

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** AMESBURY AREA BOARD  
**Place:** Shrewton Recreation Hall, Recreation Ground, Mill Lane, Shrewton,  
SP3 4JY  
**Date:** 19 September 2013  
**Start Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 9.40 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Mike Hewitt (Vice Chairman), Cllr John Noeken, Cllr John Smale (Chairman),  
Cllr Ian West and Cllr Fred Westmoreland

Cllr Fleur De Rhé-Philipe, Cllr Chris Williams

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Alastair Cunningham – Service Director – Economy and Regeneration  
Karen Linaker – Community Area Manager  
Andy Cole – Highways and Streetscene  
Katy Salter – Tenant Participation Officer  
Adrian Hampton – Highways and Streetscene  
Craig Campbell – Highways and Streetscene

### **Town and Parish Councils**

Amesbury Town Council – Andy Rhine-Tutt, P Allen, Roger Fisher  
Durrington Town Council – Mary Towle, D Healing, M Wardell, W Clarke  
Allington Parish Council – Pete Smith  
Berwick St James Parish Council – Richard Brasher, Ian Fisher  
Bulford Parish Council – Jackie Clark  
Idmiston Parish Council – Andrew Tidd

Newton Toney Parish Council – Tim Mills  
Orcheston Parish Council – Sam Shepherd  
Shrewton Parish Council – Michael Blake, Janice James, John Berry, Dave Logan  
Stapleford Parish Council – Jenny Broad  
Tilshead Parish Council – Victoria Burbage  
Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council – Sara Zacks, James Carr, A Shuttleworth

Chitterne Parish Council – Mike Lucas

**Partners**

Police – Inspector C Lange, E M Steele

**Total in attendance: 180**

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<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Amesbury Area Board and thanked Shrewton for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>At the Chairman's invitation, the Councillors and officers sitting at the front of the meeting introduced themselves.</p>
2	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence had been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Graham Wright</li> <li>• Jenni Bertram</li> </ul>
3	<p><u>'Rat running' / A303</u></p> <p>Cllr John Smale, Chairman of Amesbury Area Board introduced the item and explained the purpose was to hear the views of the local people and to find out how they were feeling. He highlighted the need to collate evidence to pass to government.</p> <p>Cllr Fleur de-Rhé Philipe, Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Transport then spoke, noting that the problem with the A303 had been worse than in previous years. She explained that the new visitor's centre at Stonehenge had been supported, the stopping of the A344 had been the subject of an individual enquiry at which Wiltshire Council had made no objection and noted that the traffic situation had been worse this summer in part to the clement weather and increased visitor number at Stonehenge.</p> <p>Cllr de-Rhé Philipe acknowledged that there were specific problems that needed addressing, one being the lane markings at the roundabout that were not working. She expressed regret that Byway 12 was not closed, noting the immediate need for a traffic order and recognised the need for Wiltshire Council and the Highways Agency to work together to achieve this.</p> <p>Attention was drawn to the Highways Agency root base strategy and the need for making the A303 a dual carriageway was a high priority that had been discussed at a stakeholder meeting which had taken place that afternoon. The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), Wiltshire Council (WC), Somerset, Devon and Dorset were working together on a business case for the dualling of the road. The Board was also informed that the Government had agreed to a feasibility study on providing a tunnel at Stonehenge, and The Highways Agency were identifying problem roads to invest money in after 2015. The damage to</p>

the economy was acknowledged.

Cllr de-Rhé Philipe concluded by explaining although there were no short term solutions, all effort would be used to work towards one and she encouraged everyone to place their comments on the group website where possible, or to contact their parish clerk if they did not have access to technology.

Cllr Smale then invited comments from the floor, giving members and officers a chance to respond when appropriate. The following points were raised:

- Countess roundabout – the 3<sup>rd</sup> lane E/W was signed as straight on, causing near collisions

Graeme Hay, Highways Agency (HA), agreed to look at the tyre marks seen when driving from Shrewton and explained that layouts were subject to review such as a change in driver use.

- Longbarrow roundabout – the kerb was impossible to follow, you cannot stay in lane and the entrance was not sensible

This view was shared by the HA and Graeme Hay confirmed the roundabout would be reviewed

- Airmans Cross – the entrance was on a kink, poor cambers could cause problems in winter weather (ice/water)

Cllr de-Rhé Philipe noted these comments and would take them back. Graeme Hay explained that the community had been involved with Airmans Cross, and that the camber and alignment are part of the design which goes through a safety assessment and is signed off.

- The Board was reminded that there were approximately 48 objections to the thought of stopping up the A344; however the bulletin referred to only 6. The English Heritage case was based on there being no objections made, however people did want to object.

Cllr de-Rhé Philipe noted that the public enquiry had been run by the Department of Transport and not by WC.

- The effect was felt on a day-to-day basis, and affected commerce throughout the region. It needed to be approached locally, regionally and nationally, with engagement in a thoughtful and compelling way.
- There were vehicles breaching the weight limit on the Shrewton – Larkhill road
- The roundabouts have done nothing to alleviate traffic either E/W or N/S – when the traffic builds up it goes straight across the roundabout, where there is no box, and meant the N/S traffic cannot cross.

Cllr Smale asked for the HA to review the roundabouts and the possibility of adding yellow lines

- It had been shown that traffic slows to take pictures of Stonehenge – is there a possibility of screening it through landscaping
- The villages have seen a huge increase in the number of cars – people are getting into the habit of using the roads as rat runs – is there a possibility of having an electronic information point on the A303 between Andover and solstice park to advise on traffic situation?
- Consideration needed to be given to the MOD factor – rebasing would increase traffic
- Neighbourhood planning – how can parish councils understand the operation requirement in the short term? e.g. relating to the neighbourhood plan 2015/16. There is a need to co-ordinate more effectively, with concerns over more legal instructions coming to bear and where decisions are made in the future regarding localism. The consequences are more accidents / incidents where there are problems in the planning process. It is hard to get planning factors. What guidance are officers working to? Please can there be close and local engagement
- Bustard Cross Road - needs to be reprioritised so traffic from Larkhill and the east is turned down the A360 – roundabout or redesign needed
- There is a 2 ton limit coming into Shrewton Village – most cars are modern or residents are coming down London Road – a 3.5 ton limit was suggested
- Villages are facing increased safety hazards e.g. coaches / articulated lorries and want realistic short term measures.
- Can the A344 be reopened? There is a case to be made
- Shrewton High Street is a major concern – there is a fear for children's safety with the speed and density of traffic
- Through traffic is being held up by traffic turning into Stonehenge car park
- Increased traffic and side roads becoming clogged with both light and heavy vehicles turning off the A303 as seen in Steeple Langford
- Has the possibility of 'cutting down' as seen in Switzerland been talked about? It would be cheaper and faster

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The A303 needs moved in Winterbourne Stoke – for the first time traffic is queuing going east – the only change is the Longbarrow roundabout</li> <li>• Short term solutions are needed to make the road through Shrewton less attractive to the A303 – possible use of planters / fences and a 20mph speed limit?</li> <li>• How can you quantify the business case for the dualling of the A303? EH will have no interest.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr de-Rhé Philipe confirmed the government is looking at road improvements. She stated the A344 would not reopen and it was better to drive the importance of the A303.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns were raised over the possible increase in traffic when the new visitors centre was open and it was asked whether there was a possibility of taking the Stonehenge traffic away from the A303.</li> <li>• WC needs to tell SatNav companies that the A344 is closed.</li> </ul> <p>Graeme Hay noted that the evidence pointed to people not updating their satnav’s rather than the companies not being informed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road needs to be access only at Rollestone junction.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Smale noted the support of the local MP, John Glen, who had to send his apologies for the meeting. He recognised that things would begin to move given the involvement of all: MEP’s, MP’s, Wiltshire Council, the Highways Agency and the economic aspect for the South West. He urged people to submit their comments online – <a href="http://amesbury.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/">http://amesbury.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/</a></p>
4	<p><u>Minutes</u></p> <p><b><u>Decision</u></b>  <b>The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
5	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
6	<p><u>Super-Garrison plans</u></p> <p>Alastair Cunningham, Service Director – Economy &amp; Regeneration and Development Services gave a presentation on the Army rebasing plans and the involvement of local communities.</p>

	<p>He noted that the largest tranche of rebasing would be into Wiltshire, bringing an investment of £850 million on family homes, facilities 'within the wire' and the training estate. The community will benefit from shared facilities, a boost to economy and the benefit of skills from Army leavers and families.</p> <p>He finished by confirming a further update would be brought to the Area Board on the development of Context Plan, hopefully in late November, and Masterplan in Spring 2014. Further engagement would happen through the public consultation scheduled for early 2014 and planning applications expected in spring - summer 2014</p> <p>In response to questions he confirmed that locations were not yet known. Wiltshire Council was working closely with the Army in all aspects including the road structure and the current traffic/road concerns were acknowledged. Schools were in the public sector and being looked at. Concern was raised over the bus infrastructure into Salisbury, especially at night, and both Section 106 agreements and CIL levies were being looked to address this. These were the kind of issues that need to be fed in to the process, along with concerns over the numbers of builders, where they will be housed, construction traffic and utility issues.</p> <p>Alastair asked the community to challenge when consulted to ensure that all issues were being addressed.</p>
7	<p><u>Small Grant applications</u></p> <p>The following small grant applications were received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bourne Valley Day Centre for the Elderly requested £346 towards the cost of transport <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>To grant in principle the sum of £346 subject to satisfactory applications forms being received.</b></p> </li> <li>2. Bourne Valley Historical Society requested £298 to buy software and proper archival storage folders and cases. <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>To grant in principle the sum of £298 subject to satisfactory applications forms being received.</b></p> </li> <li>3. Bourne Valley Link Scheme requested £480 towards first aid training for volunteers <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>To grant in principle the sum of £480 subject to satisfactory applications forms being received.</b></p> </li> </ol>

	<p>4. Durrington Walls Wind Band requested £500 towards the cost of new percussion instruments</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>To grant in principle the sum of £500 subject to satisfactory applications forms being received.</b></p> <p>5. Smiling Faces Nursery, Amesbury requested £500 for a new outdoor climbing structure.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>To grant in principle the sum of £500 subject to satisfactory applications forms being received.</b></p> <p>6. Steeple Langford Play Park requested £400 towards rubber matting for play equipment.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>To grant in principle the sum of £400 subject to satisfactory applications forms being received and the issue around other funding being clarified.</b></p> <p>7. Steeple Langford Allotment Trust requested £429 for a new mower.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>To grant in principle the sum of £429 subject to satisfactory applications forms being received and the issue around other funding being clarified.</b></p> <p>8. Steeple Langford Parish Hall Committee requested £498 to fix a hole in the kitchen floor and by a loft ladder and 8 chairs with arms</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>  <b>To grant in principle the sum of £498 subject to satisfactory applications forms being received.</b></p>
8	<p><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></p> <p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p><b>(a) Feedback from the previous meeting</b></p> <p>4 out of the 6 bids presented to the July board meeting had been approved as urgent projects during the summer. These were:</p> <p>(i) £500 for the set up of the Bourne Valley Explorer Scouts</p>



	<p>(ii) £500 for the Durrington Otters Summer Swimming Classes  (iii) £500 for the Amesbury Air Cadets new Minibus  (iv) £500 for the Porton FC – new goal posts</p> <p>One of the two remaining bids was due for consideration at item 15 (Langfords Youth Group), and the last one for the Guiding Association should come before the board in November.</p> <p><b>(b) North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Draft Management Plan</b></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to current consultation on the North Wessex draft Management Plan</p> <p><b>(c) Fracking</b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that there had been no applications for fracking in Wiltshire due to the presence of chalk.</p> <p><b>(d) Wiltshire Core Strategy Consultation</b></p> <p>The Chairman drew attention to the consultation closing date of 9 October 2013.</p>
9	<p><u>Your Local Issues</u></p> <p>Karen Linaker, Amesbury Community Area Manager, reminded all of the online reporting facility, and noted the following four issues that had been submitted online:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a call for an assessment of the speed limit between Stonehenge Roundabout in Durrington up to the Packway in Larkhill</li> <li>• chasing a concern raised over a month ago about overgrown vegetation on footpath 37, Countess Road, Amesbury</li> <li>• 2 issues each reporting speeding concerns on Boscombe Road, Amesbury</li> </ul> <p>The following issue was raised on the night:</p> <p>Straw bale residue and branches from trees were being left on the road and washed into drains raising concerns about blockages.</p> <p>Andy Cole asked for people to contact him where with the specific location where this was a problem and he would arrange for it to be checked.</p>
10	<p><u>Updates from Partners and Town/Parish Councils</u></p> <p>The Chairman referred to the updates set out in the agenda and invited further</p>

	<p>updates from Town/Parish Councils and other Partners, including outside bodies. It was noted that the preferred option was for written updates, to minimise time spent during the meeting.</p> <p><b>Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</b></p> <p>The written update seen on pages 13 and 14 of the agenda was noted.</p> <p><b>Police</b></p> <p>Inspector Lange introduced the report seen on pages 15 and 16 of the agenda and explained that the thrust of their work involved working with Cllr Noeken on the night time economy and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><b>Good Neighbour – Janet Tidd</b></p> <p>Janet Tidd explained that Amesbury Town was not covered by her, and people in that area would have to go to Age UK. She thanks Cllr Hewitt for his assistance in solving a difficult case so a person could now leave their house, and drew attention to a lunch that could be booked through her.</p>
11	<p><u>Tenant Participation Officer</u></p> <p>Katy Salter, Tenancy Participation Officer introduced herself and explained she covered 1000 properties in the Amesbury Area Board area. Tenants wants, needs and opinions were fundamental to her role as they are the local experts, and she drew attention to the area panels that she would be setting up. She can be contacted directly at <a href="mailto:katy.salter@wiltshire.gov.uk">katy.salter@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> or 01722 434371.</p>
12	<p><u>Community Plan Working Group Updates</u></p> <p>The written updates seen at pages 17 to 26 of the agenda were noted.</p> <p><b>Crime and Community Safety Panel</b></p> <p>Cllr Noeken thanked the constabulary and the licensing trade for the work done on anti social behaviour. He said the next meeting of the Panel which is on 4 October 2013 at 2.00pm in Wyndham Hall.</p> <p><b>Environment Panel</b></p> <p>Cllr Hewitt drew attention to commercial rates being up for review and noted the next meeting would be held in October.</p> <p><b>Housing, Economic Development, Planning and Tourism Panel</b></p> <p>Cllr Westmoreland said a dozen people attended the meeting and it was widespread and interesting.</p>

	<p><b>Community Facilities, Health and Well-being Panel</b></p> <p>Cllr West said the next meeting of the Panel was on Monday 23 September in Berwick St. James.</p>						
13	<p><u>Update from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)</u></p> <p>Cllr Hewitt drew attention to the report seen in the agenda supplement and said no date had been set for the SIDS review. A site visit had been arranged to look at locations for the Solstice Park / Porton Road toucan crossing.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p><b>a. The Board decided to wait for the outcome of Wiltshire Council’s review of its use of Speed Indicator Devices (SID’s), before considering the Speeding Group’s suggestion that funding be prioritised for “intelligent SID’s”</b></p> <p><b>b. The Board agreed to support, and where appropriate fund the schemes below:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1003 1495 1982"> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 1003 735 1451">Shrewton, Tanners Lane to Bridge Garage : pavement request</td> <td data-bbox="735 1003 1495 1451"> <p>The board agreed £2,000 for these works in July 2013. This is update the board that the scheme will not include a coloured footway, due to the current degraded nature of the route. For the time being, works will include a repositioning of the sign and the painting of white lines.</p> <p>The group requested that this route be listed on the appropriate highways works list for future resurfacing so as to ensure that when it was resurfaced, the red surface would be incorporated.</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 1451 735 1787">Gomeldon Primary School – Highway Safety measures</td> <td data-bbox="735 1451 1495 1787"> <p>The school is looking to introduce a number of measures to improve safety for its pupils during the school run. The school has an up to date travel plan and is taking advice from officers as to the most appropriate measures. The board is asked to agree in principle to contribute to the costs of these measures, pending a full report on the implications and costings</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="432 1787 735 1982">Bulford – various crossing sites of concern</td> <td data-bbox="735 1787 1495 1982"> <p>The board is asked to allocate funds for pedestrian counts to be undertaken to assess how the sites of concern can be improved</p> </td> </tr> </table>	Shrewton, Tanners Lane to Bridge Garage : pavement request	<p>The board agreed £2,000 for these works in July 2013. This is update the board that the scheme will not include a coloured footway, due to the current degraded nature of the route. For the time being, works will include a repositioning of the sign and the painting of white lines.</p> <p>The group requested that this route be listed on the appropriate highways works list for future resurfacing so as to ensure that when it was resurfaced, the red surface would be incorporated.</p>	Gomeldon Primary School – Highway Safety measures	<p>The school is looking to introduce a number of measures to improve safety for its pupils during the school run. The school has an up to date travel plan and is taking advice from officers as to the most appropriate measures. The board is asked to agree in principle to contribute to the costs of these measures, pending a full report on the implications and costings</p>	Bulford – various crossing sites of concern	<p>The board is asked to allocate funds for pedestrian counts to be undertaken to assess how the sites of concern can be improved</p>
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14	<p data-bbox="336 573 1158 607"><u>Amesbury Shadow Community Operations Board Update</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 640 1498 857">Cllr Westmoreland said there would be a meeting next Tuesday and a further update would be provided at the next Board meeting. He asked for an allocation of £244.48 from the Board’s discretionary budget to pay for a consultation document to go in the Stonehenge Trader which would gauge community enthusiasm and explore what the community would like to see contained within the campus.</p> <p data-bbox="336 898 483 931"><b>Decision:</b></p> <p data-bbox="336 972 1498 1077"><b>The Board agreed to allocate £244.48 from the discretionary budget 2013/14 to pay for the insertion/distribution of a consultation document in the Stonehenge Trader.</b></p>			
15	<p data-bbox="336 1111 687 1144"><u>Community Area Grants</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 1178 1498 1249">At the Chairman’s invitation, Councillor John Noeken, Lead member for Grants, introduced this item.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1290 951 1323">The Board considered the following grants.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1402 472 1435"><b>Decision</b></p> <p data-bbox="336 1440 1498 1512"><b>Newtony Tony Memorial Hall was awarded £1620 towards a new accessible toilet with baby changing facilities.</b></p> <p data-bbox="336 1516 1498 1550"><b><i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2013/14</i></b></p> <p data-bbox="336 1626 472 1659"><b>Decision</b></p> <p data-bbox="336 1664 1498 1736"><b>Idmiston Parish Council was awarded £4907.06 towards the cost of footpath renovations.</b></p> <p data-bbox="336 1740 1498 1812"><b><i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2013/14 and would benefit all age groups in the community</i></b></p> <p data-bbox="336 1888 472 1921"><b>Decision</b></p> <p data-bbox="336 1926 1498 1960"><b>6<sup>th</sup> Wiltshire Kiwi Scout Group was awarded £500 towards start up costs.</b></p> <p data-bbox="336 1964 1498 2036"><b><i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2013/14 and accords with the Board’s community plan priority for children and</i></b></p>			

	<p><i>young people</i></p> <p><b>Decision</b> Langford Youth Group was awarded £500 towards the purchase of new first aid kits and a music system. <i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2013/14</i></p> <p><b>Decision</b> Gomeldon Primary School Centenary Path was awarded £500 towards the purchase of blank blocks and to assist with installation costs. <i>Reason - The application met the Community Area Grants Criteria 2013/14</i></p> <p>The Board noted the following grants that had been approved as urgent since the July 2013 board meeting, each of which were granted £500:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bourne Valley Explorer Scouts (set up costs)</li> <li>2. Durrington Otters (Summer holiday swimming sessions)</li> <li>3. Amesbury Air Cadets (new minibus)</li> <li>4. Porton Football Club (new goal posts)</li> </ol> <p><b>(ACTION: Karen Linaker)</b></p>
16	<p><u>Future Meeting Dates, Evaluation and Close</u></p> <p>It was noted that the next meeting of the Amesbury Area Board would be held on Thursday 21 November 2013, 7.00pm at Antrobus House.</p> <p>There will be an informal meeting for Town and Parish Councils on Thursday 24 October.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.</p>

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