

MINUTES

Meeting: CORSHAM AREA BOARD
Place: Box Pavilion, Valens Terrace, Box, SN13 8NT
Date: 19 March 2015
Start Time: 7.00 pm
Finish Time: 8.50 pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

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

Wiltshire Council Officers

Penny Bell, Community Engagement Officer
Libby Beale, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Xina Hart, Community Youth Officer
Alistair Cunningham, Associate Director for Economy and Planning
Carolyn Gibson, Spatial Planning Manager
Georgina Campitt-dix- Head of Service, Economy and Regeneration

Town and Parish Councillors

Corsham Town Council – Ivis Thompson
Biddeston parish Council- Tim Smith,
Box Parish Council – Alan Clench
Colerne Parish Council – John Bull
Lacock Parish Council

Partners

Police – PC Hazel Anderson
Healthwatch Wiltshire- Anne Keat
Rotary- Mac Place, Peter Wragg
Local Youth Network- Joshua Towers

Total in attendance: 23

<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 meeting and members of the Area Board introduced themselves.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from the following:</p> <p>Ruth Hopkinson, Corsham Town Council Dave Martin, Corsham Town Council Jennie Hartless, Box Parish Council Inspector Dave Hobman, Wiltshire Police Mike Franklin, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service Kevin Gaskin, Corsham Community Area Network Rita McLoughlin, Corsham Schools Group</p>
3	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2015.</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 explained that Universal Credit had begun in Wiltshire on 16 March 2015 and drew attention to further details in the agenda pack.</p> <p>An update from Healthwatch Wiltshire was available in the agenda pack. Anne Keat added that a specialist dementia care hospital was to be located in Salisbury and promoted the awareness of Dementia in the Corsham area.</p> <p>The Chairman advised it had been Child Sexual Exploitation awareness day on 18 March and encouraged those present to join the 'pledge' on www.stop-cse.org to raise awareness and prevent this form of abuse.</p> <p>Alistair Cunningham, Associate Director for Economy and Planning, and Carolyn Gibson, Spatial Planning Manager, gave a presentation on the Chippenham Site Allocations Plan. It was explained that 4,510 new homes and 26.5 hectares of employment were needed in Chippenham by 2026 and the plan would identify appropriate locations for this development. A map of strategic areas for housing</p>

	<p>and mixed-use sites was shown, Corsham and Lacock parish were included in these areas. A consultation on the draft plan was running until 8 April, and public feedback was encouraged. It was understood that, should feedback be reasonably positive, the Site Allocations Plan would be submitted to the Secretary of State in June 2015.</p> <p>During a question and answer session it was confirmed that the provision of healthcare was a consideration in the Plan. A question was raised over the determination of extant planning permissions in the local area and officers suggested it would be inadvisable to delay their determination for longer than necessary. The meeting noted that the A350 was considered the western boundary of Chippenham under the current Plan. It was verified that an application from 'The Range' would go to the Strategic Planning Committee. Parish and Town Councils were assured that their identification of settlement boundaries would help to ensure that local development was appropriate and they could expect to be contacted by planning officers again in the summer of 2015. The Area Board thanked the officers and their teams for their hard work in developing the Core Strategy and the associated Chippenham Site Allocations Plan.</p>
6	<p><u>Partner Updates</u></p> <p>PC Hazel Anderson provided an overview of recent crime in the area including drug-related crime, burglary, and theft. An appeal was made for information on the owner of a young Alsatian dog following an attack on sheep on 6 March 2015. It was emphasized that there had recently been an increase in domestic burglaries and residents should secure their properties even when they were occupied.</p> <p>Written updates from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service and the Clinical Commissioning Group were available in the agenda pack. It was noted that the single Children's Community Health Service for Wiltshire did not appear to incorporate mental health services.</p> <p>A written update from Corsham Town Council was available in the agenda pack. Box Parish Council updated the Area Board that it had reduced its precept for 2015/16. Colerne Parish Council informed the Area Board that it had prepared a snow plan, a tree planting scheme for the skate park had been finalised and local views had been submitted in relation to the aircraft hangar development.</p> <p>Penny Bell, Community Engagement Officer, advised that following a successful Health Fayre in Corsham in November 2014, this would be rolled out to the parishes. At parish health fayres there would be a slipper exchange, as well as health advice and refreshments.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the Corsham Means Business Show on 18 March organised by the Chamber of Commerce had been a great success.</p>

	<p>Mac Place and Peter Wragg introduced the Rotary Club and sought feedback on local appetite for this organisation. The representatives explained that Rotary supported and promoted local communities. The club offered a broad range of social activities, and was open to all ages and sexes, it was noted that the club had a vibrant youth division.</p>
7	<p><u>Legacy</u></p> <p>Penny Bell introduced the Legacy project which had started following local celebrations in 2012 for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and London Olympics. The 2014 World War One commemorations and Cycle Wiltshire Event were examples of how communities continued to come together following 2012. Details of up-coming events in 2015 were provided, in particular on 15 June 2015 celebrations would be held in Salisbury to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. Corsham community area had been invited to join a procession and firework display in Salisbury, alternatively residents were encouraged to celebrate locally.</p> <p>The Chairman praised the community for engagement from 2012 and encouraged it to celebrate in 2015.</p>
8	<p><u>Budget 2015-2016</u></p> <p>The Area Board had not yet been allocated a budget for 2015-16, therefore no update was available.</p>
9	<p><u>Local Youth Network (LYN)</u></p> <p>Xina Hart, Community Youth Officer, updated the meeting that she had been engaging with young people in the community area and over 200 had responded to a questionnaire to indentify their needs and priorities. An event for young people had been held at Springfield Community Campus in February by KIK radio and had been well attended. The officer introduced a funding application from the Pound Arts Trust, the LYN management group had scored the application and was in support as it would provide young people will the opportunity to organise events themselves.</p> <p>The Area Board considered the application and agreed it would provide a positive activity for young people in Corsham.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant the Pound Arts Trust £1,500 for the ‘TAKEOVER’ project.</p>

	<p>To note the update and minutes of the last LYN Management Group meeting held on 24 February 2015.</p>
10	<p><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that Corsham Area Board had a remaining balance of £6,169.14 in its capital budget for 2014/15. Current applications for funding totalled £7,148, and so if approved, would leave a deficit of £978.86. It was proposed, and agreed by the applicants that the remaining funding be granted to them on a pro-rata basis.</p> <p>A representative from Lacock Parish Council spoke in support of its application which was considered by the Area Board. Cllr Dick Tonge explained the Area Board would not usually grant revenue funding however in this instance it would provide seed money for a larger capital project, it had been authorised.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant Lacock Parish Council £3,452 for a community stakeholder consultation for the Lacock Sports Pavilion development.</p> <p>A representative from Corsham Cricket Club spoke in support of its application which was considered by the Area Board. Cllr Whalley expressed support for the club which was much used by the local community.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To grant Corsham Cricket Club, £2,716 for new sports equipment.</p> <p>The Area Board considered a recommendation from the Community Engagement Officer to ring-fence its remaining revenue balance to fund local projects, including three rural slipper exchanges. It was explained the officer had delegated authority from the Area Board to allocate this funding as necessary between Area Board meetings and would report expenditure to a future meeting of the Area Board for approval.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To allocate the Area Board's remaining revenue balance, £351.65, to support community projects between Area Board meetings, as identified by the Community Engagement Officer.</p> <p>A representative from Box Pre-school and playground updated the Area Board that since it had originally granted the organisation funding, the project had been revised slightly. The Area Board agreed it would continue to support the project.</p>

	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>To thank Box Pre-school and playground for the update and confirm the Area Board's continued support for the project.</p>
11	<p><u>Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>Cllr Dick Tonge introduced the minutes and actions arising from the last CATG meeting. In particular, the Councillor highlighted that Ivis Thomson had investigated the location of signage on Velley Hill with officers and established an appropriate location. The proposed location was explained and it was commented that the lack of signage posed a danger and so should be agreed upon at this meeting. Comments from the public and members of the CATG were invited and the Area Board considered the proposed location of the signage.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To agree that signage be located just south of The Close and should include a reference to 'Coppershell'</p> <p>Cllr Tonge updated that the CATG was awaiting a response from the Ministry of Defence in relation to the use of Skynet Drive and there would be an update on the Corsham Estate permissive path at the next meeting. Additionally, one way/no cycling signage was to be removed from High Street Corsham and redundant signage was to be removed from the A4 in Pickwick.</p> <p>Feedback from the public was invited on the request for 30mph speed limit on the C155 in Gastard which the CATG had recommended not to support. Rae Marshman challenged the CATG recommendation and process, suggesting letters of objection to the request were not valid and the recommendation not to support the request was flawed because the reasoning was that the nature of the road prevented excessive speed and a 30mph speed limit would be difficult to enforce. Anecdotal evidence of speeding was provided and it was suggested the current speed limit was dangerous.</p> <p>Cllr Tonge emphasised that the CATG was not a decision-making body and the decision would, in this case, be made by the Cabinet member following a recommendation from the Area Board. The public was assured that local views would be incorporated in the report to the Cabinet member.</p> <p>Corsham Town Councillor, Ivis Thompson, and Colerne Parish Councillor John Bull, both of whom attended the CATG when this topic was discussed, commented that speeding was rarely an issue in this location as the nature of the road deterred drivers from speeding and that a 30mph speed limit would be difficult to enforce. Members considered the recommendation from the CATG.</p>

	<p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the Area Board recommends that the proposal to change the speed limit on the C155 is not supported and that this recommendation be sent to the Cabinet member to be considered with other responses from consultees.</p> <p>The Area Board was asked to consider the proposed list of highways maintenance schemes 2014/15 and attention was drawn to investments that had already been made. It was identified that Mons Lane Junction would undergo improvements in March 2015. Skid resistance treatment to road surfaced was explained and it was confirmed that officers had prioritised routes in the worst conditions. The public were encouraged to contact town and parish councils and highways officers if they felt additional roads required attention.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>To note progress made on implementing road resurfacing and safety schemes in 2014/15 and agree the proposed list of highway maintenance schemes for 2015/16 in the Corsham area.</p> <p>To note the minutes and actions from the last CATG meeting held on 12 February 2015.</p>
12	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>The next meeting of Corsham Area Board would be held on 21 May 2015 at Springfield Community Campus, Corsham.</p>

Crime and Community Safety Briefing Paper Corsham Community Area Board March 2015



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

Sgt: PS Nick Cooke

Town Centre Team

Beat Manager – PC Hazel Anderson
PCSO – Shaun Redmond

Rural Team

Beat Manager – PC Mandie Ball
PCSO – Alan Byrne

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

Up-to-date details about Neighbourhood Policing Teams including team membership, current priorities and forthcoming community consultation events can be found on the Wiltshire Police Website.

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3. Performance and Other Local Issues:

Drugs –

A Section 23 Drugs Warrant was executed at a local address, an adult male was arrested and issued a Caution for possession.

During the hours of darkness three males were stopped and searched in the grounds of Colerne primary School. 1 male was arrested for possession of cannabis.

Two males were searched whilst parked in a remote spot on Naish Hill, Lacock – both were found to have Cannabis on them and both received a Cannabis street warning.

Burglary –

Two unknown offenders attempted to gain access to the Post Office in Box by prizing open the front door with a flat bladed instrument. Although it is a victorian door the locks on the inside are immense and access was not gained.

There have been two house burglaries where on both occasions jewellery was taken. One of the houses was in Neston and the other in Lacock.

An unknown offender entered an insecure and occupied property on Hartham Lane and stole a handbag containing money and jewellery.

An adult male was arrested for a burglary at Pickwick Motors, whereby entry was gained, keys to vehicles on the forecourt were then stolen, he was also arrested for two other offences.

Non-Dwelling burglaries –

Entry was gained to an electrical suppliers building on Methuen Park, nothing was stolen.

Entry was gained to an outbuilding in Pockeridge and a quantity of tools to the value of approximately £5,000 was stolen.

Entry was gained to a business premises on Westwells and tools to the value of £2,000 were taken.

There were two attempt burglaries to garages, one on Alexander Terrace and one on Bewley Lane in Lacock, nothing was stolen from either garage.

A red quad bike used on a Farm, was stolen from off the driveway at an address in Norbin in Box. The keys had been left in the ignition.

Indecent Exposure –

An adult male has been arrested for indecent exposure and received a caution.

Criminal Damage –

An unattended van parked on Lypiatt Road had the window smashed, a chainsaw and quantity of diesel was then stolen.

A number of window wipers and aerials were removed from cars parked in Neeld Court and Pickwick Road. Most of the items were recovered and Police have managed to return to the owners.

An unattended car parked in Colerne village had the door kicked causing a dent and a wing mirror kicked off.

Theft –

A 50" TV was stolen from the Co-op in the Martingate Centre. The mobile CCTV camera which is located on the junction of Newlands Road and Pickwick Road, assisted with identifying the registration of the car and the suspect (who is not local), is currently in Prison and will be interviewed regarding this.

A few months ago an unknown male was entering St Paticks Church and stealing money from the collection boxes, food from the foodbank and a quantity of candles. Corsham NPT viewed the pattern of his visits on CCTV and sat in a hidden room waiting for him to return, which he did. As the Church declined to prosecute, his details were taken to be circulated and he was given strong words of advice not to return. In the Officer's presence he was also spoken to at length by the priest regarding his behaviour, his life circumstances and how he can go forward from here.

Two female youths have been issued Community Resolutions with regard to a theft from the Factory Shop (this is the new name for Local Resolutions), whereby suspects are identified and their details recorded but they do not have a criminal record.

A local female youth has been issued with a Community Resolution for a theft from the Co-op on Macie Drive. She has paid for the stolen goods and wrote a letter of apology.

Offenders were disturbed in Ashley, Box whilst rifling through an insecure vehicle which was parked on the driveway of a home. The home owner happened to come out of the front door to go out again, the offenders ran off empty handed. Please ensure you lock your vehicles at all times – even if you are just popping in the house for a few minutes.

A large pressure washer was stolen from a driveway in the Bradford Road area. The home owners were woken by a noise outside and saw 3 males on his driveway trying to load the pressure washer into the boot of their vehicle. The Offenders made their escape but were then stopped and arrested by the Police half a mile down the road.

A catalytic converter was stolen from an unattended vehicle parked in the layby on Chequers Hill.

The opening of TK MAXX took place on the 19th February one adult male has been arrested for theft and going equipped. Also an unknown person has stolen a purse from a customers bag and then attempted to withdraw money from a cashpoint without success.

Traffic Incidents –

A local male was arrested for Drink Driving and possession of a controlled Drug after he crashed his car near to the Rudloe Arms Hotel.

A non-injury RTC occurred at the Lackham Roundabout whereby the driver lost control and collided with roadside furniture.

An RTC occurred at Fiveways between a car and a van. One of the drivers was injured and the other is being prosecuted for careless driving.

Appeal –

On Friday 6th March at approximately 14.00 hours, 3 sheep were attacked by an Alsatian dog at a small holding in Corsham, one of which had to be destroyed and two received medical attention. We believe two adult females had lost their Alsatian dog in the Corsham Court area and we are trying to establish their identity in order to discuss this matter with them.

Anti-Social Behaviour –

Previously we advised that Sovereign Housing would be fencing off the arch-way opposite the Co-op on Macie Drive due to reports of ASB, this has now been done and we have not received any further complaints.

A local youth has been banned from Dominos Pizzas for making homophobic comments to staff and acting in an anti-social manner. He has been referred to the ASBRAC (Anti-social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference) panel, which is a multi agency meeting.

Information –

We held another Bluez n' Zuz Disco at Corsham School with a Valentine theme 11-16 year olds, those who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we are planning another for Easter.

Corsham Town NPT attended Corsham Regis School for their Careers Fair and talked to individual classes about the Police Force.

Corsham Town and Corsham Rural NPT attended Corsham Primary, St Patricks School, Corsham Regis, Neston, Box and Broadwood Primary Schools on 10th February for Internet Safety Day, where they delivered valuable information to mainly Year 6 students.

Corsham NPT assisted 9 Supply Regiment RLC with their march through Chippenham Town on Monday 9th March. This was to celebrate Commonwealth Day and so they could exercise their right to the Freedom of the Town.

PCSO Barry Mussard has left the Force and started a new job. Also, PS Nick Cooke retired from the Force on the 17th March, PS Ben Huggins stationed at Calne Police Station will look after both Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

Community Speed Watch (CSW) –

Residents of Neston have recently had training at Devizes HQ for a new Community Speed Watch scheme in Elley Green. This gives residents the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve quality and safety in their community. PC Ball will be meeting with the Elley Green Team leader next week to coordinate and support the first live session. For more information on CSW in the Corsham area please e-mail nptcorsham@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

Community Engagement –

In addition to the Wiltshire Police website, Corsham NPT also regularly update a Facebook Page at facebook.com/CorshamPolice. This has been effective in putting out local crime warnings (in addition to usual methods such as Neighbourhood Watch), appeals for witnesses or information and for putting out good-news stories. We also use the site to tell the community about upcoming consultations. So far over 706 people have joined the page to receive updates posted by the NPT – if you are on Facebook please join us.

EF Corsham NPT	Crime				Detections*	
	12 Months to February 2014	12 Months to February 2015	Volume Change	% Change	12 Months to February 2014	12 Months to February 2015
Victim Based Crime	494	560	+66	● +13.4%	16%	18%
Domestic Burglary	19	27	+8	● +42.1%	0%	7%
Non Domestic Burglary	65	47	-18	● -27.7%	3%	4%
Vehicle Crime	56	42	-14	● -25.0%	0%	2%
Criminal Damage & Arson	131	135	+4	● +3.1%	12%	23%
Violence Against The Person	94	138	+44	● +46.8%	32%	28%
ASB Incidents	378	491	+113	● +29.9%		

* Detections include both Sanction Detections and Local Resolutions

Dave Hobman
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