

# **Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board**

<b>Update from</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council</b>
<b>Date of Area Board Meeting</b>	26 Sept 2018

## **Headlines/Key Issues**

- An appeal against Wiltshire Council's decision to refuse the planning application for a significant housing and commercial development to the North of RWB was started on 18<sup>th</sup> September. However, this appeal was adjourned by the Inspector until 3<sup>rd</sup> December to allow the developers, Leda Properties/Tesco Stores Ltd/Lidl GmbH, to provide an assessment of the drainage issues that had previously be raised by the RWB Town Council and residents. The Town Council remains opposed to this development and the recently adopted RWB Neighbourhood plan confirmed that RWB has met its statutory required Housing quota up to 2026.

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- The Town Council has organised a Public Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the next steps for the Forever Stone Poppy, which collapsed under its own weight earlier this year. We expect that this meeting will be very well attended based on feedback from the RWB community.

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- The Salvation Army Housing Association (SAHA) has now applied for planning permission for its Marlborough Road development. RWB TC planning committee called in the application and the associated meeting was attended by a number of interested residents. The RWB Planning Committee registered its opposition to this development highlighting that RWB has met its housing quota and that the site may not be the most suitable location for such a large number of social housing units.

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- The new RWB Town Council website has been launched. Please take time to visit us at [www.woottonbassett.gov.uk](http://www.woottonbassett.gov.uk)

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- RWB will host its annual Town Crier competition on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Our resident Crier, Owen Collier, will host a number of competitors and we expect a good turn out for this popular event.
- RWB Civic Service will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 3.00pm. The Mayor, Cllr Mike Farrow, welcomes residents from RWB and surrounding areas to this event.