the Council's Community Asset Transfer process and meets the requirements for consideration by the Area Board.
- 8. The Community Area Manager has consulted with Strategic Property Services, who have undertaken appropriate consultation with service departments across the Council. Local consultation has been undertaken by the applicant in accordance with the application checklist and the outcome of the consultation is included within the application.

#### The views of Council officers

- 9. On behalf of the Council, Strategic Property Services (who have overall responsibility for the Council's estates and property) has provided the following observations to the Area Board.
- 10. Strategic Property Services have no objection to this transfer, on the basis that :
  - (a) the terms and conditions contained within the existing lease are maintained
  - (b) the asset continues to be used for community purpose.

#### Main issues for consideration by the Area Board

- 11. The main issues for the board to consider are:
  - (a) under the terms of the current lease on this land, Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council already has responsibility for most of the area
  - (b) Wiltshire Council currently cuts the grass and Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council provide and maintain play equipment on the site
  - (c) the play area is (and will continue to be) primarily for young people to play in. A secondary use of the park (as currently) will be for village events
  - (d) there are no facilities such as electricity or water at the site, but neither of these are required
  - (e) the residents of the village, including those living nearby, support the parish council's application
  - (f) the parish council already has insurance to cover all aspects of their duties, RoSPA carry out annual inspections of the play equipment and parish councillors each take responsibility for weekly checks of the play area
  - (g) no known covenants exist on this piece of land that would conflict with this application
  - (h) at present, the parish council pays for the up keep, maintenance and running costs of the play park from the precept. This is supported by local volunteer labour when needed. There is likely to be only nominal cost to the parish council for the transfer of the asset.
  - (i) future management will be the responsibility of the parish council, with the events committee overseeing use of the park for village events

#### **Legal Implications**

12. All legal implications have been detailed in the report at paragraphs 7 - 11.

#### **Financial Implications**

13. There will be a nominal sum charged by Wiltshire Council to Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council for the transfer of the land.

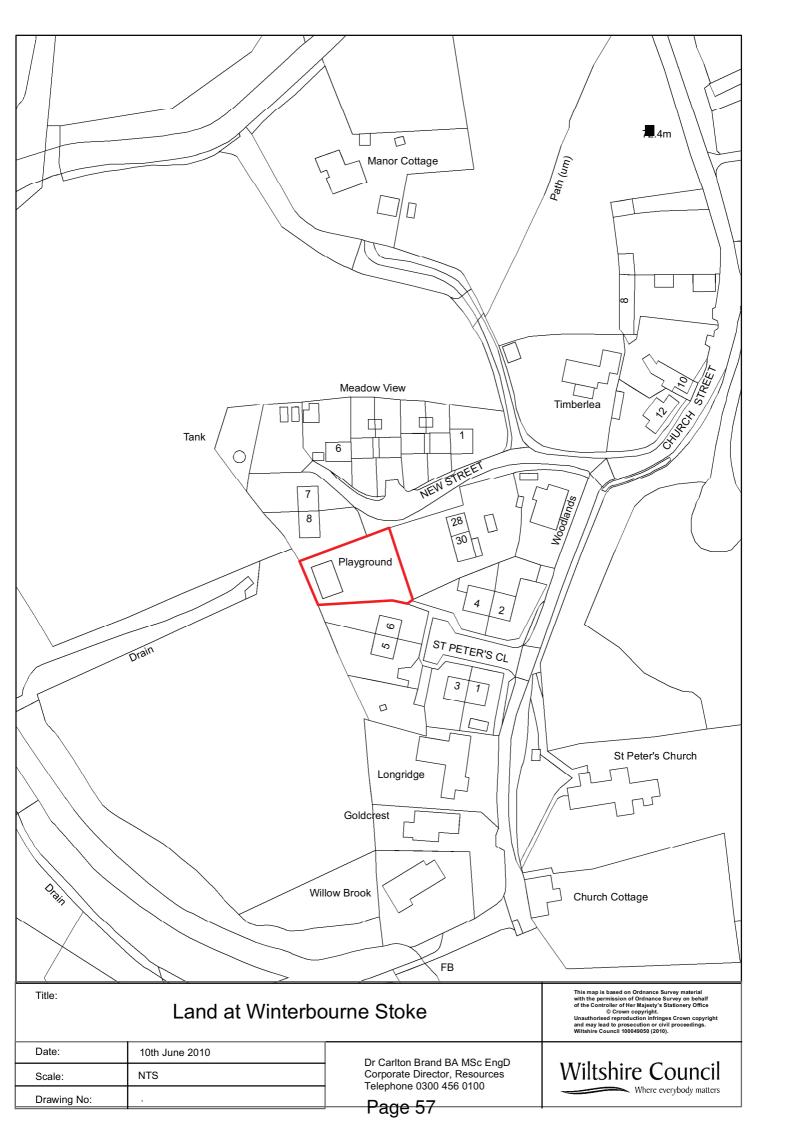
#### Recommendation

- 14. Having carefully considered the application and the views of Council officers, the Area Board is recommended to approve the transfer subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) that the terms and conditions contained within the existing lease are maintained
  - (b) that the asset continue to be used for community purpose.

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ITEM 13a Appendix 2

### **Community asset transfer: application**

#### Your details

Your Organisation	Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council
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Position held	Clerk to the Council
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Postcode	SP3 4SY
Telephone	07973 366762
Email	jim@jhcarr.wanadoo.co.uk or jhcarr@qinetiq.com
Your proposal	(please complete Checklist CATO2 before filling in the following)
Details of asset Please include exact location, address, postcode, size, boundaries, access points and a map if possible	As attached site map and outlined in Red site is at SP3 4SS The Meadow View Play Park is at present under lease signed with Salisbury District Council
Summary of proposal Why do you want the asset and how will this benefit the local community?	Under the terms of the lease, Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council (WSPC) have responsibility for most of the area including some of the fences. At present Wiltshire Council cut the grass and WSPC provide and maintain play equipment on the site. This is the only such facility that WSPC own.
Community use Please explain how the asset will be used (Please refer to questions 5-8 in the checklist - CATO2)	The asset would be primarily used for young people to play in, a secondary use is for village events organised by the Village Events Committee, such as BBQs and fun days. The Village Events Committee have a marquee that is erected in the park with permission from WSPC. The asset has no facilities such as electricity or water, however, none are required.
Suitability for purpose Please explain why this asset is suitable for the intended purpose (Please refer to questions 5-8 in the checklist - CATO2)	It is already being used for that purpose and has proved satisfactory.

### Community support and consultation

Please set out who you have consulted about your proposal and how you have addressed any concerns raised (Please refer to questions 9-14 in the checklist - CATO2)

We are a small village with a total of 86 houses. We have let it be known through our Council minutes and have not had any adverse comments regarding our plans to take over the play park. We have consulted all properties that are near to the Play Park and told them of our intentions and have received a positive response. Additionally, it is already being used for the intended purpose.

#### **Legal issues**

Please set out how you will address any legal, planning, insurance and health and safety matters associated with the asset (Please refer to questions 15-18 in the checklist - CATO2)

WSPC already have insurance to cover all aspects of their duties. The play equipment is inspected yearly by a RoSPA accredited independent inspector and parish councillors are assigned to carry out weekly checks and to sign as being carried out.

#### **Financial matters**

How will you fund running costs and maintenance? Are you willing to pay for the asset? (Please refer to questions 19-23 in the checklist - CATO2) At present we fund the up keep and maintenance and running costs from the parish precept. We also call on the help of volunteers from within the village who provide labour and their skills free of charge in most cases so that we just pay for materials.

WSPC would be unable to pay for this asset.

We are unsure of the meaning of "conversion costs" but if this means substantial legal bills for the transfer of the property we would probably be unable to meet these so the transfer would not be able to go ahead.

We believe the savings to Wiltshire Council would be savings in the grass cutting contract for this land.

#### **Future management**

How will you manage the asset and ensure that it continues to contribute to the wellbeing of the local community in the future? (Please refer to questions 24-27 in the checklist - CATO2) The asset would be managed and would be the responsibility of WSPC as it is at present and any village organisation that would like to hold events would have to apply to WSPC for permission to do so; this would ensure the wellbeing of the area for community use as at present.

#### I confirm that the details included in this application are correct

Signed:	James H Carr
Name (please print):	James H Carr
Date:	30 July 2010



#### Form CAT02

### Community asset transfer: checklist

#### **Community use**

Qι	estion	Yes	No	Note
1.	Is the asset to be provided for a public purpose?	V		Other than in exceptional circumstances, the Council will only dispose of assets for private or commercial use by way of open market sale
2.	Will the asset be hired or used by third parties?	V		If 'yes' your application should set out how this will work
3.	Will your organisation supervise use of the asset?	V		If 'no' your application should explain how use will be supervised
4.	Will the public have access to the asset?	~		If 'yes' your application should set out how your liabilities will be covered

Is the asset fit for proposed use?

Question	Yes	No	Note
5. Is it big enough?	V		The Council will only transfer assets that are fit for purpose
6. Is it in the right location?	V		The Council will not transfer assets that increase unnecessary car use
7. Is it safe for the use proposed?	V		The Council will not transfer assets that are unsafe
8. Does it have utilities? (Water, electricity, drainage, etc)		•	If 'no'- your application should explain if they are needed

Community Support and consultation

Que	Question		No	Note
9.	Have you consulted nearby residents?	V		If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application
10.	Have you consulted adjoining owners?	V		If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application
11.	Have you consulted others affected by the proposal?	•		If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application
12.	Have you consulted the local Wiltshire Councillor?	V		If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application
13.	Have you consulted the local Parish Council?	•		If 'no'- please consult before submitting your application
14.	Is there community support for the change of use?	~		If 'no' - consider carefully whether you wish to proceed with your application

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Question	Yes	No	Note
15. Are there any covenants or other legal constraints?		•	If 'yes' your application should explain implications
16. Does the proposed use require planning consent?		V	If 'yes' your application should explain implications
17. Have you considered insurance cover?	V		If 'no' your application must explain implications
18. Have you assessed health and safety liabilities?	V		Your application must explain how you will deal with risks and liabilities

#### Finance

Que	stion	Yes	No	Note
19.	Can you meet all conversion costs?		V	If 'no' your application should explain how funding will be provided
20.	Can you meet all capital maintenance costs?	V		If 'no' your application should explain how funding will be provided
21.	Can you meet all day-to-day running costs?	V		If 'no' your application should explain how funding will be provided
22.	Will you use the asset to generate income?		V	If 'yes' your application should provide further details
23.	Will any third party be assisting with the costs?		V	If 'yes' your application should provide further details
24.	Do you have any contingency funds?	•		If 'no' your application should set out how you will deal with contingencies
25.	Are you prepared to pay for the asset ?		~	If 'yes' your application should set out your offer

#### Management

Que	stion	Yes	No	Note
26.	Will you manage the asset?	•		If 'no' your application should set out who will manage the asset.
27.	Will a management committee be set up?		V	If 'yes' your application should set out how this will work
28.	Will users of the asset be involved?	V		If 'yes' your application should set out how this will work
29.	Will someone be employed to manage the asset?	•		If 'yes' your application should set out how this will work



#### **ITEM 14**

Report to	Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	21 October 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

#### **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider 3 applications seeking 2010/11 Community Area Grant Funding, totalling £3,889

1. Cholderton Village Hall committee – seeking £2,500 to contribute towards the cost of replacement lighting and associated works to the main hall.

2. Durrington Town Council – seeking £489 to contribute towards the costs of 200 bicycle locks/chains for distribution as part of a series of Bike Roadshows

3. Amesbury Town Council – seeking £900 to contribute towards the project costs of the Amesbury Information Shop

Approve

#### 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting.
- 1.5. The Amesbury Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £50,529 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget was £7,200 (including returned funds from the Stonehenge Community Area Partnership). This gave a total budget of £57,729 for the 2010/2011 budget. £7,308.08 of this was allocated in community grants at the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 meeting, a further £3,744.50 allocated in community grants at the 1<sup>st</sup> July meeting, and a further £1,230 allocated at the 2<sup>nd</sup> September meeting leaving a remaining total of £45,446.42.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce the volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website (<a href="www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards">www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards</a>) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

#### 2. Main Considerations

2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.

#### 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

#### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Amesbury Area Board.
- 4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, the Amesbury Area Board will have a remaining balance of £41,557.42.

#### 5. Legal Implications

5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

#### 6. Human Resources Implications

6.1. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

#### 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, town and parish councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.
- 7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 "Officer Recommendations".

#### 8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1	Cholderton Village Hall Committee	To carry out replacement lighting and associated works to the main hall	£2,500

- 8.1.1. It is recommended that the Cholderton Village Hall Committee is awarded a grant of £2,500 to assist with the cost of replacement lighting for the main hall and associated works of cleaning/repainting, once the lights to the ceiling and walls have been fitted.
- 8.1.2. This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.1.3. Cholderton Village Hall was very badly damaged by recent flooding twice over and it has taken some considerable time and effort to repair and refurbish the hall to make it an attractive venue for community groups and others to use.
- 8.1.4. The new lighting will help to increase the hall's appeal to a greater number of users and generally improve the overall offer and appearance of the hall.
- 8.1.5. The village hall committee is fortunate to have a team of reliable volunteers who have helped to repair and refurbish the hall following the floods and who are committed to continue to other smaller tasks and maintenance projects, including the cleaning and repainting that will be required following the lighting works.
- 8.1.6. The committee is very keen to complete all refurbishment works to the hall as soon as possible, in time for the hall's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2012.
- 8.1.7. The Cholderton Parish Meeting has confirmed strong support for this application.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2	Durrington Town Council	To purchase 200 bicycle locks/chains for distribution as part of a series of Bike Roadshows to raise awareness of cycle safety/security	£489

- 8.2.1 It is recommended that Durrington Town Council is awarded a grant of £489 to assist with the cost of purchasing 200 bicycle locks and chains for distribution as part of a series of Bike Roadshows in Durrington and Larkhill to raise the awareness of the need for improved cycle safety.
- 8.2.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11.
- 8.2.3 There have been a series of cycle thefts in Durrington and Larkhill recently, and in partnership with the local neighbourhood police team and the MOD police in Larkhill, the town council has arranged roadshows to take place in October and November.
- 8.2.4 In addition to raising awareness about cycle safety and security issues, the roadshows will provide maintenance advice and free MOTs for participants.
- 8.2.5 The roadshow in Larkhill will take place at the start of the Larkhill MOD sponsored cycle ride to raise funds for a Multi Use Games Area. This partnership working demonstrates commitment to the town's ongoing strong relations with the Larkhill Garrison and the objectives of military / civilian integration.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3	Amesbury Town Council	Amesbury Community Information Shop project costs for the next 12 months	£900

- 8.3.1 It is recommended that Amesbury Town Council is awarded a grant of £900 to assist with the project costs of the Amesbury Community Information Shop over the next 12 months.
- 8.3.2 This application meets the grant criteria for 2010/11, with the exception to the rule that the scheme would not normally fund the running costs of community projects.
- 8.3.3 In this instance, the exception to the rule is justified on the following grounds:
  - (a) the Area Board agrees funding for 12 months only, and will not award funding for running costs in subsequent years
  - (b) if the shop ceases to operate as a Community Information Shop during the 12 month period (from the time the funding is released), remaining funds from the award should be returned to the Area Board

- (c) the town council works with the Charities Information Bureau and Wiltshire Council's Central Bidding Unit to explore other funding avenues for the ongoing running and further development of the shop
- (d) the Area Board recognises that the Community Information Shop is providing a unique service of community wide benefit, and therefore is of the view that this application warrants non-compliance with this particular aspect of the Community Area Grant scheme criteria.
- 8.3.4 The shop is currently based in the vacant premises of the former Old Forge Shop, Stonehenge Walk, Amesbury and Amesbury Town Council has the agreement of the owners to use it whilst it is being marketed. The shop currently provides a range of community and voluntary services to residents, visitors and businesses of Amesbury. It is contributing to the regeneration of the town, by occupying one of the larger redundant business premises, with the overall remit of providing wide community benefit to Amesbury and the outlying villages.
- 8.3.5 Over the past 12 months, the shop has evolved to include the following services and information:
  - a local access point for a range of public and community services, including job advice, access to ICT, health advice, volunteer group information, a small meeting place for community groups and information on public consultations
  - the sale of art and other hand crafted materials from local people
  - the sale of merchandise for Help the Heroes and the Amesbury Carnival
  - Stonehenge Chamber of Commerce initiatives and schemes for local businesses
  - a venue for charitable events and fundraising activities
  - information on the history of Amesbury
  - a hub for the Amesbury Community Partnership
  - information on the Amesbury Area Board
- 8.3.6 The shop is run as a multi-functional facility, helping to promote and build a stronger, more sustainable community. As well as improving the appearance of the empty shops, the shop will continue to be run with volunteer support from interested groups and individuals.
- 8.3.7 The information shop has support from a wide range of local groups and organisations, i.e. the Neighbourhood Policing Team who use it for surgeries, the Stonehenge Chamber of Trade, Army Welfare Services, Amesbury Visual Arts, Help for Heroes, the Amesbury Youth Council and many others.
- 8.3.8 In confirming its decision on this application, one suggestion the Area Board might like to put to the town council, is that it look to raise the profile of the shop through notices and suitable promotional material placed around the town.

	Appendix 1 Grant Application – Cholderton Village Hall Committee Appendix 2 Grant Application – Durrington Town Council	
only	Appendix 3 Grant Application – Amesbury Town Council	

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# **AMESBURY AREA BOARD – Forward Work Plan**

**ITEM 15** 

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Please note: this is a working document which is subject to change due to availability of relevant Officers/Partners and relevant time scales.

Date	Cabinet Member	Location	Area Board Agenda Items	Other items/events (provisional)
2 December 2010	Cllr Jane Scott (Leader of the Council)	Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH	<ul> <li>Questions to Leader of the Council</li> <li>Presentation from Stonehenge Broadband Group</li> <li>TBC – Future Works to Countess Roundabout</li> <li>2011 Census</li> <li>Consultation on Budget 2011/12</li> <li>Results of Flooding Consultation</li> </ul>	New approach to providing face- to-face customer access to WC services      Chairman's Announcements     •
27 January 2011	-	Antrobus House, Salisbury Road, Amesbury, SP4 7HH	Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.  • Outcome of Leisure Facilities Review  • TBC – Presentation on First Responders  • Cycle Routes Project Update  Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town	Chairman's Announcements  •
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24 February 2011	-	The Bowman Centre, Shears Drive, Archers Gate, Amesbury	TBC Standard items including Partner Updates, Parish/Town Council Updates and Community Area Grants.	Chairman's Announcements  •

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