

# Minutes

**Meeting of** : Southern Area Committee  
**Meeting held in** : Performance Studio, Trafalgar School, Downton  
**Date** : Thursday 28 February 2008  
**Commencing at** : 4.30 pm

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**Present:**

**District Councillors:**

Councillor B M Rycroft – Chairman

Councillors R Britton, R Clewer, J Launchbury, D Luther, I McLennan, C Morrison and W Moss (part only).

**Apologies:** Councillors C Devine, J King, L Randall and K Wren

**Parish Councillors:** Parish Councillors A Poole and D Biggs (Alderbury), J Brown, M Hallam, and S Lacey (Downton), T Wrigley (Grimstead), J Martin (Landford), K Gross and T Markham (Laverstock) and T King (Whiteparish).

**Officers:** J Wallace, T Pizey (Development Services), J Ferguson (Legal and Property Services), P Trenell (Democratic Services) and R Munro (One Council for Wiltshire, Delegation to Parish and Town Councils Project Manager).

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

There were none.

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

Councillor Morrison informed the committee that Councillor Randall had received a response to his letter to the Civil Aviation Authority expressing concerns about the spread of lateral noise in association with the Terminal Control South West Development Proposal. The Civil Aviation Authority had enforced restricted operating hours of 06:30 to 09:30 and 17:30 to 21:30 in the winter and 05:45 to 09:30 and 17:30 to 21:30 in the summer in order to limit environmental damage and night-time disturbance. Anyone wishing to raise further objections could do so by writing to Jim Fitzpatrick MP or Jonathan Shaw MP.

At the request of the Chairman the Democratic Services Officer updated the committee with regard to Post Office closures. Post Office Ltd had published their decision booklet for West

Berkshire and Wiltshire. None of the proposals for Post Offices in the Southern Area had been



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and were hopeful that Wiltshire County Council would introduce a policy to protect the long-term future of Post Offices in the county.

**101. Minutes:**

**Resolved** – That subject to minute 94 being amended as follows:

“Councillor Britton declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 (S/2007/1802) for two reasons. Firstly, he had corresponded with one of the objectors and expressed views on the planning application following consultation with the officers. However, he retained an open mind and considered the matter afresh in light of the officer’s presentation at the meeting. Secondly, he had frequent dealings with the applicant during his time as Chairman of Alderbury Parish Council. He remained in the meeting, spoke and voted on the matter.”

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 31 January (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**102. Declarations of Interest:**

There were none.

**103. Chairman’s Announcements:**

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had been notified that Test Valley Borough Council Planning Application 07/03482/FULLS (Change of Use of land to Showpeople’s Quarters at Plaitford Green) which had been discussed by the Southern Area Committee at their meeting of 8 January, had been refused. Test Valley Borough Council had undertaken to keep Councillor Rycroft informed of any developments in relation to the matter.

**104. Brief on the Potential for Parish Councils to Take on Delegated Services from Wiltshire Council:**

The committee received a verbal presentation from Richard Munro, One Council for Wiltshire’s Project Manger for Delegation to Parish and Town councils. He informed the committee that his remit was to investigate how Parish Councils could take on delegated services within the first three years of the forthcoming unitary council. Decisions on which services to delegate and when would be taken on a case-by-case basis following negotiations with individual Parish Councils. The key criteria for determining delegation would be the capacity of the Parish Council to take on a service in a fashion which was sustainable and offered value for money to all concerned parties. During the ensuing discussion both District and Parish Councillors expressed a desire for more concrete information, including financial figures and a timetable for the project. There was also a feeling that there was an enormous amount of work to do to consult Parishes throughout the county and an according need for swift progress on the project.

**105. Cycle Routes within the Boundary of the Southern Community Area Plan:**

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Traffic Technician.

**Resolved:** that:

- 1) the above report be noted;
- 2) a letter be sent to Wiltshire County Council’s Transport Planning Team requesting the provision of a shared use cycle footway between Whaddon and Grimstead (attached at appendix 1);
- 3) the Joint Transportation team’s list of current proposed cycle paths be circulated to all Southern Area members;
- 4) the need for pedestrian access and the according markings be considered when designing the route between Laverstock and Salisbury City centre.

**106. Release of R2 Financial Contributions in Laverstock for new Youth Play Area in Duck Lane**

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Development Services Support Officer.

**Resolved:** that £52,928 to a maximum of £53,000 of the R2 contributions be released by Salisbury District Council to Laverstock Parish Council to assist the funding of the above recreational scheme, and that the release of monies be made following receipt of invoices for the works undertaken.

**107. South Wiltshire Area Grants applications – 2007/8 Tranche 3:**

**Community Update:**

The panel considered the recommendations of the South Wiltshire Area Grants review panel.

**Resolved:** That the recommendations of the South Wiltshire Area Grants Review Panel as set out below be approved.

<b>SAC/07-08/T3/01</b>	<b>Redlynch Playing Field Association</b> Replacement security store for all equipment/machinery.	DEFER – The Panel were supportive of the application, but would like the applicant to investigate additional avenues of funding such as R2, before resubmitting an application in Tranche 1 of 2008/09.
<b>SAC/07-08/T3/02</b>	<b>Winterslow Cricket Club</b> Purchase of a new Roller for the New Ground	REFUSE – the Panel felt that this was an expensive project given the number of people that would benefit from it. The Panel said they would be more supportive of a smaller application for a second hand machine.
<b>SAC/07-08/T3/03</b>	<b>Pitton Village Hall</b> Addition of a Disabled Toilet.	GRANT £4,700
<b>SAC/07-08/T3/04</b>	<b>Alderbury Pre School</b> Relocation of the new Pre-School to the site of the village primary school.	DEFER - The Panel were extremely supportive of the project but was concerned that its completion depended on securing a number of external grants. The Panel therefore agreed to consider this application at the beginning of the '08/09 financial year when the outcome of funding applications would be known.
<b>SAC/07-08/T3/05</b>	<b>Landford Parish Council</b> 3 new village notice boards	GRANT - £1,800 towards the cost of two new village notice boards

**108. PN/2008/0001 – Erection Of 12 Metre Timber Telegraph Pole With Three Shrouded Antennas, Equipment Cabinet And Ancillary Development For Vodafone at Highway Verge, Riverside Road, Laverstock, Salisbury, SP1 1PZ for David Williamson-Jones:**

The committee considered a presentation from the Senior Planning Officer in conjunction with her previously circulated report, a site visit held earlier in the day and information contained in the schedule of additional correspondence. Mrs Christine Walter, a local resident, spoke in objection to the proposal. Mr David Williamson-Jones, the agent, spoke in support of the application.

**Resolved:** That the above application be refused for the following reasons.

The proposed site would be located adjacent to an area of open land and given the historic qualities of the water meadows located to the north of the site, and that the application site would also be within the designated Landscape Setting of Salisbury; the Local Plan states that any development is required to create no detriment to the visual quality of the landscape.

The proposed timber mono-pole mast (including the 3 antenna) would be 13.5 metres in height, and would be significantly taller and more bulky in appearance than any existing lighting columns or telegraph poles in the vicinity. Given the open character of the area, the mast would be readily visible within the surrounding landscape

As a result of its height, its prominent location, and the open character of the surrounding landscape, it is considered that the mast as proposed would have a detrimental impact on the visual quality of the landscape within the Landscape Setting of Salisbury. The general visual amenities of residents and other users of the area would also be adversely affected.

Overall, the proposal is therefore considered to be contrary to the saved policies PS7, C3, C7 and G2 of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan and PPG8.

During discussion on the above planning application it was noted that the council's policy on the health impact of mobile phone masts was introduced in 2000, since when new evidence on the matter has emerged.

**Recommended to Cabinet:** That the council's policy on the health impact of mobile phone masts be reviewed.

*The meeting closed at 7.09 pm  
Members of the public: 6*

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**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Dear Mr Drinkwater,

**Regarding: Whaddon to Grimstead Cycle/Footway**

I write on behalf of Salisbury District Council's Southern Area Committee to request that Wiltshire County Council's Transport Planning Team give consideration to the provision of a shared use cycle path and footway between Whaddon and Grimstead.

The fast stretch of road (about a quarter of a mile) between Whaddon and West Grimstead is used for recreational walking by both communities, but in order to access the village shop and Post Office and Three Crowns public house in Whaddon residents of West Grimstead still tend to use their cars.

Providing a footpath/cycleway between Whaddon and West Grimstead would greatly improve the safety and amenity of this route and families from West Grimstead could easily and safely walk to the Whaddon shop. This is a modest project which would produce significant benefits for the local community.

This need is recognised in the Southern Area Community Plan ("Local residents have expressed a wish to have a path between Whaddon and Grimstead", page 9) and is referred to in the West Grimstead Village Design Statement ("A bicycle track to Whaddon would link us to other safe bicycling areas", page 20). Both Alderbury and Grimstead Parish Councils have written supporting such a provision. Given these facts local members were surprised and dissatisfied to find that the route is not already under consideration by Wiltshire County Council.

We understand that the route will now be subject to the County Council's Scheme Assessment Process. We would like to know what criteria are used in this process and would be grateful if you could forward this information to Paul Trenell at the address given above.

Yours sincerely,

**Cllr Bryan Rycroft**  
Chairman – Southern Area Committee



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