

Amesbury Area Community Plan: Housing, Economic Development, Planning & Tourism Panel

Draft Minutes of the meeting held at 6.30pm on 4th September 2013 at The Community Resource Centre, Amesbury

Subject: **Wiltshire Council/Balfour Beatty Highways and Streetscene**

Present: Cllr Fred Westmoreland, Cllr John Smale, Cllr Graham Wright, Dawn Wilson (WFCAP) Fiona Cramer (Idmiston PC), David & Becky Baker (Winterbourne), Mark Shuldham (Wylve), Jan McKernan (Shrewton), Roger Fisher (Amesbury), Jackie Clark (Bulford), Jenny MacDougall (Wylve/Steeple Langford), David Grover (Steeple Langford), David Goodman and Mary Towel (Durrington), Jackie Dryden (Figheldean), Virginia Neal

Apologies: Cllr Mike Hewitt, John Gibbs (Stapleford)

Introduction: Cllr Fred Westmoreland stressed the informal nature of the meeting which he arranged to provide a forum at which representatives from the whole community are able to raise and discuss issues of concern. The Area Board panels have been set up to serve the community.

The Highways & Streetscene contract needs to be monitored but it must be recognised that the contract can and should evolve to allow for changes to be made. This panel can provide a forum for information gathering leading to actions to continue to improve the way the contract is working.

Each Parish or Town representative outlined issues within their communities that required input. The issues raised are summarised on the attached spreadsheet.

All Representatives were in agreement that the new contract had started in a positive way with particular reference to Craig Campbell and Andy Cole. The grass cutting service has had a positive response.

There are a number of aspects of the contract that could be improved by Wiltshire Council/Balfour Beatty, including communication, acknowledgement and notification when contacted. The lack of feedback provided is a frustration to Parish Councils. The state of the roads was of particular concern. There are still a number of roads in the area that are still un-adopted, this is an issue for grass cutting, maintenance etc

Parishes need to check on the Wiltshire Council website exact details of what is in the contract for each area:

The link to the PDF document is

at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/amesburyareaboard.htm>

Scroll down to Amesbury Area Board Highways information link- <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/area-board-highway-info-amesbury.pdf>

This document details contact for the Community Area Coordinator and contact details as well as what is covered and schedules. It lists work done for 12/13 and proposed works for 13/14.

Conclusion: This meeting has identified a number of issues with the Highways & Streetscene contract that should be addressed. The next meeting is planned for late October/early November, Andy Cole and Craig Campbell will be invited to attend.

The reporting system on the Area Board website will be reviewed so that it can easily be accessed by representatives to report and record issues of concern relating to the Highways & Streetscene contract.