

Update for Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board

Update from	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	23 January 2019

Headlines/Key Issues

- Planning Appeal, Marsh Farm – The decision of the planning Inspector on the proposal for a Lidl supermarket, housing and a care home is awaited. Representatives of the Town Council and local residents gave evidence to the appeal and the major concerns about drainage, infrastructure and the economy of the High Street amongst other matters. The Town Council remains strongly opposed to the proposal especially as the recently adopted RWB Neighbourhood plan confirmed that RWB has met its statutory required housing quota up to 2026.

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- An increase of 2.5% on the precept was approved by the council.

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- The Royal Wootton Bassett Keep Britain Tidy Group was awarded a grant of £750 by the Town Council.

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- There had been a public consultation to ascertain the views of residents over the future of the badly damaged Poppy sculpture. The results of the consultation, which finished before Christmas will be considered by the council in the near future.

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- The council is proposing to create a new baby section and cremated remains section in the cemetery. A report has been commissioned and will be considered later in the year.

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- The council is considering proposals for creation of a “Pocket Park” adjacent to the High Street

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- The Town Council is disappointed that an accord could not be reached with Wiltshire Council on a proposed joint development of the Royal Wootton Bassett Community Hub. The Town Council continues to investigate alternative approaches to providing further meeting spaces that meets the expanding needs of our community but look forward to the update Hub that our County Council will facilitate.
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- The Town Council welcomes the move by Wiltshire Council to suspend new Sunday parking charges in Borough Fields car park.

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