

**Draft minutes of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee Meeting held on  
Wednesday 21 January 2009 at Malmesbury School, Corn Gastons, Malmesbury,  
SN16 ODF commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Present:**

Councillor JPSS Thomson (Chairman)

Councillors I Henderson, R Sanderson, R Miles, H Greenman, J Lay and T Sturgis

**County/Town/Parish Council Representatives:**

Councillor C Soden	- Wiltshire County Council
Councillor A Woodcock (Mayor)	- Malmesbury Town Council
Councillor B Blake	- Malmesbury Town Council
Councillor C Doody	- Malmesbury Town Council
Councillor J Penfold	- Malmesbury Town Council
Councillor S Killane	- Malmesbury Town Council
Councillor M Snell	- Malmesbury Town Council
Councillor O Gibbs	- Brinkworth Parish Council
Councillor E Threlfall	- Brinkworth Parish Council
Councillor M Wilkins	- Charlton Parish Council
Councillor I McKay	- Crudwell Parish Council
Councillor S Jevons	- Great Somerford Parish Council
Councillor B Miles	- Great Somerford Parish Council
Councillor T Mockler	- Hankerton Parish Council
J Parmiter (Parish Clerk)	- Lea and Cleverton Parish Council
Councillor J Cull	- Lea and Cleverton Parish Council
Councillor T Pooley	- Little Somerford Parish Council
Councillor G Lynham	- Luckington and Alderton Parish Council
Councillor G Thorne	- Minety Parish Council
Councillor R Rogers	- Oaksey Parish Council
Councillor R Squance	- Oaksey Parish Council
S Wood (Parish Clerk)	- Sherston Parish Council
Councillor R Lee	- St Paul M'bury Without Parish Council

**Others Present:**

Sergeant M Alvis (*Wiltshire Police*), L Bareham (*Lea Pre-school*), C Betts (*Hankerton North Aisle*), S Davies (*Westlea Housing*), A Dickenson (*Sherston Magna Cricket Club*), C Dickenson (*Sherston Young Craft Group*), E Flemming (*1<sup>st</sup> Minety Guides*), P Kearney (*White Lion Residents Association*), S Mockler (*Hankerton North Aisle*), G Moody (*Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service*), J Morse (*Westlea Housing*), K Smith (*Sherston Magna Cricket Club*), Dr C Wales (*Southampton University*)

**Officers Present:**

J Cogswell (*Community Partnership Manager*), J Densham (*Democratic Services Assistant*), M Doran (*Environmental Health Manager*), M Gilmour (*WCC*), P Hoskins (*Technical Admin Support*), J Martin (*WCC*),

**M41. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Maggie Bawden (Hullavington Parish Council), Councillor Peter Campaigne (Norton and Foxley Parish Council),

John Marsh (Clerk to Ashton Keynes Parish Council), Mike Franklin (Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service), Alison Cross-Jones (M&VCAP), Pete Smith (Youth Development Service) and Jo Howes (Primary Care Trust).

#### **M42. Public Question/Receipt of Petitions**

Can you give us details of your position on government initiatives with respect to free or subsidised swimming for this area?"

Alex Muse, Sports Development Officer, has responded with the following:

The free swimming initiative is being jointly led by strategic managers / officers within each District Council; Graham Wilson and Michael Letters are working on the bid for North Wiltshire.

All district councils, including North Wiltshire have put forward bids for funding to run both programmes: over 60's and under 16's. However each application states that the district council's will cease to exist in April and as such the application would be for funding to run a joint programme of delivery across Wiltshire.

As of today nothing has been heard back from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on the decision to accept or reject our application. As such we are not in a position to be able to say whether the scheme will be adopted or not, and if so, when that might be.

The Chair also commented that Wiltshire Council had committed to support this initiative.

Responses to the three public questions asked at the last Malmesbury Area (1) Committee meeting held on 19 November 2008.

#### Questions One – Damaged Willesley and Luckington Sign Posts

Sally Barnett (Area Highway Engineer – WCC) replied stating that the arm had been programmed for replacement but Chippenham Area Office had a backlog of finger post work. She was, therefore, unable to advise the committee of a date when this work would happen. Mrs Barnett had updated the Parish Council of this situation. A further email was sent to Mrs Barnett asking whether the issue was simply one of time or whether funds were also an issue, and if so, whether the Parish Council could facilitate a timelier repair by raising the funds required. The Chair would follow up this issue.

#### Question Two – Traffic Calming Measures on B4040 Western Approach to Luckington

A meeting took place on 5 January 2009 between John Thomson, Roger Witt (Highways Department – WCC) and Roger Mackney, Clerk to Luckington and Alderton Parish Council. It was agreed that pedestrian crossing signs would be investigated for the crossing by the village hall and that the Highways Officer, Roger Witt, would discuss with Sally Barnett, Area Highway Engineer, improvements to the footpath, where the height differential between the road and the footpath was minimal. The kerbs needed raising and re-tarmacking to offer better protection for pedestrians. Pricing and solutions for crossings were to be brought back to the Parish Council.

The Chairman had also taken advantage of using the new community speed guns which indicated that generally speeds were between 25-28 miles per hour with two vehicles exceeding the speed limit at 33 and 35 miles per hour. One was a delivery

van travelling at the higher speed. The other was a local mother rushing to collect children from school.

Question Three – Access to Minety Gypsy Site to Assess Drainage Situation

At the Flood Working Group meeting on 19 December 2008, Danny Everett (Wiltshire County Council) and Steve Scothern (North Wiltshire District Council) confirmed they had visited the Minety gypsy site on 27 November 2008. They walked the fences and the watercourses behind the sites, observing that the watercourses were in very good condition; both confirmed that flooding would appear to be caused elsewhere. Councillor Jackie Lay was to identify which landowners were not maintaining their watercourses and would work with Steve Scothern to send letters to those landowners reminding them of their responsibility.

Other Questions

Ann Neal asked if a bus-stop could be installed on the Bristol Road. The Chair requested that Councillor Sanderson, member of Malmesbury Town Council, to take up this issue with the Highways Department, WCC. Mrs Neal also asked that Dog Fouling signs be replaced. Councillor Bill Blake (Malmesbury Town Council) and Mike Doran (NWDC) offered to assist on this matter. As a Westlea Resident, Mrs Neal also requested help for the residents of Corn Gastons in maintaining their properties' covenants. Shirley Davis, Head of Neighbourhood Services at Westlea Housing, offered to take up this matter.

The Mayor of Malmesbury offered his thanks to the Armed Forces for the moving cortege ceremony through Wootton Bassett.

**M43. Minutes**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee meeting held on 19 November 2008.

**Resolved** that the minutes of Malmesbury Area (1) Committee meeting, held on 19 November 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**M44. Chairman's Announcements**

Funding for Roof Repairs at Malmesbury Town Hall

The Chair was happy to announce that the District Council's Executive Committee had agreed to provide a total of £20,000 to finance much needed roof repairs at Malmesbury Town Hall. The District Council recognised the commitment that Malmesbury Town Council had made to ensuring that the Town Hall was a successful community facility. The Chair was particularly pleased that this funding had come from the Executive as the Area Committee did not have enough funds to contribute to this project alongside the other projects being considered at this meeting.

**M45. Declarations of Interest**

Name	Item	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest	Action
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Councillor I Henderson	Item 6(16) – Malmesbury Area (1) Community Awards Funding Distribution (St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council)	Prejudicial	Chair of Parish Council	Did not speak or vote
Councillor T Sturgis	Item 6(9) – Malmesbury Area (1) Community Awards Funding Distribution (Great Somerford Parish Council)	Prejudicial	Landowner	Left the room

**M46. Malmesbury Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/09**

Consideration was given to Report No. 6 which considered 15 funding applications from the 2008/09 Community Area Award Scheme.

Thomas Hobbes Festival Society

An award of £3,166 was made in July 2008 to the Thomas Hobbes Festival Society for a commemorative plaque and bench. This award was granted on condition that match funding of £2,110 was in place. It has come to Officer's attention that this match funding had not been secured and it was now unlikely that this project would be completed within the set timescale of 31 March 2009. Officers therefore informed the Festival Society that the award had been withdrawn.

With this returned money, Officers wished Members to consider the following changes to the original report:

- The North Aisle Community Area award be increased from £8,893 to £10,000 (this additional money will ensure the complete success of this project).
- The White Lion Recreation Association be considered for an award of £2,059, details of which had been circulated in Appendix 18.

It was regrettable that any community project should have an award withdrawn; however, the criteria relating to spending of the grant had been very clear. All successful applicants had been informed repeatedly that not securing the required match funding placed their Area Committee award at risk.

The White Lion proposal was chosen due to its community benefit and that the project would advance in the required timescale.

If Members made awards in line with Officer's recommendation the total amount funds would be exhausted.

**Resolved that**

- 1 Members noted the return of funds previously awarded to The Thomas Hobbes Festival Society (£3,166) due to the group not securing the required match funding; and

- 2 Members noted the number of applications and agreed not to provide funding support to those applications listed in Appendix 1.

Members agreed funding distribution of the Area 1 Community Area Awards budget based on the agreed criteria for 2008/2009:

- 3 Minety Pre-School – Award £2,280 from the Streetscene budget to purchase equipment for their 'Green Garden' project, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 4 Sherston Young Craft Group – Award £293 from the Revenue budget for the purchase of a new sewing machine and craft equipment, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 5 Little Somerford Parish Council – Award £575 from the Streetscene budget to refurbish the village bus shelter, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 6 Sherston Parish Council – Award £344 from the Streetscene budget to provision of a new notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 7 Charlton Parish Council – Award £350 from the Streetscene budget to renew second notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 8 Sherston Magna Cricket Club – Award £3,000 from the Project budget to purchase an outfield mower, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 9 Great Somerford Parish Council – Award £296 from the Streetscene budget for a footpath extension to provide safe access to Community rooms, Pre-school site and Walter Powell School, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 10 1<sup>st</sup> Minety Guide Unit – Award £240 from the Revenue budget to provide provisions of hot water whilst camping, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 11 Lea Pre-School – Award £1,000 from the Project budget to erect an awning/sail for outdoor area to enable year round use, conditional upon the

award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;

- 12 Lea & Cleverton Parish Council – Award £450 from the Streetscene budget to replace the existing safety surface under swings which is not compliant with the standard as laid down by EN1176, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 13 Oaksey Parish Council – Award £4,146 from the Streetscene budget for provision of a bus shelter in a traditional style, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 14 Crudwell Parish Council – Award £125 from the Streetscene budget to re-establish the swill brook streambed at Post Office Green, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 15 North Aisle Community Area – Award £10,000 from the Project budget to provide disabled friendly toilet facilities, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 16 St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council – Award £1,129 from the Streetscene budget for the provision of a notice board, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009;
- 17 Sherston Parish Council – Award £528 from the Streetscene budget to provision of three heavy duty litter bins, conditional upon the Parish Council taking responsibility for emptying the bins and the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009; and
- 18 Members consider the application at Appendix 18 circulated after the main agenda White Lion Recreation Association – Award £2,059 from the Capital budget to provide additional equipment for our park-active, exercise based, conditional upon the award being paid to the recipient before 31 March 2009.

#### **M47. Dog Control Order**

Consideration was given to Report No. 7 which considered a request from the Environmental Health Manager that a Dog Control Order under Section 55 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 be made to exclude dogs from Newton Grove play area, Malmesbury.

**Resolved** that

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- 1 The Environmental Health Manager Leader be given delegated authority to publish notice in a local newspaper of the proposal to make an Order excluding dogs from Newnton Grove Play Area, Malmesbury;
- 2 Any objections or representations received be raised by 26 February 2009 in order that a decision be made at the Malmesbury Area 1 Committee meeting on 11 March 2009; and
- 3 In the event of no objections or representations being received, authority be delegated to the Legal Services Team Leader to make the Order and to publish notice of the making of the Order in a local newspaper.

The meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 7.35pm.

There were 33 members of the public present.

Signed.....

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