

Draft minutes of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2009 at Malmesbury School, Corn Gastons, Malmesbury, SN16 ODF commencing at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor JPSS Thomson (Chairman)

Councillors I Henderson, C Berry, R Miles, R Sanderson and T Sturgis

County/Town/Parish Council Representatives:

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| 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 M Snell | - Malmesbury Town Council |
| Councillor O Gibbs | - Brinkworth Parish Council |
| Councillor J Tremayne | - Easton Grey 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 P Campaigne | - Norton and Foxley Parish Council |
| Councillor B Ingham | - Oaksey Parish Council |
| Councillor R Rogers | - Oaksey Parish Council |
| Councillor M Rea | - Sherston Parish Council |
| Councillor R Lee | - St Paul M'bury Without Parish Council |

Others Present:

Sergeant M Alvis (*Wiltshire Police*), R Andrew (*Community Network Lead – OneCornwall*), Councillor S Chamberlain (*Carrick District Council*), J Coleshill (*Wiltshire Probation Service*), Inspector S Cox (*Wiltshire Police*), Councillor O Cramp (*Cornwall County Council*), T Geiran (*Wiltshire Probation Service*), P Gilchrist (*Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership*), J Howes (*NHS Wiltshire*), Councillor M Clayton (*Kerrier District Council*), Councillor P Lyne (*Cornwall County Council*) and Councillor S Swift (*Kerrier District Council*)

Officers Present:

L Bell (*Director – Policy, Research and Communication – Wiltshire County Council*), J Densham (*Democratic Services Assistant*), M Gilmour (*WCC*), W Gubbins (*Member Support Team Leader*), J Martin (*Senior Policy Advisor – Wiltshire County Council*) and G Woodward (*Wiltshire County Council*)

M48. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor M Bawden (Hullavington Parish Council), Mr J Penfold, Clerk to Malmesbury Town Council, Mr J Marsh (Ashton Keynes Parish Council), Mrs A Cross-Jones, Chair of the Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership, Mr M Franklin (Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service), Mr G Moody (Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service) and Mr J Ware (Gazette and Herald)

M49. Public Question/Receipt of Petitions

Responses to the public questions asked at the last Malmesbury Area (1) Committee meeting held on 21 January 2009.

Damaged Willesley and Luckington Sign Posts

Sally Barnett (Area Highway Engineer – WCC) had responded to the question of whether the delay was due to a lack of funds or a shortage of capacity on the part of the works department, the reply being the latter. She requested that the parish councils concerned forward a list of finger posts that required repair in priority order and, where possible, to include photographs detailing the wording and mileage.

Provision of Bus Stops

Wiltshire County Council would replace the missing bus stop on the Gloucester Road. Regarding the request for a bus stop on the Bristol Road near the retirement home, Wiltshire County Council would fund 50% of the costs in conjunction with Malmesbury Town Council if a survey was undertaken to confirm how many of the local residents would use it. Thanks were given to Wiltshire County Council for this offer and the matter would be taken forward to the first Area Board meeting in June. The County Council also agreed to fund the painting of the bus clearway road markings on Park Road.

Replacement of Dog Fouling Signs

The Environmental Manager confirmed that the missing signs would be replaced after 1 April 2009.

Westlea Covenants

It had been understood that there were two parts to the covenants on properties at Corn Gastons, Malmesbury. Westlea were prepared to lift their covenant, however, the second covenant required the occupier's consent.

Public Questions Raised at this Meeting

Newnton Grove Play Area: Litter Bin and Senior Swings

Mr Derek Tilney requested that the original litter bin in the play area that had become a dog foul bin should revert to a litter bin for the use of the children in the park. Councillor Sturgis had a meeting at the Chippenham Offices and would add this item to the agenda. Regarding the swings, Councillor Miles said a letter had been received accepting responsibility for the poor quality and that replacement bearings would be delivered within two weeks. The swings would then be returned.

Community Speed Watch Project

Councillor Straughan asked if the village opted into the programme would they also continue to benefit from the police speed camera van. Sergeant Alvis pointed out that the Department of Transport did not allow two schemes to run simultaneously as both warning letters from the first scheme would be issued along with tickets from the second scheme. However, the first stage of opting into the Community Speed Watch scheme was a no obligation assessment as to whether the area was suitable.

Repairs to Malmesbury Town Hall Roof

Mayor Woodcock thanked the Executive for the award that had enabled the roof to be repaired.

M50. Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Malmesbury Area (1) Committee meeting held on 21 January 2009.

Councillor Lynham requested that the public question raised at the last meeting concerning the damaged finger posts be amended to include the signs at Luckington.

Resolved that the minutes of Malmesbury Area (1) Committee meeting, held on 21 January 2009 be amended to clarify the public question and then be approved and signed as a correct record.

M51. Chairman's Announcements

Guests from Cornwall and Local Government Representatives

The Chair welcomed Councillors Steve Chamberlain, Sue Swift, Pam Lyne, Mike Clayton and Oliver Cramp from the County and District Councils in Cornwall, and also Rob Andrew, Community Network Lead for OneCornwall.

Dog Control Order

At the last Area Committee meeting a report was presented regarding a proposed dog control order at Newton Grove Play Area.

Mike Doran, Environmental Health Manager, confirmed that no representations had been received following the advertisement of the Order. Accordingly the matter had now been referred to the Legal Services Team to make the Order.

The Order would make it an offence for any person in charge of a dog to take the dog into, or to permit the dog to enter or to remain in Newton Grove Play Area unless that person had a reasonable excuse for so doing or that person had the consent of the owner, occupier or other person having control of the land. The Order contained exemptions for registered blind or deaf people and other persons with disabilities who made use of trained dogs.

Role of Councillors in Wiltshire from 1st April until 4th June, 2009

On 26th February, the Implementation Executive considered a report on the roles for continuing councillors, and the procedure for dealing with constituency issues, in the period from 1 April until the elections on 4 June.

The continuing councillors would respond to and represent their constituents' views in respect of all council services, including inherited district council functions. Previous district councillors would have no constituency role and therefore all town and parish councils were urged to contact their ongoing

county councillor if they had an issue they would like raised with the new council.

County Councillors representing the Malmesbury Area were Councillor John Thomson and Councillor Carole Soden.

Pilot Area Board's visit to Malmesbury School

At the January pilot Area Board, Dr Beggs from the Malmesbury School requested that the Area Board consider visiting the school, since it was difficult for young people to attend the evening meeting.

The Committee were delighted that, with her assistance and the support of the Head teacher Tim Gilson, they had visited the school on 10 March 2009 and met with 30 children and students from several different year groups. The young people raised many interesting issues, some of which the Committee were able to resolve directly and some of which would be taken forward to the first Area Board meeting in June.

It was hoped that regular visits to the school would continue and that the young people would attend the Area Board meetings.

Malmesbury Community Lunch

CVS North Wiltshire extended an invite to their Malmesbury Community Lunch on Wednesday 1 April 2009 between 12.00pm and 2.00pm at Minety Village Hall. Guest speakers included Maureen Lloyd who would be talking about the Carbon Monoxide Detectors Project.

Those who wished to attend this meeting should contact Beth at CVS email beth@cvsnw.org.uk. A buffet lunch was available at a cost of £2.

Provisional Calendar Dates of Area Board Meetings

A sheet of provisional calendar dates for the Malmesbury Area Board proper was provided at the meeting. The first meeting was to be held on Wednesday 24 June. The venue and time were to be confirmed.

M52. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

M53. Malmesbury Area Community Area Awards Funding Distribution 2008/09

A summary of the executive, community and energy efficiency grants awarded the Malmesbury area during the current year was given by the Area Board Project Manager.

£76,388 had been awarded to organisations within the community and thanks were given to the officers for their part in preparing these applications for the Committee to consider.

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£99,759 had been awarded by the Executive for improvements to the Town Hall, football clubhouse, Sherston Old School and Seagry, Startley and Great Somerford Village Hall.

Energy efficiency grants had been awarded to upgrade the village halls at Crudwell, Sherston, Luckington and Little Somerford.

Thanks were given to all those within the community who had worked to make these projects successful.

Councillor Lynham thanked the Committee for the grant made to refurbish Alderton Village Hall.

Resolved to note the grant funding distribution for the year 2008/09.

The meeting started at 7pm and finished at 7.40pm.

There were 4 members of the public present.