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**CORSHAM AREA (4)
COMMITTEE**

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Minutes of the Corsham Area (4) Committee held on Tuesday 10th July 2007 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Corsham

Present

Councillor E. Marston (Chairman)

Councillors K.A. Banks, J.M. Hartless, H.T. Jones, S.G. Parker, C. Reid and R.L. Tonge.

County/Town/Parish Council Representatives

Councillor R. Taylor	Corsham Town Council
Councillor P. Ansty	Corsham Town Council
Councillor M. Rousell	Box Parish Council
Mr A. Cannings	Corsham Area Community Partnership

Officers Present

J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant), P. Jeremiah (Team Leader – Legal Services) and D. Stirling (Assets, Design & Regeneration Manager).

CO15. Apologies

None received.

CO16. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

CO17. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 16th and 22nd May 2007 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

Resolved that the Minutes of the meetings held on the 16th and 22nd May 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record.



CO18. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman, Councillor E. Marston, stated that the funding application concerning Corsham Station would be considered at the next meeting of the Committee, in order to allow more opportunity for discourse between the two groups.

CO19. A Play Strategy for North Wiltshire

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 informing Members that a draft Play Strategy is now available for consultation and inviting comments from the Area Committee.

Issues discussed included:

- That the Council's hopes for an allocation of Big Lottery money is conditional on a strategy being in place;
- That the full submission will be made to the Big Lottery Fund in September and the result should be known in November;
- The Corsham Town Council consultation;
- That National Play Day will take place on the 1st August 2007;
- That Corsham is well provided for in terms of play areas and the skate park;
- The status of the Mansion House Youth Club;
- That play is to be encouraged through all age groups; and
- If you would like any further information about the Wiltshire Play Partnership or the Wiltshire Play Strategy, please contact Carolyn Port, play development advisor for Wiltshire County Council on 01980 863698 or at carolynport@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Resolved

- 1) That the Committee note that the draft Play Strategy 2007-2012 is now available as a working document for consultation and that adoption of the Play Strategy and agreement of the project portfolio for the lottery bid has been delegated to Team Leader in consultation with the Executive Portfolio Holder.
- 2) That a letter be sent expressing the Committee's concern about the difficulties experienced by the Mansion House Youth Club in finding a new site and inviting representatives to the next meeting to discuss the issue.
- 3) That S. Parker be thanked for her input into the Strategy.

CO20. Community Planning Update

Mr A. Cannings was in attendance to provide an update on community planning issues:

Issues raised included:

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- That the work of the Partnership is suffering through lack of active members;
- The Partnership had a stand at the Westlea Community event in June and will have one at the Corsham Fete on the 21st July to gauge what is important to people in the community;
- The Partnership have bought a gazebo, a projector and screen, water boilers, an A3 laminator, plus smaller items which are available for use by community groups (and for a small charge to businesses);
- The Partnership are supporting the Corsham Alternative Sport Event on the 22nd September, a website is almost ready and flyers will be sent to schools in Chippenham, Corsham and Calne advertising the event;
- The Partnership are supporting the E Colerne festival in September;
- That projects may be the way to get people involved;
- The Market & Coastal Towns Initiative funds allotted to the Partnership have been expended;
- The importance of the Partnership if Wiltshire goes Unitary; and
- The Partnership's annual event is provisionally planned for the 7th November 2007.

Resolved to note the update on community planning.

CO21. Car Parking Update

Information relating to income from the Corsham car parks was circulated by Councillor R.L. Tonge. He stated that revenue has increased since the charges were increased, that software is needed to assess usage in the first hour, that more traders have expressed a wish to join the reimbursement scheme and that the Car Parking Working Group will consider the charging issue.

Issues discussed included:

- The trading patterns in Corsham town centre.

CO22. Parish Council Update

Box Parish Council – Councillor M. Rousell

The campaign to provide a new pavilion for the Box play field was underway, with car boot sales and dances planned. It is hoped that the pavilion will play host to a new 'green room' which currently has over 70 members.

Lacock Parish Council – Councillor R.L. Tonge

The Parish Council is particularly concerned about the possible expansion of Chippenham southward into the river valley.

Colerne Parish Council - Councillor R.L. Tonge

Colerne is experiencing a spate of vandalism. This appears to be happening on a cyclical basis.

CO23. Outside Bodies

Resolved that the following appointments be made:

Outside Body	Current Representatives
Joint Services Community Liaison Panel	J.M. Hartless
Leafy Lane Playing Fields Project	K.A. Banks & H.T. Jones
Potley and Pockeridge Community Association	S.G. Parker
Rudloe Community Association	K.A. Banks & H.T. Jones
Youth Issues Group	C. Reid

The meeting started at 7:00pm and finished at 8:05pm

There were 4 members of the public present.

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