

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Westbury Area Board  
**Place:** Online  
**Date:** Tuesday 23 March 2021  
**Start Time:** 2.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 2.30 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Carole King (Chairman), Cllr Russell Hawker, Cllr Gordon King and  
Cllr Suzanne Wickham (Vice-Chairman)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Graeme Morrison, Community Engagement Manager  
Ben Fielding, Democratic Services Officer

### **Partners**

Ray Bridgman, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

**Total in attendance: 7**

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<b><u>Minute No.</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u></b>
1.	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Westbury Area Board.</p>
2.	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>There were no apologies for absence received.</p>
3.	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.</b></p>
4.	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
5.	<p><u>Partner Update - Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</u></p> <p>The Area Board received an update from Ray Bridgman on behalf of Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. The update covered the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ray Bridgman recently took over from Richard Humphreys, who previously attended the Area Board on behalf of the Fire Service.</li> <li>• In February there were a large amount of fires, including 11 that crews attended and 1 chimney fire.</li> <li>• Uniformed colleagues have been supporting ambulance crews and would remain there until at least next month.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The chairman gave the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme</li> <li>• Update on targeted Covid-19 community testing for asymptomatic people</li> <li>• Stand as a unitary, town or parish councillor in May</li> </ul>
7.	<p><u>Area Board Funding</u></p> <p>The Board considered the funding requests as detailed in the report attached to the agenda.</p> <p>a) <u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p>1) Edington Parish Council £1,750, towards car park lighting.</p>

	<p>Councillor Suzanne Wickham spoke in support of a grant towards car park lighting for Edington Parish Council.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To award Edington Parish Council £1,750 towards car park lighting.</b></p> <p>2) Spurgeons Children’s Centre, £200, towards baby bundles storage.</p> <p>Graeme Morrison, Community Engagement Manager, read the application information relating to the grant towards baby bundles storage.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To award Spurgeons Children’s Centre £200 towards baby bundles storage.</b></p> <p>b) <u>Westbury Area Board Initiatives</u></p> <p>1) Area Board Initiative, £1,550, towards Wiltshire Search and Rescue.</p> <p>Councillor Gordon King spoke in support of a grant towards Wiltshire Search and Rescue.</p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>To award Area Board Initiative £1,550 towards Wiltshire Search and Rescue.</b></p>
8.	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>Councillor Russell Hawker was thanked for his service to the Area Board.</p>