

MINUTES

Meeting: CORSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Rd, Corsham SN13 9DN
Date: 21 January 2015
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.15 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Alan MacRae (Chairman), Cllr Dick Tonge and Cllr Philip Whalley

Wiltshire Council Officers

Libby Beale (Democratic Services Officer)

Xina Hart (Community Youth Officer)

Town and Parish Councillors

Box Parish Council – Alan Clench, Jennie Hartless

Biddestone Parish Council- Tim Smith

Colerne Parish Council – John Bull

Lacock Parish Council – Terry O'Neil, John Boldon

Partners

Office of the Wiltshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Kieran Kilgallen

Police – Inspector Dave Hobman

Healthwatch Wiltshire- Anne Keat

Corsham Community Area Network- Kevin Gaskin

Corsham Area Heritage- Peter Tapscott

Total in attendance: 25

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed those present to the Area Board.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Cllr Sheila Parker Dave Martin (Corsham Town Council) Pauline Lyons (Box Parish Council) Tom Hall (Colerne Parish Council)</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To confirm and sign as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2014.</p>
4	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interests.</p>
5	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to announcements in the agenda pack providing details of a public consultation on the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Management Plan 2015 and an update from the Clinical Commissioning Group on performance in 2014.</p> <p>Anne Lock, Suffrage Centenary Committee, presented a commemorative plaque which the Area Board had funded to commemorate two local suffragists. The Committee returned a cheque of £67.96 to the Area Board for funding it had not used.</p> <p>Terry O'Neil, Lacock Parish Council requested other local town and parish councils consider that Wiltshire Council defer determination of a planning application for a large number of new homes at Rowden Park, Patterdown, pending the Chippenham Site Allocations Development Plan Document finalisation. Public consultation on the application would be running until 29 January 2015.</p>

6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>Inspector Dave Hobman, Wiltshire Police, updated that Sgt Nick Cooke would retire in March 2015. A mobile CCTV unit the Area Board had part-funded would soon be in the community area and the officer advised burglaries had been increasing in the area and residents should remain vigilant.</p> <p>An update from Healthwatch Wilshire was available in the agenda pack.</p> <p>Box Parish Council requested an update on a query raised at the previous meeting in relation to non-domestic rates.</p> <p>Colerne Parish Council, announced the success of the town's Christmas lights switch-on and advised it had prepared a snow plan for the winter.</p> <p>Lacock Parish Council, would be increasing its precept by 57% in 2015 in order to allow it to respond to local needs.</p> <p>Peter Tapscott, Corsham Area Heritage, made an appeal for active volunteers to join the group, those interested were invited to attend the Annual Governors Meeting on 25 February, 2pm at Arnold House.</p>
7	<p><u>Wiltshire and Swindon Police and Crime Commissioner</u></p> <p>Kieran Kilgallen, Chief Executive (PCC) explained there was likely to be an increase to the precept from 2015 of 1.9%. It was emphasised the increase was not an increase in the Council Tax by Wiltshire Council and was needed as the Police Service would receive a 5% cash reduction in its funding from central government. The consultation on the precept increase would be running until 4 February 2015. During a question and answer session it was confirmed all 'bands' would pay 1.9% more and on 24 February 2015 Wiltshire Council would agree its precept.</p>
8	<p><u>Area Board Working Groups</u></p>
8a	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received minutes from the last CATG meeting on 17 December and considered recommendations arising.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To allocate the sum of no more than £9,000 from the Area Board's 2014/15 discretionary highways budget to the scheme in response to road safety issues on Grove Road/Station Road in Corsham.</p>

<p>8b</p>	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u></p> <p>The Area Board received the notes from the LYN Management Group meeting and an update from Xina Hart the Community Youth Officer. Updates included that a young person, Chloe Lintern, would co-Chair the LYN Management Group alongside Cllr Alan MacRae. KIK Radio, in partnership with the LYN, would be holding taster sessions of radio and DJ skills at the Springfield Community Campus on 18 and 19 February. The officer confirmed she would be please to attend Parish Council meetings to explain more about the LYN and funding available. The Area Board considered membership of the LYN Management Group.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To add Marcus Chapman, The Corsham School, to the membership of the LYN management group.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>9a) Community Area Grants</p> <p>Peter Newman, Leafy Lane Playing Fields, described how the ground was used by various sporting groups and for local competitions.</p> <p>A representative from Corsham For Walking highlighted the group wanted to become more professional with its own website. The 2014 walking festival had been a great success and it would be a three-day event in 2015. Cllr Philip Whalley, declared he would be organising one of the walks in the festival but was not involved in managing the organisation and would consider the application and vote with an open mind.</p> <p>A representative from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust reported the success of community gardens run in the south of the County. The Area Board agreed more information on the proposed location was needed before a decision could be made.</p> <p>Applications to the Community Area Grants scheme were considered:</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant Leafy Lane Playing Fields £983 to provide an overspill car parking facility.</p> <p>To grant Corsham for Walking £1,000 to create a new website and purchase publicity banners to promote the Corsham Walking Festival.</p> <p>To grant Golden Oldies £360 to help establish a Goldies singing group for older people in the Corsham community area.</p>

	<p>To defer consideration of an application for £5,000 from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to the next meeting of the Area Board following greater engagement with Parish and Town Councils and more information on proposed sites for the gardens.</p> <p>To grant Corsham Twirlers £925 to help establish a new majorette troupe in the Corsham community area.</p> <p>9b) Community Area Partnership Funding</p> <p>Kevin Gaskin, Partnership Office, gave details of work he was currently involved in and ideas for future involvement.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant Corsham Community Area Network £4,314 to fund the Partnership Officer.</p>
10	<p><u>Update from the Health Fair and next steps</u></p> <p>The Corsham Health Fair held on 20 November 2014 had been the best attended in the county and 86 pairs of slippers had been provided to elderly people as part of the successful slipper exchange. The Chairman encouraged the parishes to get in touch if they wanted the exchange to visit their areas.</p> <p>A future Area Board project was to be established to start an older person's forum for Corsham community area, interested parties were encouraged to get involved.</p>
11	<p><u>Close</u></p> <p>The next ordinary meeting of the Area Board would be on 19 March 2015.</p>
12	<p><u>Dementia Friends Session</u></p> <p>The Area Board meeting was followed by a 'Dementia Friends' session led by Sue Giles; approximately ten people attended and thanked Sue for her informative workshop.</p>

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Presentation to Corsham Area Board on 21 January 2015.

Mention to be made that I am representing Lacock Parish Council.

I should like to thank you for this opportunity to raise a major development proposal which Lacock Parish Council has been consulted on by Wiltshire Council and which the Parish Council firmly believes has far reaching implications for the Corsham Community Area.

The proposal I am referring to is contained in a recent outline planning application submitted by Crest Nicholson and Redcliffe Homes at Rowden Park, Patterdown. The proposal is for some 1000 houses, a site for a Primary School, four shops and a site for Community Uses.

A significant part of the planning application area lies in the Parish of Lacock and it is in this area that some 400 - 500 houses are planned to be built.

Lacock Parish Council recognises the need for homes and for that reason is not raising an objection as such to the planning application. However, it is recommending that Wiltshire Council defers making a decision on the planning application pending the Chippenham Site Allocations DPD being finalised.

The reason for making that recommendation goes back to the decision of the Planning Inspector at the time of considering the Wiltshire Core Strategy. As I am sure you are aware he required the deletion of all the proposed allocations for new development in the Chippenham area and agreed that a new plan should be prepared reassessing where new development should take place. This plan, known as the Chippenham Site Allocations DPD, is at this very moment, being prepared by Wiltshire Council. Once a draft Plan has been out to consultation, it is almost certain that it will be reconsidered by the Planning Inspector at a further public Inquiry. After that, the Plan should be approved showing exactly where new development for housing and employment uses should take place in the Chippenham area.

It therefore seems to Lacock Parish Council that the proposal at Rowden Park is premature and should not be determined until the outcome of the new Plan is known. Otherwise there can be no point in preparing such a Plan. One might argue that it is only an application seeking outline planning permission, but it has to be appreciated that once granted such an application has an approval in principle which cannot be overturned.

So why am I making this presentation to you?

The reason is that this major development proposal lies in part of the Corsham Community Area and therefore it must have implications for the future of the evolving Corsham Area Masterplan in respect of overall housing demand in the Corsham Community Area.

For this reason, Lacock Parish Council, as one of the four councils making up the Corsham Community Area, would request the support of other member councils in conveying to Wiltshire Council a similar recommendation on the Rowden Park proposals. That is to recommend that the application be deferred pending the outcome of the Chippenham Site Allocations DPD being known, as it is believed that such a recommendation is both fair and logical and is in accordance with good planning practice.



**Wiltshire
Fire & Rescue
Service**

Briefing report for Chippenham; Corsham and Malmesbury Community Area Boards



Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service has grouped together neighbouring fire stations into station hubs, to work more effectively and efficiently, supporting each other to improve the service we provide.

Responding to incidents:

Your Area Board's / Locality's communities immediate emergency response will be provided by staff at these stations and where necessary additional support from staff and specialist equipment from other stations.

Prevention work:

Staff from other departments also provide the community with specialist services giving fire safety and road safety advice and interventions such as talks and visits.

Protection work:

Specialist staff provide expert knowledge, give advice and undertake enforcement action working very closely with the planning authorities to keep communities safe from fire.

In an **emergency dial 999**, for other non urgent matters you can either visit our website: www.wiltsfire.gov.uk or contact the following people:

	<u>Manager / Department</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>email</u>
Operational matters	Kit WATSON Chippenham, Corsham, Malmesbury Station Hub		kit.watson@wiltsfire.gov.uk
Partnership and community engagement issues	Michael Franklin (Wiltshire Council Area)	07919 306037	mike.franklin@wiltsfire.gov.uk
Home fire safety visits and for talks and visits	Community safety department	0800 389 7849	www.wiltsfire.gov.uk and then complete the on line request

Message from Station Manager Kit WATSON

In the Malmesbury, Chippenham and Corsham areas December was a relatively quiet month compared to the previous year. This was a welcome contrast to November which saw an increased number of serious incidents. Crews continued to respond to a variety of incidents ranging from animal rescues to serious road crashes.

After a quiet Christmas Day; New Years Day was busier across the county. In our area crews from Avon FRS and Wiltshire FRS attended a roof fire on the Wiltshire border at Burton and managed to prevent the fire spreading to the rest of the building.

Prevention activities continued with seasonal messages of safety in the home concentrating on heating, candles and electrical standards for Christmas lights and gifts.

An increasing seasonal fire hazard is the popularity of Chinese lanterns.

Protection activities continued. A review of waste sites was carried out following a series of large and small incidents at waste sites across Wiltshire.

Two historic public houses were signed off after rebuilding works due to serious fires. Fire safety work continues in collaboration with council officers and developers on the Royal Arthur development and the Corsham Campus.

Evacuation drills at local care homes were supported by crews and fire safety officers. Schools will be contacted in the Malmesbury, Chippenham and Corsham areas to be offered a similar service in the New Year.

We continue to look for new recruits as On Call firefighters who live or work close to the stations. Malmesbury and Corsham stations will be running recruitment Open Days early in the New Year. In the meantime anyone interested in supporting their community in this way should visit their station on their training night (Monday for Chippenham and Corsham, Wednesday for Malmesbury).

On-call firefighters needed in Malmesbury

If you live or work in Malmesbury, and are interested in becoming an on-call firefighter, then Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service wants to hear from you!

More people are needed to provide fire cover for Malmesbury and the surrounding communities. On-call firefighters respond to a pager when a 999 call is made locally, and cover is needed at all times.

Contracted hours can vary, but on-call personnel usually make themselves available for between 48 and 120 hours per week. Between them, each fire station team will provide cover for weekdays, evenings, nights and weekends.

Malmesbury firefighters drill at the town's fire station in Gloucester Road every Monday evening.

Watch Manager Chris Harvey said: "The team at Malmesbury is really committed to helping the community, but we do need more people to join us, especially offering day cover. This open evening is a chance for anyone interested in being a firefighter to have a chat with us but also try out different things, such as wearing breathing apparatus or using the hydraulic rescue equipment."

He added: "On-call firefighters receive the same training and development as whole time colleagues, and we can be called to all sorts of emergencies, including fires, road traffic collisions, animal rescues and flooding. The pay does vary, depending on how much cover you give, but it is fantastically rewarding to be part of your community and to be in a position to

help people.”

In order to be on-call, you will need to be able to respond to the fire station in around five minutes once your pager goes off. This can be from home or work, and employers can benefit from a firefighter’s training – such as first aid, manual handling, a greater understanding of health & safety in the workplace, and enhanced team spirit.

If you are interested in being a firefighter in Malmesbury and can’t attend the event on 14 January, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/workingforus

Significant step taken on road to combination

The Combination Order to bring together Wiltshire & Swindon Combined Fire Authority and Dorset Fire Authority has been submitted to the Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP.

Subject to a period of consultation, and the Secretary of State finding no need for an enquiry into the merits of merger, it is expected that the Combination Order will be made in February 2015. The required legislation will then be passed by the end of March 2015, allowing the new Fire Authority to come into being on 1 April 2016.

At recent meetings of the two existing Fire Authorities , ‘Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority’ was adopted as the name of the new administrative body.

A key concern raised during the public consultation process was that there should be parity in the number of Elected Members representing Wiltshire and Swindon, and those representing Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole, and this has been resolved quite amicably. The new Fire & Rescue Authority will have 30 members, with 15 from each geographical county – although this can be reviewed by the new body in the future.

Shadow governance arrangements for the transition to the new Authority have also been agreed, with defined Terms of Reference adopted by Elected Members in both Wiltshire and Dorset.

At the heart of the new combined Fire & Rescue Authority will be a purpose-built community safety centre, which will also act as a ‘virtual headquarters’. The Government has granted £5.54 million from its Fire Transformation Fund to support the construction of this facility, with money also available to align ICT between the existing Services and support other transition costs.

A project team is now scoping potential sites and we are also liaising with partners, including other emergency services and local authorities, to see what additional benefits can be realised through this scheme.

A key element of combination was the equalisation of council tax precepts. There have been many discussions with DCLG and, alongside more favourable finances due to local tax base increases, both Treasurers, Clerks, Chairs, CFOs and Authorities have been assured that the revised financial projections make combination both viable and desirable.

Michael Franklin

Partnerships & Community Engagement Manager(Wiltshire Council area)

January 2015

