

**Draft Minutes of the Corsham Area (4) Committee held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, Corsham**

**Present**

Councillor E. Marston (Chairman)

Councillors J.M. Hartless, S.G. Parker, C. Reid and R.L. Tonge.

**County/Town/Parish Council Representatives**

Mrs Carey Box Parish Council  
Councillor M. Rousell Box Parish Council

**Officers Present**

J. Whittleton (Policy & Democratic Services Assistant), P. Jeremiah (Legal Team Manager) and V. Welsh (Community Partnerships Officer).

**CO24. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.B. Meadowcroft, H.T. Jones and P.R. Davis.

**CO25. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions**

There were no public questions nor petitions received.

**CO26. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 (circulated with the Agenda) were considered.

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**CO27. Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman, Councillor E. Marston:

Choice Based Lettings are being introduced as a new way of allocating affordable housing in the District.

For more information or to discuss Choice Based Lettings please contact Jan Parry at North Wiltshire District Council: [jparry@northwilts.gov.uk](mailto:jparry@northwilts.gov.uk) tel – 01249 706666.



**CO28. Declarations of Interest**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Application /item</b>	<b>Type of Interest</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Action</b>
S.G. Parker	Report 8	Personal	Box Parish Council Member	Did not speak or vote.
J.M. Hartless	Report 8	Personal	Box Parish Council Member	Did not speak or vote.

**CO29. Opening of links Between Katherine Park, Bellott Drive and Hatton Way**

An update was given from Mr A. Creedy of Wiltshire County Council.

Members of the public were then given the opportunity to voice their concerns on the topic.

Issues discussed included:

- The role of Wiltshire County Council in planning applications;
- That the developer is required to engage with the local community to determine how the links are to be managed;
- The issue is not whether the links will be opened as the removal of the links are part of the planning permission;
- The discretion lies in how the traffic calming measures will be implemented; and
- That so far local people have not seen any options for traffic calming arrangements or how the consultation will take place.

**Resolved** that the Legal Team Manager be authorised to write to the developer on behalf of the Committee to elicit the developer’s intentions with regard to the links and to state that the Committee and those local residents in attendance do not want the links to be removed.

**CO30. Mansion House Youth Development Centre**

Mr D. Whewell and Mr P. Kallmeier from Wiltshire County Council were in attendance to update the Committee on attempts to find a new site for the Youth Club and to answer questions from the Committee.

Issues discussed included:

- No decisions have been taken about the future of the Mansion House;

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- That the Town Council had been approached with a view to using the land adjacent to the skate park, but it has been earmarked for another purpose;
- Draft plans have been prepared for a new youth club;
- The Mansion House has been valued;
- Anxiety felt by local people over the future of the facilities in the Mansion House; and
- The future of the Play Group at the Mansion House.

**Resolved**

- 1) To note the County Officer's report.
- 2) To request an update on the Play Group's future use of the Mansion House.

**CO31. Dog Control Order – Box Recreation Ground**

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 concerning the making of a Dog Control Order under Section 55 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 requiring dogs to be kept on leads in the Recreation Ground, Box.

Representations were received from Mrs Carey and Councillor M. Rousell of Box Parish Council in support of the Order and from a local resident in objection to the Order.

Issues discussed included:

- The number of complaints about dogs;
- Health and safety;
- Whether the Order can be effectively policed; and
- Provision for dog walkers in box.

**Resolved** to authorise the Legal Services Manager to make the Order subject to excluding the dog walk along the north eastern boundary of the Recreation Ground, such Order to take effect from a date to be determined by him and to publish notice of the making of the Order, as required by the Dog Control (Procedures) Regulations 2006.

**CO32. Corsham Area (4) Community Area Funding Distribution 2007/08**

Consideration was given to Report No. 9 asking Members to consider 3 applications seeking 2007/08 Community Area Award Funding and to advise Members about the Community Area Award Funding criteria and budget for 2007/08.

**Resolved**

- (1) Box Guides – Award £455 from the revenue budget to purchase a tent, guide stationery, badges and craft materials;
- (2) Thomas Steaming in Box – Award £500 from the revenue budget to hire Thomas the Tank Steam Engine and bring it to Box as the centrepiece of the Box Revels event; and
- (3) Box Jubilee Centre – Award £1,660 from the capital budget towards the cost of a replacement boiler, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place.

**CO33. Parish Council Update**

Corsham Town Council: The Pound Arts Centre was recently re-opened by the Chairman of North Wiltshire District Council, Councillor C. Crisp.

The recent Alternative Sports Festival was a success and enjoyed by all.

A meeting was held for residents of Katherine Park on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 to discuss the needs of the local community. Approximately 150 people attended. Issues raised included the wish to keep the football field as an open field, the need for a community hall and the willingness of approximately 25 volunteers to make up a residents association.

Box Parish Council: It is hoped that construction will start on the pavilion next year.

Rudloe Community Association have produced a brochure to promote the facility.

Colerne Parish Council: The E-Colerne meeting last week was very successful; Eco-Ernie, which the Committee contributed funds to, put in an appearance and made an impact.

E-Colerne also contributed to a meeting in Corsham on environmental issues.

**CO34. Outside Bodies**

Issues discussed included:

- The Joint Services Community Liaison Panel has it's next meeting in November;

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The meeting started at 7:00pm and finished at 8:35pm.

There were 46 members of the public present.