

MINUTES

Meeting: WARMINSTER AREA BOARD
Place: Warminster Civic Centre, Sambourne Rd, Warminster BA12 8LB
Date: 7 January 2016
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.35 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Wiltshire Council Officers

Shirley Agyeman (Democratic Services Officer)
Kieran Elliott (Senior Democratic Services Officer)
Sally Burton (Youth Worker)

Town and Parish Representatives

Warminster Town Council
Chapmanslade Parish Council
Codford Parish Council
Corsley Parish Council
Horningsham Parish Council
Upper Deverills Parish Council

Partners

Wiltshire Police
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service
Wiltshire NHS
Community Area Partnership

Other

Cailean Snook (Skate Park Group)

Ben Mitchell (Skate Park Group)

Clive Barker (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner)

Darran Gunter (Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue)

Total in attendance: 42

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Warminster Area Board and invited members of the board to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Cllr Newbury also introduced invited guests Clive Barker, Chief Finance Officer from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Darran Gunter the new Chief Fire Officer for Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <p>Sandra Samuel – Community Youth Officer (Warminster Area)</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting on 05 November 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p>Your Care Your Support</p> <p>Healthwatch Wiltshire was working in partnership with Wiltshire Council to manage and develop Your Care Your Support Wiltshire, the new health and social care information website for the county. Details were provided in the agenda.</p> <p>Army Re-basing briefing</p> <p>All three major applications for the Service Family Accommodation (SFA) housing developments across the basing area had been submitted, with further details in the agenda.</p>

Bus Service Consultation

The general public was invited to share their views on the review of subsidised bus services in Wiltshire from 11 January to 4 April 2016.

6. Updates from Partners

Some written updates had been received before the meeting and were included in the agenda.

Police

Insp. James Brain informed the meeting that the pilot programme for the new operating model of 'one team approach' policing was 15 weeks into review and was still under evaluation. He drew members' attention to the Cyber Crime website where useful tips on crime prevention could be found as well as where to find detailed statistics on crime figures within a stipulated area. Insp. Brain mentioned that Sgt Pete Sparrow had taken on a new assignment and had been replaced by another officer who would be introduced at the next scheduled meeting. In response to a question posed on police engagement with street pastors, Inspector Brain noted that the police were very much in contact but acknowledged that there was more work to be done.

Fire

Mike Franklin drew the meeting's attention to printed flyers on a campaign being run by Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service regarding inappropriate parking on residential streets and the hazard posed to fire engine access to such streets in cases of emergencies. Members of the public were being encouraged to call and report any streets thought to be inaccessible by fire engines due to thoughtless random parking. It was suggested that copies of the flyers be sent to the Warminster Planning Department.

Warminster and Villages Community Partnership

Glen Turner informed the meeting that the services of the Partnership Coordinator had been lost due to lack of funding and the Partnership was currently relying on voluntary effort. He mentioned that a detailed report on the Partnership's activities would be published in February 2016 and circulated to members accordingly.

Town and Parish Councils Nominated Representatives

Heather Abernethie, Warminster Town Clerk, announced that the Town and local Parish Councils had taken delivery of two Speed Indicator Devices and was in consultation with the parish on how to deploy the devices. The Chairman congratulated all those involved in working to get these SIDs.

NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England have awarded Virgin Care the contract to provide community child health services in Wiltshire for the next five years.

Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group received £540 million for commissioning healthcare services for the population of Wiltshire and in this current financial year the CCG was set to overspend by £2.4 million, around 0.5% of its total funding.

The national **Stay Well This Winter** campaign which started on 5 October 2015 would run until 27 March 2016 and would also be providing advice to those with long-term health conditions, over 65s, pregnant women and parents of under-sevens.

Finally, it was stated a report from Sarah Jeffries Clerk to Horningsham, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield and Upper Deverill Parishes would be circulated after the meeting.

7. Local Youth Network Update

Young people Ben Mitchell and Cailean Snook gave a detailed presentation on the state of Warminster Skate Park showing photographic evidence of the various parts needing repair. They informed the meeting that the £100,000 required would be used to build a more durable and safer Skate park. A social media campaign had been commissioned and there were plans of organising fund raising events and soliciting sponsorship from local business.

The Chairman commended the young presenters on a very detailed and impressive presentation. Cllr Pip Ridout informed the meeting that she was working closely with the youth on this project and was confident that joint funding could be sought from the Area Board, Local Youth Network and Town Council as this was a capital project.

8. Your Local Issues

Cllr Paul Macdonald, Warminster Town Council questioned whether there was an up to date local flood risk management strategy in place for Warminster and how robustly the exceptional weather being experienced was being handled. Bill Parks, Wiltshire Council, Head of Local Highways, informed the meeting that flood risk assessments and planning were in place for the whole County. Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philippe noted that Wiltshire County is the only county with a Cabinet member designated with responsibility on flooding and related issues and that all necessary reports on work being done have been duly published. The Community Engagement Manager Jacqui Abbot was tasked with contacting the relevant Wiltshire Council officer to furnish the Warminster Town Council on all published reports on work being done specifically against flooding in Warminster.

Karen Woollard, a resident, expressed concerns regarding news about businesses being able to apply for fracking licences in Warminster. Ms. Woollard mentioned that members of the community were monitoring the situation very closely. She requested that any developments regarding fracking in the area were promptly communicated to the community. Stella Yates, a resident, reiterated these concerns noting the potential negative impact that fracking could have on tourism in the area. Another concern expressed was whether it would be possible for an application for fracking exploratory work to be granted under delegated powers?

Members assured the meeting that there were rigorous procedures in place for acquiring planning permission to commence fracking and that the issue of the licence did not give automatic authority for fracking to commence in the area. Members noted that this was a very sensitive issue for the community and that any developments would be duly communicated. The Chairman observed that a number of documented briefings have been circulated by the Council regarding fracking and links to these reports would be included in the minutes for the meeting.

Dr Neil Carpenter, Corsley Parish Council, informed the meeting that a meeting had been held with BT and data released by the company concerning its service in the community had been queried as it was far removed from the information the Parish held on BT service.

9. Police and Crime Commissioner - Precept Consultation

Clive Barker, Chief Finance Officer from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, gave a presentation on the policing and crime element of council tax consultation. He informed the meeting that 38% of police income was based on council tax with the bulk of funding coming from grants.

	<p>Mr. Barker noted that the current Band D council tax for policing of £163.98 per household was the lowest in the region and the proposed increase of £3.12 per household per year would provide an additional funding of £760,000 in 2016-17. He revealed that even with this increase, the revised tax of £167.10 remained well below the 2015-16 national average of £174.81.</p> <p>The public consultation process was taking place from Wednesday 16 December through to Wednesday 3 February 2016 and more information could be obtained from the Commissioner's website: www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk</p>
10.	<p><u>The new Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</u></p> <p>Darran Gunter, Chief Fire Officer, informed the meeting that on 1st April 2016 the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would replace the two existing services in Dorset and Wiltshire. He shared the vision of the new service as being "passionate about changing and saving lives" and outlined the main areas of priority in a video presentation as helping people to make safer and healthier choices, protecting people and the environment from harm, being there when needed and making every penny count.</p> <p>A concern was raised about the changes to pension schemes and the realistic impact on the physical capabilities of service personal at the current retirement age of 60 years. Mr. Gunter acknowledged this and mentioned that service personnel were subject to a rigorous fitness regime which ensured that they were not a hazard to themselves or to the public. Discussions on the prospects of collaborative work with the Police and Ambulance services were made with Mr. Gunter noting that the heads of the different services were keen to work together to explore synergies and deliver a service that was efficient and cost effective.</p>
11.	<p><u>Regeneration Working Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Keith Humphries informed the meeting that there was nothing to update at present as a meeting was due in three weeks' time and a report would follow for circulation shortly after that.</p>
12.	<p><u>Area Board Funding - Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered applications for community grant funding to support positive activities in the community and agreed the resolution detailed below.</p>

Resolved:

To grant Upper Deverill Village Hall £629.72 towards the purchase of small folding tables.

The Community Engagement Officer also informed the meeting about key events coming out in the year. She outlined the following events taking place:

- Giant street party on The Mall - Sunday 12 June 2016 in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday.
- "Clean up for The Queen" campaign to be launched in March to end of May 2016.
- Olympic Games activities – schools mini Olympics, Big Pledge 'Road to Rio' Funding Future Olympians.
- Cycle Wiltshire event weekend of 7/8 May 2016– new routes added for all ages and abilities.

13. Urgent items

There were no urgent items to consider.

14. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Warminster Area Board will be held on 03 March 2016 at 7pm at the Warminster Civic Centre.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.