

# Minutes

**Meeting of** : Northern Area Committee  
**Meeting held in** : Antrobus House, Amesbury  
**Date** : Thursday 23 October 2008  
**Commencing at** : 4.30 pm

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**Present:**

Councillor M A Hewitt (Chairman)  
Councillor D W Brown (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs J V Broom, M D Lee, C G Mills, I M Mitchell, J C Noeken, J F Smale, F Westmoreland, I C West, K Wren, G Wright.

Parish Councillors: G Burt (Bulford), R Fisher (Amesbury), S Stubbs (Newton Toney)

County Councillor: Mark Baker (Durrington & Bulford)

Apologies: Councillors J V Broom, S L Dennis, J R G Spencer.

Officers: A Madge (Principal Planning Officer), J Ferguson (Principal Solicitor), P Trenell (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

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**218. Public Questions/Statement Time:**

There were none.

**219. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:**

There were none.

**220. Minutes:**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**221. Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Wright declared a personal, prejudicial interest in the matter set out under minutes 225 and 226 below (planning applications S/2008/1430 and S/2008/1431) due to the fact that he lived opposite the site of the proposed development. He spoke on the matter but left the meeting during the discussion and did not vote.

**222. Chairman's Announcements:**

Councillor Hewitt announced that the Amesbury Community Area Fireworks were to be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 7pm at the water meadows.



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**223. Community Policing Update:**

Inspector Martyn Sweett of Wiltshire Constabulary updated members on local crime figures. The local detection rate was running at 31.6%, which was well above target and there had been a decrease in vehicle crime following the apprehension of two suspects. There had been an increase in violent crime, of which a significant percentage was domestic violence. New legislation had been introduced which was expected to increase the police's ability to tackle rogue traders.

Inspector Sweett gave an overview of the performance of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams in the Northern Area and informed members that a new website detailing crime figures by area was now up and running and accessible to the public. Members recorded their appreciation for the work of Inspector Sweet and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams.

Parish Councillor Stubbs raised two issues: the theft of a set of wooden gates from an RSPB property in Newton Tony; and problems caused through the programming of recently installed traffic lights at Old Sarum. Inspector Sweett gave assurance that the former would be investigated and undertook to raise the latter matter with the Traffic Management Unit.

**Resolved:** that the update be noted.

**224. Amesbury Community Partnership:**

The committee received a briefing from Paul Langridge, Chairman of the Amesbury Community Partnership which detailed that the partnership was to join with other parishes in the Northern Area to form the Stonehenge Community Partnership. A launch event was likely to take place in December.

**Resolved:** that the update be noted.

**225. S/2008/1430 – Rear timber conservatory at 31 High Street, Durrington, Salisbury, SP4 8AE for Gabra Design Solutions:**

The committee considered a verbal presentation from the Planning Officer in conjunction with the previously circulated report and information circulated in the schedule of additional correspondence. Mr I Lancashire spoke in favour of the application on behalf of the applicant.

**Resolved:** that the above application be approved for the following reasons:

The scale, design, siting and materials proposed are appropriate to the general development criteria and the conservation area and, in accordance with the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan policies.

And subject to the following conditions:

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission

Reason: To comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by section 51 (1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (0004 AMENDED)

2. The materials and finishes to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension hereby permitted shall be in accordance with the plans submitted on 15/10/08, unless otherwise agreed in writing by this Authority. (D01A)

Reason: To ensure that the proposed extension will satisfactorily harmonise with the external appearance of the existing building.

3. The flint panels to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension hereby permitted shall be of traditional construction (and not flint block), unless otherwise agreed in writing by this Authority. (D01A)

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**227. Special Delegation Procedure:**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report which detailed that approval to seek a short-term injunction against the owner of the barn to the north of the Manor House at Winterbourne Gunner, and also to serve an Urgent Works Notice on the site, had been granted under Special Delegation Procedure. Mr R Bruce-White, the owner of the property, addressed the committee.

**Resolved:** That a report be brought before the next meeting of the Northern Area Committee giving the details of the case and responding to Mr Bruce-White's statement.

**228. Community Update:**

Parish Councillor Stubbs gave an update on the Amesbury Area Board Steering Group (attached at appendix 1. Councillor Wright noted that Durrington Parish Council had yet to pass comment on the boundaries of the Community Area, but stated that at no time had he objected to the inclusion of Durrington in the Tidworth Community Partnership. Parish Councillor Burt expressed a view that the progress of the Area Boards project was not being communicated from the County Council to parishes, and Councillor Noeken undertook to take this message back to the Implementation Executive.

Councillor Noeken informed the committee that Wiltshire County Council's Cabinet had considered the Regional Spatial Strategy on Tuesday 21 October and made comments about the importance of phasing development in the region and supporting houses with the necessary infrastructure.

Councillor West commented that he was disappointed that Wiltshire County Council's Cabinet had not chosen to object to proposals to close the A344. He alerted members to a petition on the Prime Minister's website calling for improvements to the A303 and urged them to encourage people to sign.

*The meeting closed at: 6:18 pm  
Members of the public present: 5*

### Amesbury Pilot Area Board Report

The Amesbury Pilot Area Board has now met four times since it was established. There has been good attendance and the meetings have covered many aspects of how area boards and partnerships will work in the future. We have adopted a communications plan, terms of reference for the group and we are now in a position to launch the Pilot Board. The launch will take place on Thursday 4th December - venue to be agreed. All of the parishes in the Northern Area are being asked to nominate a representative to serve on the Pilot Board. I will make sure that the first meeting explains fully the role of the Board and the Area Partnership and provides an opportunity for questions and answers with Steve Milton.

On 9th October, along with your Chairman, I represented the Amesbury Pilot Area Board Steering Group at a meeting in Trowbridge to discuss the boundary of the Amesbury area board. Representatives from Pewsey and Tidworth were also present. 8 options were considered, but by the end of the event we had agreed that the area board for this area should be coterminous with the existing Northern Area Committee boundary. You may wish to endorse that position formally here tonight and transmit that view to the One Council for Wiltshire Implementation Executive.

Following the last meeting, we have identified an issue we wish to track through the Area Board process. That issue is - *public transport options for young people*. We would like to examine the feasibility of providing subsidised transport to enable young people in this area to access leisure facilities in Salisbury, Tidworth, Andover and elsewhere. Steve Milton has started to research the issue and is examining the current level of provision in the area, cost and demand.

Steve is in the process of recruiting a dedicated community area manager to work with the Board over the next few months and I understand the interviews are taking place on 3rd November. I feel it is important that we have our own officer. Steve Milton has been looking after us very well, but his time is stretched as he has to manage all 12 pilot areas in Wiltshire so the sooner we have our own officer the better for us and for Steve.

Other developments to report. I have been invited to join with the chairs of the other pilot areas to discuss the development of the area boards and these meetings will begin in the next month. Last night we looked at the draft rule book for the area boards and we had a very useful discussion - particularly on the role of parish councils in the approval of local grants. We would not want to see the board imposing schemes in our areas against the wishes of the parish. I'm glad to say this was well received by the members and Steve agreed to make this clear in the Rule Book.

Just to let you know that the first meeting of the Pilot Board is an open meeting so anyone can attend and I would encourage everyone to get involved and find out what the area boards are going to do, what the area partnerships are all about and how the role of parishes fits into this new structure for Wiltshire.