

# Western Area Committee

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2003  
at Dinton Village Hall,  
Dinton, Salisbury  
Commencing at 4.30pm

## Minutes

**THESE MINUTES SHOULD BE KEPT FOR USE BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS  
AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

### **P R E S E N T**

#### **District Councillors**

Councillor Mrs S A Willan – Chairman

Councillor Mrs J Green – Vice-Chairman

Councillors A J A Brown-Hovelt, J A Cole-Morgan, T F Couper, E R Draper, P D Edge,  
J B Hooper, G E Jeans and Mrs C A Spencer

#### **Parish Representatives**

Mrs B Belk (Wilton), Mrs C Collinssplatt (Sutton Mandeville), K Grant (Fovant),  
G Howard (Sedgehill and Semley), R Long-Fox (Teffont), Mrs Morland (Wilton),  
M Summer (Sutton Mandeville) and S White (Hindon)

### **MINUTES NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL**

#### **117. PUBLIC STATEMENT/QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Vincent of Quidhampton Parish Council made the following statement:-

“Following a recent survey which has shown a massive increase of traffic through the village, Quidhampton Parish Council seek support from the Western Area Committee in its bid for funding from the County Council for a desperately needed traffic calming scheme.”

The Chairman thanked Mr Vincent for his statement and explained that this issue fell within the remit of the Highways Department at Wiltshire County Council. The Chairman added that the next meeting of the Salisbury Joint Transportation Plan Committee would be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November in the Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury commencing at 10.30am and requested that Councillor Draper, as a member of this Committee raise the issue at the meeting, indicating the Western Area Committee's full support for a traffic calming scheme in Quidhampton.

Mr Howard of Semley asked **if** the following questions in relation to the Council's proposed Design Guide – what work has been completed to date? What is the next step and by whom

and by when will it be completed? Will the Parish Councils be consulted and when? Is there a commitment to a date for adoption?

Mrs Howles, North West Area Planning Officer replied on the Chairman's behalf that it was intended for the Design Guide to be adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. This would involve further consultation with the Parish Councils in Salisbury District. However, at this time, it was not possible to give a definitive date since the work was dependent on staff resources available.

#### **118. COUNCILLOR STATEMENT/QUESTION TIME**

Councillor Cole-Morgan stated that during the Planning Tour of Inspection held earlier in October, one of the sites visited was Easton Farm at Berwick St John. The Western Area Committee had approved this application for the erection of a small single dwelling in 2001. However, the dwelling on the site is large and imposes on the centre of the village. Councillor Cole-Morgan asked how such a large dwelling came to be approved and what steps could be taken to prevent the abuse of planning permissions granted by the Committee in the future?

The Chairman replied that the issue of amendments and variations to planning permissions had been raised at the Area Committee's Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen meeting held with the Head of Development Services earlier that week. This matter would be further clarified to ensure consistency and constancy was achieved across all four Area Committees.

In respect of this particular application in Berwick St John, Mrs Howles replied that the permission for the proposal had been granted by the Western Area Committee in March 2001 and the footprint and size of the actual dwelling built was as approved.

#### **119. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2003 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

#### **120. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Edge declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 11 since his Company had provided a quote for the Christmas lights to Wilton Town Council, and withdrew from the meeting during consideration thereof.

Councillor Mrs Spencer declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application S/2003/1502 since she was shortly due to submit a similar application and withdrew from the meeting during consideration thereof.

Councillor Mrs Willan declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8: Fair for All, since she was a non-executive **director of Salisbury Health Care NHS Trust**, but was able to partake in the discussion on this item.

#### **121. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman informed Members that a question and answer session was being hosted by Robert Key M.P. on "Broadband – What's it all about?" at the Guildhall on 31<sup>st</sup> October, between 10am-12 noon. Members were invited to attend.

#### **122. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1502 – FULL APPLICATION: COVERSON OF FARM BUILDINGS (UNITS 3,4,5,6 & 7) TO B1 USE, UNITS 8,9 & 10 TO B1/B8 USES. CONVERSION OF UNIT 1 TO B1/A1 USE, UNIT 2 TO**

**RESIDENTIAL/B1 USE, ALTERATIONS TO VEHICULAR ACCESS:  
CHALDICOTTS FARM, SEMLEY SHAFTESBURY - FOR - JAMES BROS**

Mr Bagnall, agent for the applicant spoke in support of the above application.

Mr Howard of Sedgehill and Semley Parish Council informed the Committee that the Parish Council supported the application subject to a number of conditions, notably screening and ways of addressing light pollution and vehicle movements.

Following receipt of these statements and further to the site visit held earlier that day, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services, together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED –**

(1) That the above application be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposal as submitted is considered to be detrimental to the visual and natural qualities of the landscape of the designated Cranborne Chase and West Wilts Downs AONB in that it would encroach into open fields. The proposal is therefore considered to be contrary to policies C1, C2, C4 and C5 of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.
2. The proposal is considered to be contrary to policies E20, C22 and G2 of the adopted SDLP in that some of the buildings proposed for conversion are visually intrusive and out of keeping with their surroundings. , at least one will require substantial reconstruction, the access would be a visual intrusion into open fields ,and insufficient information has been submitted for the Local Planning Authority to be satisfied that the proposal would not have an adverse impact on the character of the surrounding countryside by reason of traffic generation nor on the environment of the existing farmhouse.
3. The proposal is contrary to policy R2 of the adopted SDLP in that it makes no provision for recreational open space in connection with the live/work unit proposed.
4. Insufficient information has been submitted for the Local Planning Authority to be satisfied that the development could be satisfactorily drained of surface water without an adverse impact on the locality contrary to policy G5 of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan
5. The proposal is considered to be contrary to the aim of a sustainable development pattern as embodied in policy G1 of the adopted SDLP and DP1 of the Wiltshire Structure Plan and PPG13 in that it is located in open countryside in a location that does not minimise the need to travel and where there is no practicable public transport.
6. Insufficient information has been submitted for the Local Planning Authority to be satisfied that the proposal would not cause light pollution in the open countryside.

7. The proposal is to use the present farm buildings for a variety of uses. The development is in a very quiet rural area and the farmhouse is to remain as a dwelling unrelated to the proposed development. The proposal could therefore cause detriment to the occupiers of the dwelling by way of noise and general disturbance arising from the use of the units and the associated vehicle movements contrary to policies G1 & G2 of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.

(2) That the applicant be informed as follows:-

- (a) It is considered that reason 3 could be overcome by the submission of a unilateral agreement and commuted sum in respect of recreational open space.
- (b) It is considered that reasons 4 & 6 could be overcome by the submission of appropriate schemes.

**123. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1681: LISTED BLDG (WKS) -TO INSERT A VELUX WINDOW IN ROOF AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY: HIGH STEPS HIGH STREET, HINDON SALISBURY – FOR MR MARK LOLE**

Mr White of Hindon Parish Council informed the Committee that the Parish Council did not object to the proposal. Although the roof was visible, the proposed window would not stand out and would not compromise the integrity of the building or the Conservation Area.

Following the receipt of the above statement the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That since the proposal would not detract from the character of the listed building or the appearance of the Conservation Area, then the above application be approved subject to the following conditions:-

1. The development for which permission is hereby granted must be commenced not later than the expiration of 5 years beginning with the date of this permission'.

**124. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1859: O/L APPLICATION -PROPOSED NEW BUNGALOW AND ALTERATION OF EXISTING ACCESS: CROW LANE SITE ADJ CHURCH COURT CROW LANE, WILTON SALISBURY - FOR MR & MRS M J ANDREWS**

This application was not considered by the Committee since it had been withdrawn by the applicant.

**125. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1628 – TO VARY CONDITION -REMOVAL OF CONDITION (5) OF PLANNING APPLICATION NO - S/1997/0097: 43A RUSSELL STREET WILTON SALISBURY – FOR MR ANDREW HOLDER**

Mrs Morland of Wilton Town Council informed the Committee that the Town Council supported the application.

Following the receipt of the above statement the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the above application be approved.
- (2) That the applicant be informed that
  - (a) this permission has been taken in accordance with the following policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan H16, H25.
  - (b) The applicant's attention is drawn to the provision of the S106 agreement dated 4-8-99

**126. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1663 – FULL APPLICATION – ERECTION OF 4 DWELLINGS AND GARAGES AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ACCESS AND SUB STATION: LAND ADJOINING - FORGE COTTAGE, CHILMARK SALISBURY – FOR WILTON HOMES LTD**

**RESOLVED** – That consideration of this application be deferred until the next Western Area Committee meeting in order to allow time for a response from Wiltshire County Council in relation to highway drainage and to invite Rick Wells, Senior Environmental Health Officer to attend the next meeting to explain the drainage issues associated with this application.

**127. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1714 – FULL APPLICATION – ERECT NEW PREPREP SCHOOL BUILDING WITH ASSOCIATED NEW DRIVE AND PARKING AREA AND PASSING BAYS: SANDROYD SCHOOL RUSHMORE PARK, TOLLARD ROYAL SALISBURY – FOR SANDROYD SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

Mr Watts of Philip Proctor Architects, agent for the applicant spoke in support of the above application.

Following receipt of these statements, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services, together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the above application be delegated to the Head of Development Services to approve subject to the satisfactory resolution of the arboricultural issues and the following conditions:-
  1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of five years from the date of this permission.
  2. No development shall take place until details and samples of all the external facing and roofing materials to be used in the construction of the building hereby permitted have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

3. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the eaves, all window types and glazing used with elevations and vertical sections at a scale of 1:20 and sectional details at a scale of 1:2 through all elements shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority, unless details can be assured by other means to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
4. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the new gates and the means of fixing shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
5. An arboricultural impact appraisal and method statement prepared by an arboricultural consultant holding a nationally recognised qualification providing comprehensive details of construction works in relation to trees shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of demolition/development. All works shall subsequently be carried out in strict accordance with the approved details. In particular, the method statement must provide the following details:-

a specification for protective fencing to trees during both demolition and construction phases which complies with BS5837:1991 and a plan indicating the alignment of the protective fencing;

a specification for scaffolding and ground protection within tree protection zones in accordance with BS5837:1991;

a schedule of tree works conforming to BS5837:1991;

details of general arboricultural matters such as the area for storage of materials, concrete mixing and use of fires;

plans and particulars showing the siting and alignment of the service and drainage infrastructure;

the method of construction of the access driveway including details of a no-dig specification where required and the extent of the areas of the driveway to be constructed using a no-dig specification; and

details of all other activities which have implications for trees on or adjacent to the site.

6. No development shall take place until proposals for the landscaping of the site have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The landscaping shall include provision for landscape planting and the retention and protection of existing trees.

Upon approval: the approved scheme shall be fully implemented with new planting carried out in the planting season October to March inclusive following occupation of the building or the completion of the

development whichever is the sooner, or in accordance with a timetable to be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority;

all planting shall be carried out in accordance with British Standards;

the scheme shall be properly maintained for a period of 5 years and any trees/plants (including those retained as part of the scheme) which die, are removed or become damaged or diseased within this period shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of a similar size and the same species, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation; and the whole scheme shall be subsequently retained.

7. The building, hereby approved, shall not be brought into use until the access driveway and parking shown on the approved plan have been constructed, and these shall thereafter be retained and kept available for those purposes at all times.
  8. The building, hereby approved, shall not be brought into use until a Green Travel Plan to reduce vehicular traffic movements to the School has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The approved details of the Green Travel Plan shall thereafter be implemented, unless the Local Planning Authority grants written consent to any variation.
  9. The building, hereby approved, shall not be brought into use until works for the disposal of foul sewage have been provided on site to serve the development hereby permitted, in accordance with details to be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority.
- (2) That the applicant be informed that this permission has been taken in accordance with the following Policies of the Adopted Replacement Salisbury District Local Plan: G1, G2, D3, CN3, CN5, CN18, C1, C4 and C5.
  - (3) The applicants are encouraged to commission a landscape architect to undertake a detailed historic landscape assessment to inform the preparation of a landscape strategy and management plan to be incorporated as an integral element of the School's Development Plan.

**128. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1715 – LISTED BLDG (WKS) -ERECTION OF PRE-PRER SCHOOL BUILDING INCORPORATING EXISTING GARDEN WALL DEMOLISH EXISTING LEAN TO SHEDS AND FORM NEW OPENINGS IN WALL: SANDROYD SCHOOL RUSHMORE PARK, TOLLARD ROYAL SALISBURY – FOR SANDROYD SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services, together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) 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. No development shall take place until details and samples of all the external facing and roofing materials to be used in the construction of the building hereby permitted have been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
3. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the eaves, all window types and glazing used with elevations and vertical sections at a scale of 1:20 and sectional details at a scale of 1:2 through all elements shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority, unless details can be assured by other means to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
4. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the new gates and the means of fixing shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The development shall thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
5. Before any work is undertaken in pursuance of this consent to demolish any part of the building, the developer shall take such steps as may be necessary to secure, during the progress of the demolition authorised by this consent, the safety and stability of that part of the building, or adjacent buildings, which are to be retained. Such works shall, where necessary, include measures to strengthen any wall or vertical surface, to support any floor, roof or horizontal surface and to provide protection of the building against the weather during the progress of the work.
6. Any new or disturbed external surfaces shall be finished to match those of the existing listed garden wall.

(2) That the applicant be informed as follows:-

- (a) This permission has been taken in accordance with the following Policies of the Adopted Replacement Salisbury District Local Plan: G1, G2, D3, CN3, CN5, CN18, C1, C4 and C5.
- (b) The applicants are encouraged to commission a landscape architect to undertake a detailed historic landscape assessment to inform the preparation of a landscape strategy and management plan to be incorporated as an integral element of the School's Development Plan.

**129. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1718 – FULL APPLICATION -REAR EXTENSION AND GARAGE: 1 ST. MARTINS CLOSE, BARFORD ST. MARTIN SALISBURY – FOR MR & MRS J BANNISTER**

Mr Bannister, 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.



**RESOLVED –**

- (1) 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. The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension hereby permitted shall match those used in the existing building.
  3. Prior to the commencement of development, details of the driveway surface shall be submitted to and approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be undertaken in accordance with the details thereby approved.
- (2) That the applicant be informed that this permission has been taken in accordance with the following policy/policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan: D3, G2

**130. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1801 – LISTED BLDG (WKS) -DEMOLITION OF GREENHOUSE WITHIN WALLED GARDEN AREA AND ENLARGEMENT OF EXISTING OPENING IN GARDEN WALL FOR TRACTOR ACCESS : BRADLEY HOUSE KINGSTON LANE, MAIDEN BRADLEY WARMINSTER – FOR THE TRUSTEES OF LORD SEYMOUR'S 1971 SETTLEMENT**

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the above application be approved subject to the following conditions:-
1. The development for which permission is hereby granted must be commenced not later than the expiration of 5 years beginning with the date of this permission
  2. Before any work is undertaken in pursuance of this consent to demolish any part of the building, the applicant shall take such steps as may be necessary to secure, during the progress of demolition authorised by this consent, the safety and stability of that part of the building, or adjacent buildings, which are to be retained. Such works shall, where necessary, include measures to strengthen any wall or vertical surface, to support any floor, roof or horizontal surface and to provide protection of the building against the weather during the progress of the works and necessary repairs be undertaken.
  3. The greenhouse shall be dismantled carefully and any materials in sound condition salvaged
  4. Any necessary repairs shall be undertaken to any external surfaces disturbed as a result of the removal of the greenhouse and that these works are agreed in writing with the local planning authority

5. Any repointing needed to the boundary wall shall be executed in a style and mix of mortar which matches the original
- (2) That the applicant be informed that this permission has been taken in accordance with the following policy/policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan: CN3

**131. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1892 – FULL APPLICATION - CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO NORTH OF PROPERTY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION OVER EXISTING GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION TO NORTH OF PROPERTY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING ASSOCIATED WORKS: BROOKWAY HOUSE TISBURY ROAD, FOVANT SALISBURY – FOR MR AND MRS R TOWNSEND**

Mr Grant on behalf of Fovant Parish Council informed the Committee that the Parish Council supported the application subject to conditions as outlined in the previously circulated report.

Following receipt of this statement, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) 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. The materials to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the extension(s) hereby permitted shall match those used in the existing building.
  3. The proposed bathroom rooflight window in the north west elevation shall be glazed with obscure glass to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority and shall be maintained in this condition thereafter.
  4. There shall be no windows on the north east side in the first floor elevation of the extension hereby permitted.
  5. With the exception of internal fitting out, construction work shall not take place outside the hours of 7.00am – 7.00pm Monday – Friday, 7.00am – 1.00pm Saturdays and not at all on Sundays and on Bank Holidays.
- (2) That the applicant be informed as follows:-
  - (a) This permission has been taken in accordance with the following policy/policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan: G2, H16, D3, CN11
  - (b) The Environment Agency has recently undertaken level A survey work on this reach of ordinary watercourse and determined that this property lies within the 1 in 100 year indicative flood plain.

Given the flood risk associated with this site it is recommended that the guidance contained within, "Preparing for Floods – Interim guidance for improving the flood resistance of domestic and small business properties" published February 2003 and available from ODPM Free Literature, PO Box 236, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, LS23 7NB. Tel 0870 1226 236, Fax 0870 1226 237 or email [odpm@twoten.press.net](mailto:odpm@twoten.press.net)

**132. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1923 – FULL APPLICATION -LOFT CONVERSION INTO TWO BEDS AND BATHROOM WITH ADDITION OF TWO DORMER WINDOWS: LANGLANDS HUGGLERS HOLE, SEMLEY SHAFTESBURY – FOR MR & MRS J RIDOUT**

Councillor Couper on behalf of Semley Parish Council informed the Committee that the Parish Council objected to the application since the dormer windows were considered to be out of character in the area.

Following receipt of the above statement, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services.

**RESOLVED**

That the above application be refused for the following reason:-

- (1) The plans submitted display inconsistencies and this combined with the shallow pitch of the roof means that the Local Planning Authority is not satisfied that the dormer windows can be inserted without detrimentally impacting upon the character and appearance of the dwelling. Therefore the proposal is considered contrary to policies D3 and C6 of the Adopted Salisbury District Local Plan.

**133. PLANNING APPLICATION S/2003/1946 – FULL APPLICATION -INSERTION OF 9 NO DORMERS: COTSWOLD CREST SUTTON HILL SUTTON MANDEVILLE SALISBURY - FOR MR & MRS J MIDDLETON**

Dr Darby, a nearby neighbour, spoke on behalf of himself and other residents in objection to the above application.

Mr Bagnall, agent for the applicant, spoke in support of the above proposal.

Mrs Collinssplatt of Sutton Mandeville Parish Council informed the Committee that the Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds that the dwelling was in a dominant position when viewed from the east and the south and would have an adverse impact on the integrity of the immediate area with the dormer windows drawing further attention to a dwelling that does not marry in with the local vernacular.

Following receipt of these statements and further to the site visit held earlier that day, the Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Head of Development Services together with the schedule of late correspondence circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) 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. No development shall take place until samples of the tiles to be used in the construction of the external surfaces of the development hereby permitted have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved tiles shall match those used on the principal roof slopes of the dwelling. Development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.
- (2) That the applicant be informed this permission has been taken in accordance with the following policy/policies of the adopted Salisbury District Local Plan: G2, C4, C5, C24, H31, D3

#### 134. FAIR FOR ALL

Janine Osmond, Project Officer for Integration between Health and Social Services, South Wiltshire Primary Care Trust was in attendance and invited members to submit their comments as part of the national consultation currently being undertaken to ensure choice, responsiveness and equity in the NHS and social care.

Mrs Osmond explained that in his speech to the New Health Network on 16 July, the Secretary of State promised to:-

- ◆ Extend choice beyond elective care into services such as chronic conditions, primary care and maternity,
- ◆ Work with patient groups ...to develop "radical proposals on how best we can empower patients in these and other areas",
- ◆ Enable patients, user groups and staff to contribute to the debate on the next steps forward.

Consequently, the South Wiltshire Primary Care Trust was consulting with local people to investigate what changes would have the most impact on improving the experience of health and social care for patients, users and carers.

Comments from the Western Area Committee were submitted as follows:-

- **Improved communication**  
Increase awareness of assistance available to patients and their families.  
Links with GP network – someone within the GP Practice who has an understanding of levels of support available, e.g. before and after hospital visits.  
One point of contact to help people understand and access the system.
- **Caring for the Elderly**  
Helping the elderly maintain their independence and dignity.  
Enabling the elderly to stay in their own homes.  
More emphasis is needed for care in the community/nursing home provision. This in turn will assist the issue of bed-blocking in hospitals.
- **Ageism**  
Surgery for patients after a certain age is not an option, e.g. breast cancer surgery for people over 70 years. Only drugs are available.  
This approach does not take account of the overall health of the patient.

Access to a service should not be denied because of a patient's age.

- **Alternatives to the Hospital Culture**

Suggestion that Primary Care Trusts provide more information on alternative choices available to patients, users and carers.

More emphasis should be placed on preventative methods/medicine.

- **General Practitioners**

Patients are generally given too little time with their doctors. More time should be allowed to enable patients to talk about their problems.

Alternatives to drugs should be considered by G.P's e.g. exercise referrals, alternative remedies/therapies.

Use of Nurse Triage for 24 hour care, who in turn can assess if a doctor needs to be called.

### **135. GREEN TRAVEL PLANS**

Graham Wright, Transportation Officer was in attendance and explained that the need for travel plans arises from advice contained in Planning Policy Guidance. PPG13 emphasises the need to reduce reliance on the private car and tackle emissions from traffic.

Travel plans as part of planning permissions seek to reduce car usage, but can only really be followed through once the development is occupied.

In terms of school travel, the use of travel plans has numerous benefits:-

- Reducing congestion
- Improving road safety
- Teaching children to use roads sensibly
- Providing children with independence
- Teaching children how to behave in public
- Improving fitness levels through walking and cycling

Mr Wright explained that both the Local Government Assembly (LGA) and the Regional Development Agency have produced guidance on travel plans as part of planning permissions. The LGA, for example, advises that all schools should have and maintain travel plans, and any school considering a major application should submit a travel plan to address increases in pupils.

Supplementary Planning Guidance is needed for Area Committees when considering the issue of travel plans, including issues such as thresholds and scale of development, legal agreements vs. planning conditions.

In terms of enforceability, Green Travel Plans are only useful if they have well defined targets. These targets would need to be monitored by the Joint Transportation Team or the School Travel Adviser. All of these issues would need to be addressed through supplementary planning guidance.

Following Mr Wright's presentation, Members discussed the issue further and the following comments were made:-

- Schools need to consider in more detail how pupils actually travel each day.
- Provision of more school lockers may reduce the need to carry books, sports kit etc and this in turn may encourage more children to cycle or walk to school.

- Concessionary fares for schoolchildren should be considered.
- If an acceptable alternative form transport was available, fewer parents would need to drive their children to school.
- At the moment, parents do not have a choice - bus fares often exceed the cost of travelling by car and these anomalies inevitably reduce the effectiveness of travel plans.

**AGREED** – That this matter be brought to the attention of a future Salisbury Transportation Plan Joint Committee.

**136. AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY: MANAGEMENT PLAN - CONSULTATION**

Councillor Draper (Deputy Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport) introduced the previously circulated report of the Head of Community Initiatives which had also been considered at the Cabinet meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2003.

Mr Long-Fox of Teffont Parish Council congratulated the Council Officers for preparing an excellent summary to the Draft Management Plan. On its consideration of the document, the Parish Council felt that two out of three of the vision statements could have been applied to any Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Parish Council was also of the view that it was not possible to achieve everything proposed in one year.

**AGREED** –

- (1) That the comments put forward by the Cabinet be endorsed as follows:-
  - (a) The vision's aims and aspirations set out in the Draft Management Plan be endorsed.
  - (b) No comments be made on the content and objectives set out in the Plan.
  - (c) The actions proposed for one year would benefit from prioritisation as completion of all within one year with the existing staff numbers would appear over ambitious.
  - (d) The proposal set out in paragraph 6.5 of the report to employ a specialist planner for the AONB team is not supported as this could have the potential to delay the planning process within individual authorities and duplicate the professional opinion available to such authorities via their current consultees, English Nature and the Countryside Agency.
  - (e) The Consultation Document is written in such a nebulous and wordy manner its effect has been counter productive.
- (2) That in addition to the comments of the Cabinet as detailed in (1) above, the Western Area Committee is of the view that the Draft Management Plan should increase its focus on the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs, rather than its general reference to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**137. DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION FROM WILTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Members considered the matter as set out under Agenda Item 11.

**RESOLVED** – That a grant of £940 from the Western Area Committee's discretionary Budget be made in favour of Wilton Town Council for the purchase of Christmas tree lights.

**138. EXTENSION OF MEETING**

In compliance with Council Policy, as the Committee could not conclude its business by 9.00 p.m., it resolved to extend the meeting by one and a half hours (during which time the matters recorded under minutes 115, 118 and 119 were considered).

### **139. EXEMPT INFORMATION**

**RESOLVED** - that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 14 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined within Part 1 of Schedule 12A inserted into the Local Government Act, 1972, by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, and more particularly specified below:-

Agenda Item 14 – Press and Public to be excluded on the ground specified in:-

Paragraph 13 namely: `Information which, if disclosed to the public would reveal that the authority proposes –

- (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
- (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment

#### ***Summary of Exempt Matters***

Agenda Item 14- Relating to land in Ludwell

The meeting concluded at 10.35 p.m.

Members of the Public: 29

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