

MINUTES

Item 04

Meeting: SOUTH WEST WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD
Place: Nadder Hall, Weaveland Road, Tisbury, SP3 6HJ
Date: Wednesday 16 September 2009
Start Time: 7.00pm
Finish Time: 9:25pm

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In Attendance:

Wiltshire Councillors

Richard Beattie, Tony Deane, Josephine Green (Vice Chairman), George Jeans, Bridget Wayman (Chairman).

Parish Councillors/Representatives

J Oldfield – Ansty, N Barter – Bishopstone, M Holland – Broad Chalke, L Shipley – Compton Chamberlayne, C Smith – Dinton, J Barnes and J Pendrill – Donhead St Mary, D Booth – East Knoyle, A Reis – Ebbesbourne Wake, R O'Neil Rae – Hindon, N Meeker and G Cotton – Kilminster, D Adeley – Stratford Tony, Z Faulkner – Teffont, F Corp, J Berkley-Matthews, P Coopman and D Carroll – Tisbury, A Lacey – West Tisbury, P Edge – Wilton.

Partners

Wiltshire Police – Inspector David McMullin
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue – Michael Franklin
Tisbury and Parish Community Area Partnership (TAPCAP) – Nigel Knowles
Community Area Young People's Issues Group – Jaki Farrel, Zita Hooper and Hannah Ford

Members of Public in Attendance: 47

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>	<u>Action By</u>
1.	<u>Chairman's Welcome and Introduction</u> The Chairman introduced the Board Members, and welcomed everyone to the Extraordinary meeting of the South West Wiltshire Area Board.	
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Graham Hogg – Service Director for Housing, Wiltshire Council Trevor Long – Bishopstone Parish Council	
3.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were none.	
3a.	<u>Public Questions and Statements</u> Mrs Barnes of Donhead St Mary Parish Council read a statement on behalf of Mrs Spinney also from Donhead St Mary. This statement detailed recent events where Mrs Spinney and her husband had recently been victims of an act of antisocial behaviour in the village, which resulted in Mr Spinney being physically abused by two youths. Joy Hillyer the Independent Member of Wiltshire Police gave assurance that the matter would be looked into.	Joy Hillyer
4.	<u>South Wiltshire Core Strategy</u> It was explained that the Board's role regarding the South Wiltshire Core Strategy is to help the public and partners in the South West Wiltshire Community Areas gain greater awareness and a better understanding of what the strategy is about and how it will influence housing and infrastructure for the Areas over the next 20 years. Judith Cameron, Senior Planning Officer, and Alistair Cunningham, Service Director for Economy and Enterprise, were introduced. They explained that the meeting was a chance for the Board and the public to understand the Core Strategy and make any representations to the Inspector based on the legality or soundness of the document. The Board then received a presentation on the Core Strategy. Some of the points covered were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the strategy has been developed; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the Strategy actually is; • How members of the public can make formal representations to the Inspector for the next stage; • The deadline for making representation is 30 September 09; • The strategy will be submitted to the Secretary of State, and examined by an inspector for its legal standing and soundness; • If the strategy is found to be sound, it will be taken to the Full Council meeting in Spring 2010. <p>The Chairman thanked the Planning Officers and invited questions and comments from those present, some of which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the policy suggests that the roads would be capable of taking heavier traffic brought on by a development of infrastructure, it appears that the quality of life for those people who already live in and around the areas of development had not been taken in to consideration. • Would Parish Plans continue to be supported, or should they be rewritten? • Great care had been taken to list statistics for the elderly in the Tisbury area, but what was actually going to be put in place to care for those elderly people? The existing facilities available for the elderly are quite poor. • The current road infrastructure is quite poor, it would need to be improved if development is to go ahead. Access is a key factor in planning new sites; the roads need to be improved for those who currently live there. • The current schools available to children in the Tisbury area are full to capacity. Where are the new schools going to be located for children in this area? • The document does not seem to recognise planning activity of other Councils adjacent to Wiltshire Council. For example, the 700 new homes planned for the east of Shaftesbury will have a significant impact on housing and services in the Wiltshire area. • Unless Wiltshire Council has made arrangements with Dorset County Council to develop some sharing of funds, we will see an adverse impact on rural highways to the east and west of our community area. • The document hasn't taken into account the recent economic changes in the country. Most young people who accumulate debts as students don't have any money to buy a property until after they have paid their student loans back. Also the availability of loans and credit cards results in accrued debts, which put people in a worse financial position, where they are unable to buy houses. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The document needs to do more to face the reality of the situation we have to face over the next few years. • East Knoyle is not even considered as a secondary village as we have less than 400 houses, no school or even a bus service; it feels as if we don't count. • New houses are built with electric heating installed, which is costly. What impact will high energy bills have on the people who move into new housing, considering it is likely they will struggle with their mortgage payments alone. • The maps which are available on the web are of a poor quality and clarity. • It is a concern that projects like Solstice Park will be going ahead considering the road problems surrounding the A303, which runs through our Areas. • Will developers be stopped from land banking? • Will Village Design Statements be taken into account when developers make their decisions? • As the aging population gets older, we haven't got the infrastructure to care for them • Farming and food production will be hugely important in years to come. What impact will agricultural machinery have on the highways then? • In some villages like Fovant, it is as if you are trying to get a quart into a pint pot; enough is enough. • We must maintain existing infrastructure, rather than only focussing on bigger sites. <p>Members of the public were advised that officers from the Spatial Planning Team would be available to assist those wanting to make formal representations to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the views of the Board and the members of the public present are fed back to the council, a report recording a summary of the views expressed will be submitted to the Full Council meeting on 10 November 2009.</p>	
5.	<p><u>Grant Applications</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained that three grant applications had been submitted for consideration, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SWW 2: Funding of Leisure Credits (Mere Community Area) b) SWW 3: Funding of Leisure Credits (Tisbury Community Area) c) SWW 4: Funding of Marquee (Wiltshire Wildlife Trust) <p>Jaki Farrell – Youth Development Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the two applications for the funding of Leisure Credits. It was explained</p>	

	<p>that a total of £42,000 had already been raised towards the scheme, with £20,000 of that amount being raised by the young people themselves. One of the projects that the young people were working on involved the clearance of ragwort and blackthorn across the chalk fields in Fovant.</p> <p>The Board were keen to support the projects, as they acknowledged the importance of motivating young people to offer practical contributions to their communities. After discussion, the Board voted in favour of granting the two Leisure Credit applications.</p> <p>Resolved: That the application SWW 2: Funding Leisure Credits in the Mere Community be awarded £5,000, and application SWW 3: Funding Leisure Credits in the Tisbury Community Area be awarded: £5,000.</p> <p>No representative for the third application was present. After discussion, the Board voted to decline the application.</p> <p>Resolved: that the application SWW 4: Funding for a Marquee – Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, be declined</p> <p>Copies of the Grant application packs are available by contacting the South West Wiltshire CAM Richard Munro on 01985 844825 richard.munro@wiltshire.gov.uk or by looking on the web page www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards</p>	Richard Munro
6.	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>Schedule of meetings 2009/10</p> <p>Wednesday 21 October 2009 – Nadder Hall, Tisbury Wednesday 9 December 2009 – Community Centre, Wilton Wednesday 17 February 2010 – venue tbc</p>	