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**CHIPPENHAM AREA (3)
COMMITTEE**

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

**Minutes of the Chippenham Area Committee (3) Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2006
at the Council Offices, Monkton Park, Chippenham, commencing 7:00pm.**

Present:

Councillor D.B. AllenChairman

Councillors H.R. Barton, C. Crisp, S.K. Doubell, P.G. Green, V.H. Greenman, R.J. Henning, R.B. MacGregor, S.D. Meadows, D.M. Moore, T.J.A. Northey, J.H. Rooke, and J.M. Wood.

County/Town/Parish Council Representatives:

A. Butler	Biddestone & Slaughterford Parish Council
A. Bishop	Castle Combe Parish Council
A. Noblet	Chippenham Town Council
J. Stacey	Chippenham Without Parish Council
B. Pettifer	Langley Burrell Parish Council
L. Workman	Sutton Bengier Parish Council

Officers Present:

N. Fenwick (Strategic Manager - Customer Services), M. Gilmour (Principal Community Partnerships Officer), L. May (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant), J. Moody (Partnership Development Officer), W. Oulton (Policy & Democratic Services Officer), and V. Welsh (Community Partnerships Officer)

CH16. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P.G. Allnatt, C.R. Coleman, N.M. Phillips and J.A. Scott and from H. Purdon of Chippenham Town Council and L. Palmer of Grittleton Parish Council.

CH17. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.



CH18. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2006 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2006 be confirmed as correct record.

CH19. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:

1. Update on "Hub Club" application

We are informed that due to the number of submissions for hub club status, the review of applications is still being undertaken by the Wiltshire and Swindon Activity Sports Partnership (WASP). It will take some time to agree a way forward that will represent best value for the budget available, that will be fair to all and best for the County and WASP will arrange a meeting to discuss the candidate's projects.

2. Chippenham High Street Issues - Obstructions to Pedestrians

The following update has been received from Emma King of Chippenham Town Council.

The Town Centre Partnership Sub-Committee have put forward a proposal for the new policy asking the display boards/A frames be limited to one per business in the High Street and that they are displayed within their curtilage. I (Emma King) have forwarded this information to Kristian Price who I believe is still liaising with Wiltshire County Council (WCC) regarding the preparation of a new policy.

3. Possible Closure of Chippenham High Street

It was resolved at the last meeting of the Committee that Chippenham Town Council be requested to convene a meeting between themselves, WCC, the Police and representatives from Area 3 to further explore the proposal to close the High Street to vehicles permanently. A letter from Chippenham Town Council was received on 7th July 2006 stating that they could not convene such a meeting as it is for the Highways Authority of WCC to take such a decision and they should consult with those involved to reach a decision and implement it. We will write to the Lead Member at WCC on behalf of the Committee requesting that we are included in any consultation that takes place and that we are informed of any decisions reached.

4. Chippenham 20:20 Group

The NWDC contact for the Chippenham 20:20 Group has informed that the Group should be invited to the October meeting of the Committee.

5. Update on Police Community Support Officers

We were due to receive an update on the position regarding Police Community Support Officers, but due to the absence of NWDC's Community Safety Officer and Inspector Christian Lange of Wiltshire Police - the update will be postponed to the October meeting of the Committee.

6. **Wiltshire Community Web-site**

The Wiltshire Community Web has been set up by the Wiltshire Customer First Partnership, a partnership that brings together all of Wiltshire's major public sector agencies. Funding was secured from County and District Council's along with the Voluntary and Community Sector through the Governments 'Change Up' Programme. A local voluntary organisation, 'Community First' manage the site on behalf of the partners.

The idea is simple - to allow local groups, parish councils, councillors and clubs the chance to build and maintain web-sites for **free** and provide a single place in which a range of community sites can link and be easily found. The site was officially launched on 24th April 2006, and we are now wish to encourage as many local groups, clubs and Councillors etc. to help populate the site. If you already have a web-site, then you are still able to create a single web page and have a link to your main web-site.

Just click on the 'Create a Site' button when you enter the site. <http://www.northwilts-communityweb.com/>

Kathryn Spencer from Corporate Admin & Member Support will be happy to offer support, if you need help setting up your web-site. Please contact Kathryn on 01249 706371.

7. **Grittleton Cricket Club**

Thanks had been received from Grittleton Cricket Club who had had their opening following refurbishment the previous week (the Chippenham Area 3 Committee had given them a grant of £10,000 towards the works).

CH20. **Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations made in respect of any items on the Agenda.

CH21. **The Future of Area Committees - Workshop**

Members of the Community Partnership and Policy & Democratic Services Team were in attendance to facilitate a workshop (which gave consideration to the future of Area Committees) involving members of the public and Councillors. Information gathered during the workshop would be fed into the Report going to the Executive on 31st August 2006 and to Council on 5th September 2006.

CH22. **Spatial Planning Advisory Group**

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 (circulated with the Agenda) which requested two representatives of the Area Committee to attend the Spatial Planning Advisory Group.

Resolved that Councillor R.B. MacGregor and Councillor T.J.A. Northey be the representatives of the Chippenham Area (3) Committee on the Spatial Planning Advisory Group.

CH23. Urgent Matters Sub Committee

Resolved that

- (1) Councillor S. D. Meadows be appointed to sit along with the Chairman and Vice Chairman as the Urgent Matters Sub-Committee.
- (2) Councillors C. Crisp, D.M. Moore and J.M. Wood be appointed as substitutes for the Urgent Matters Sub-Committee.

CH24. Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to Report No. 10 (circulated with the Agenda) which reviewed the membership of outside bodies and enabled those members appointed to outside bodies to update the Committee on any topical issues.

Resolved that it be noted that North Wiltshire District Council representation for the Castle Combe Golf Course Conservation Committee and the Chippenham Community Safety Area Group are no longer required and that they are therefore removed from the appropriate records.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.
There were 5 members of the public present.