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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Northern Area Committee held at Antrobus House,
Amesbury, Tuesday 7th January 2003, commencing at 4.30pm.**

Present

District Councillors

Councillor C G Mills - Chairman

Councillor M A Hewitt – Vice Chairman

Councillors D W Brown, Mrs S Dennis, N S Gallop, Mrs J M Greville, M D Lee, J C Noeken,
A G Peach, G M C Rasch, J R G Spencer, Mrs I M Welsh, I C West and K C Wren

Parish/Town Council and other Representatives:

Parish Councillors Mr V Smith (Amesbury Town Council) and Mr Todd (Durrington)
and Mr K Ilsley (Tenants Panel),

MINUTES NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

720. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions forthcoming.

721. COUNCILLOR QUESTION/STATEMENT TIME

Councillor Noeken made the following statements (which are summarised below):

- i. The replacement Salisbury District Local Plan is continuing its route towards adoption and much good work has been put in to it. The following meetings will deal with its progress:
 - Area Committee Members Working Group - 13th January - Councillor Noeken is unable to attend.
RESOLVED - That Councillor Peach will stand in for Councillor Noeken at this meeting.
 - Planning and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel - 14th January and 22nd January
 - Cabinet - 5th February
 - Full Council - 24th March - for final adoption

- ii. At the last meeting of the Northern Area Committee a Public Question was raised in respect of Newton Toney Post Office. I gave an undertaking to pursue this issue for the questioner. The following day I met with Salisbury District Council officers and the Head of Development Services confirmed that as the building of the new post office was imminent, he would not pursue any enforcement action in respect of any breach of condition of the planning consent granted to the questioner.

This message was relayed to the questioner who did not accept the decision and has subsequently exercised his right to contact his local Member of Parliament over this matter. I have now planned further meetings with the Head of Development Services in an attempt to find an acceptable outcome to all parties.

In addition, I feel that criticisms, by the questioner, of the actions of Salisbury District Council officers in respect of this matter, were wholly unjustified.

- iii. I have made representations to Wiltshire County Council with regards to the increase in capacity of the planned future pyrolysis plant at Ratfyn Farm, Amesbury which is outlined in the emerging County Waste Local Plan. The closing date for written representations has now closed.

The issue of the siting of the plant here will now be the subject of a public inquiry to which I have been invited to give evidence. If Members from Bulford and Durrington wish to incorporate representations from residents of their Wards at this juncture, I would be happy to incorporate them into my own statement at the inquiry. As County Councillor for Amesbury, Councillor Peach has also submitted written representations.

722. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 5th December 2002 (previously circulated) be **approved** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

723. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

724. COMMUNITY BEAT OFFICER SCHEME

Inspector Tim Richards appraised the Committee on the development of and issues arising from the Community Beat Officer (CBO) Scheme.

The following issues were raised in a question and answer session:

CBO presence at Parish Council Meetings

It is expected that CBOs in each of the areas will attend at least one of each Parish Council in their patch on an annual basis. If the appropriate CBO cannot attend for whatever reason, an alternative officer will oblige. Non-attendance should be reported back to Inspector Richards. Recent issues of non-attendance in the Wyllye area *may* have arisen as that particular CBO recently left their post and a replacement is currently being sought. If Parish Councils wish their CBO to attend, they should pass details of their meetings to Inspector Richards.

Extent of individual CBO coverage

It was discussed whether population alone was the best method by which to decide on the allocation of CBO posts in the area. Inspector Richards confirmed that it was the view of the

Constabulary that this method of allocation was the best possible within current resource levels. When the CBO is not on duty, the areas are not neglected and are policed by other officers.

Off-Licence agreements in Amesbury and Durrington

A recently implemented agreement amongst retail businesses in Amesbury and Durrington has restricted the sale of alcohol to those of 21 year and over. It is hoped that this will reduce the levels of underage drinking that occurs, as it has been shown that the age group 18-20 are still regularly mixing with young people of under 18 years of age. Coupled with the implementation of a ban on drinking alcohol in public areas (a decision that will come before this Committee in the near future), it is hoped that these measures will reduce the levels of 'yobbishness' and vandalism.

Special Constables

Special Constables have an important role to play in the operation of the Wiltshire Constabulary. Currently there is a national recruitment drive underway to attract more people into taking on this voluntary, but very challenging role.

Hare Coursing Convictions

It is unfortunate that greater success has not been achieved in convicting those arrested of having been involved in hare coursing and trespassing in the area. Sadly, it is notoriously difficult to gain enough evidence to achieve conviction in these crimes. The Division is fortunate to have 2 individual officers that are highly experienced in this field and there has been some success in combating this in Wilton. Ensuring that the Police and landowners work together is essential. Inspector Richards offered to meet with any Ward Member where this crime is a real issue in an attempt to build this partnership.

Recent successes

There have been 2 recent successes in arrests of individuals on charges of burglary, in particular, 'distraction' burglary. Currently there is a national campaign underway to raise awareness of this type of crime and these successes are very pleasing.

725. S/2002/1864 - WATERGATE FARM, 44 WATERGATE LANE, BULFORD

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services in addition to the schedule of additional correspondence circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED - That Minute No. 716 of the minutes of the meeting of the Northern Area Committee on 5th December 2002 be amended as follows:

- a) Condition 9 to read: "Fishing, from the lake hereby permitted shall only take place between the hours of sunrise and sunset each day as published in The Times on a daily basis."
- b) Extra Conditions 10 and 11 to be inserted to read:
 - 13. All use of the application site shall cease one hour after sunset as officially published in *The Times* on a daily basis and there shall be no recommencement of use until sunrise the following day.
 - 14. The details referred to in conditions 9 and 10 above shall be notified to the users of the lake, on a daily basis, by means of a notice at any entrance to the facility.
- c) That original conditions 10, 11 and 12 be numbered conditions 14, 12 and 13 respectively.

726. S/2001/1445 - THE INN AT THE HIGH POST

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services in addition to the schedule of additional correspondence circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the change requested by Wiltshire County Council, (letter dated 09.12.02 and plan no 40713/030A dated 16.12.02) be accepted, with the proviso that the bus shelter should be illuminated and give the applicants to the 3rd March 2003 to complete the agreement, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

727. APPLICATION NO. S/2002/2135 - ADVERT APPLICATION - TWO NON ILLUMINATED ADVANCE WARNING SIGNS AT EAST CLIFF FARM, SALISBURY ROAD, STEEPLE LANGFORD FOR MR DONALD ANDREWS

Mr Andrews, the applicant spoke in support of the above application.

Following receipt of this statement, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services in addition to the schedule of additional correspondence circulated at the meeting.

RESOLVED

- a) That the above application be **approved** subject to the following conditions:
 - 1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission.
 - 2. This development shall be in accordance with the details set out in the applicant's letter, dated 13/11/02 deposited with the Local Planning Authority on 14/11/02 and the plans stamped 'approved', unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Local Planning Authority.
 - 3. Prior to the erection of the two signs, the existing signs approved under reference S/88/2342/TP shall be permanently removed from their approved location.
 - 4. Prior to the erection of the signs hereby approved, details of the materials to include colour, to be used in their construction shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter, the works shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved details.
- b) That the applicant be informed that this permission has been taken in accordance with Policy C6 of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan and Policies G7 and C5 of the replacement Salisbury District Local Plan.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm

Members of the public present: 3