

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Corsham Area (4) Committee held on Tuesday 23 September 2008 at 7.00pm in the Town Hall, High Street, Corsham, SN13 0EZ.

Present:

Councillor Elaine Marston (Chair)

Councillors Jennie Hartless, Tudor Jones, Sheila Parker and Dick Tonge

County/Town/Parish Council Representatives:

Councillor Peter Davis	-	Wiltshire County Council
Councillor Judy Seager	-	Wiltshire County Council
Councillor Allan Bosley	-	Corsham Town Council
Councillor Nicholas Keyworth-		Corsham Town Council

Officers Present:

Jo Cogswell (*Community Partnership Manager*), Julia Densham (*Democratic Services Assistant*), Peter Jeremiah (*Legal Services Manager*), Dave Roberts (*Corsham Area Board Project Manager – WCC*), Julia Stacey (*Community Planner – WCC*), and Jane Vaughan (*Calne Area Board Project Manager*).

Others Present:

Margaret Carey (*Clerk: Box Parish Council*), Steve Colwill (*Wiltshire Police*), Alan Hall (*Corsham Amateur Swimming Club*), Matthew Holdaway (*Colerne Panthers*), Mike Johnson (*Corsham Poetry Society*), Dave Lewis (*Leafy Lane Playing Fields*), Dave Martin (*Clerk: Corsham Town Council*), Steve McGrath (*Wiltshire Police*), Pete Ralph (*Corsham Community Centre*), Ian Storey (*Chair: Corsham Chamber of Commerce*), Peter Wilson (*Colerne Sea Scouts*) and Sue Wingrave (*Friends of Broadwood Site*).

CO13. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Katherine Banks and Christine Reid, Peter Tapscott from the Corsham Community Area Partnership and Sharon Lovelock the grant applicant from Lacock Youth Club.

CO14. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions

Neston resident, Charles Fuller, requested that he ask a public question regarding the Spring Quarry/ Basil Hill development which the Chair allowed. Charles Fuller wished to know the date of the next public meeting and the measures the Highways Department were planning to adopt in order to stop traffic from leaving the site via the Hawthorn exit and turning right.

The Chairman undertook to obtain the information from the Highway Authority and gave an assurance that another public meeting would take place once the Highway Authority was in a position to submit a further report.

CO15. Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Corsham Area (4) Committee meeting held on 8 July 2008, (circulated with the agenda).

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Corsham Area (4) Committee, held on 8 July 2008, be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the deletion of Councillor Jones' declaration of interest and an amendment to the Box Parish Council update as having been given by Councillor Sheppard.

CO16. Chairman's Announcements

Spring Quarry/Basil Hill Traffic Flow Provision

Agenda Item No 8 – the Spring Quarry/Basil Hill Traffic Flow Provision Update – will be moved up the agenda so that is considered before the Community Area Funding Applications.

Corsham Area (4) Community Area Funding Distribution 2008/09

Please note a printing error on the agenda under Agenda Item 6 that should have read that the purpose of the report is to consider issues and priorities identified in the 'Corsham Community Area Plan', not the 'Calne Community Area Plan'.

CO17. Declarations of Interest

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
Councillor Tudor Jones	Item 6(1) – Corsham Area (4) Community Awards Funding Distribution	Personal	Member of Leafy Lanes Playing Fields Committee	Did not speak or vote
Councillor Elaine Marston	Item 6(9) – Corsham Area (4) Community Awards Funding Distribution	Prejudicial	Member of Corsham Town Council	Left the room
Councillor Jennie Hartless	Item 6(10) – Corsham Area (4) Community Awards Funding Distribution	Personal	Member of Box Parish Council	Did not speak or vote
Councillor Sheila Parker	Item 6(10) – Corsham Area (4) Community Awards Funding Distribution	Personal	Member of Box Parish Council	Did not speak or vote

CO18. Spring Quarry/Basil Hill Traffic Flow Provision – Update

The latest response from the Highways Department was given by the Chair.

Residents requested a response from the Highways Department, Wiltshire County Council, to the following questions:

1. According to the MOD there would be a relatively small increase in employees as a result of the consolidation at Basil Hill. What planning assumptions had been relied upon in relation to traffic movements to justify £3.1m of alterations to the A4 when this money might have been better directed elsewhere?
2. Why were the main changes happening on the smaller A4 intersections but not the Bradford on Avon intersection which would be equally affected by the development and would have far more space to accommodate a redesign?
3. Given the substantial increase in traffic movements at Box Hill (5,000) in relation to all four developments, how had it been determined that 500 of these would be via Neston?

Resolved that a response be requested by the Democratic Services Officer from the Highways Department (Wiltshire County Council).

CO19. Corsham Area (4) Community Area Funding Distribution 2008/09

Consideration was given to Report No.6 (circulated with the Agenda) which considered ten applications for 2008/2009 Community Area Award funding; all of which related directly to issues and priorities identified in the Corsham Community Area Plan.

The Committee noted that the Executive had given the Area Committee £10,000 additional funding for the Community Awards scheme. There was also an additional £10,000 to be spent on projects that improve the physical environment or streetscene.

Thanks have been received from The Green Room, Box, for the work done by both the Community Partnership Team and the Committee, in granting their award.

Items discussed included:

- The Corsham Town Council grant application formed part of a long term plan to create greater access to the site for all. The area had become a significant focus for community events and activities including the Corsham Alternative Sports Event and the BMX track which is utilised by both residents and visitors. The paths that will be funded by the grant will be built to withstand the heavy fair vehicles that also use the site.

Resolved that

- 1 Leafy Lane Playing Fields** - Award £2,500 from the capital budget towards a path from the clubhouse and changing rooms to the all weather pitch, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 2 Corsham Poetry Society** – Award £510 from the project budget for establishing a performance

group to promote the reading, writing and performance of poetry, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009;

- 3 **Colerne Panthers** – Award £2,500 from the project budget towards the development of a junior section of the village rugby club, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 4 **Corsham Amateur Swimming Club** - Award £2,500 from the project budget towards providing a course for ten people, leading to the ASA level 1 teaching qualification, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient by 31 March 2009;
- 5 **Friends of Broadwood Site** – Award £2,000 from the revenue budget towards a community arts project, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 6 **Colerne Sea Scouts** – Award £2,158 from the capital budget for the replacement of the main doors, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 7 **Corsham Community Centre** – Award £2,938 from the capital budget towards replacing the current glazing with uPVC double glazed units, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 8 **Lacock Youth Club** - Award £1,490 from the revenue budget to Lacock Youth Club for the purchase of arts and crafts supplies, sports equipment and coaching, and to fund an ice skating trip, conditional upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 9 **Corsham Town Council** – Award £23,025 from the capital budget towards the creation of a perimeter path to improve accessibility and use of Springfield Recreation Ground, phase III, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009; and

- 10 Box Parish Council** – Award £10,272 from the Streetscene budget towards the resurfacing of Valens Terrace Car Park in Box, conditional upon the balance of funding being in place, and upon the award being paid to or invoiced by the recipient before 31 March 2009.

CO19. Community Area Boards

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 (circulated with the Agenda) providing an update on the Community Area Boards project.

Items discussed included:

- Advertising the Corsham Area Board would be considered by the task group.

Resolved that the report be noted.

CO21. Parish Council Update

Corsham Town Council: Councillor Allan Bosley

A meeting had taken place at the Springfield location to determine its' strategic development for the Corsham Community Area. Unitary Authority meetings with the Parish Councils had been successful in ascertaining the issues that would arise under the new Council. Pickwick Road would be resurfaced during the month of October.

Box Parish Council: Councillor Fred Sheppard

Excellent progress was being made on the new pavilion with skeletal parts of the roof now in position and completion expected by the New Year. The grant agreed at this meeting would allow the car park to be resurfaced and redesigned to include a central island and individual parking bays.

Colerne Parish Council: Councillor Dick Tonge

The grant agreed at this meeting would allow the doors of the scout hut to be replaced which would complete the rebuild due to asbestos having been discovered in the original structure.

Lacock Parish Council: Councillor Dick Tonge

There was nothing to report.

CO22. Corsham Community Area Partnership Update

A verbal update was given by Ian Storey, member of the Corsham Community Area Partnership (CCAP).

Items discussed included:

- The partnership had decided that they wished to select a spokesman unconnected with the District Council's paid staff;
- Funding of £1000 had been allocated to the Corsham Alternative Sports Event being held on 27 September 2008;

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- The CCAP had committed to support the annual 'Slipper Event' to be held on 20 November 2008. All funding had come from Wiltshire County Council; however, CCAP would be providing help on the day and welcomed this as a means to raising its profile;
- CCAP had accepted the assistance from North Wiltshire District Council (NWDC) in providing administrative support funding of £2,000 until 31 March 2009; and
- CCAP had also accepted NWDC funding for 10 days of Community First assistance until 31 March 2009.

CO23. Outside Bodies

Joint Services Community Liaison Panel: Councillor Jennie Hartless
There was nothing to report due to the meeting having been cancelled.

Leafy Lane Playing Fields Project: Councillor Tudor Jones
Thanks were expressed for the grant awarded this evening.

Potley and Pockeridge Community Association: Councillor Sheila Parker
A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday 30 September at 1.30pm.

Rudloe Community Association: Councillor Tudor Jones
The situation remains in limbo.

Corsham CAYPIG: No report available.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.15pm.

There were 9 members of the public present.