

Public Document Pack



**CHIPPENHAM
TOWN COUNCIL**

Improving the quality of town life

Minutes of a meeting of the Chippenham Community Safety Forum held on Friday 6 October 2023 at 11.00 am.

Councillors present:

Desna Allen (Chair)
Nick Murry

Liz Alstrom

Officers present: Mark Smith, Chief Executive
Matt Kirby, Director of Community Services Jaqui Gallimore,
CCTV Supervisor
Daryl Jones, Head of Community Development
Michael Weeks, Democratic and Civic Officer

12 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Community Safety Forum.

There were representatives from, but not limited to the following organisations:

Chippenham Town Council
Chippenham Community Hub
Doorway
Wiltshire Police Cadets
Wiltshire Police
Wiltshire College
Chippenham Pride
Wiltshire Council
Marshfield Road Safety Group

13 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Louisa Young, Chippenham Area Board Delivery Officer - North
Richard Meek, Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust
Paul Sunners, Wiltshire Neighbourhood Watch

14 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no Chair's announcements.

15 NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

16 PRESENTATION FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

The Chief Constable of Wiltshire, Catherine Roper gave a verbal presentation to the group.

The Chief Constable has been in position since February 2023 and she it is clear that Wiltshire Police contains hard working staff and volunteers. She has been working on improving the status of Wiltshire Police following the force being put into engaged status. This follows a number of concerns that were raised by the independent inspectorate.

New public improvement plans can be found on the Wiltshire Police website, and it is hoped that when the Chief Constable reports back to the inspectorate they will have seen improvements to the concerns raised, although there is no set time for when Wiltshire Police will get out of the special measures it is under. While under these measures they are under constant monitoring.

New work streams have been developed to move the whole force in a positive direction, and to build public confidence.

It is hoped that the Chief Constable will attend a future forum meeting to update the group on progress.

17 CCTV UPDATE

Huw Thomas, CCTV Volunteer provided an update on the CCTV.

CCTV requests have dropped in number but this is in line with official reduction in crimes stats supplied by Wiltshire Police.

When requested footage has been used in successful arrests and convictions.

Recent software upgrades have been installed that now means the control room can actively track persons of interest.

18 MARSHFIELD ROAD SAFETY GROUP

Alice Porter of the Marshfield Road Safety Group gave an update on the groups activities.

A request by the group has been submitted to Wiltshire Council to review the road layout which is seen by many to be confusing. The ultimate vision is to have a road with a cycle lane. The group is aware that the road cant be looked at in isolation, taking into account areas such as station hill and Hathaway retail park. Awaiting feedback from Wiltshire Council regarding the original request.

19 FORUM MEMBERS FEEDBACK

On the 11th of December there will be a highways specific Area Board meeting. All are welcome to attend, with details being released closer to the event.

Sgt Jamie Ball confirmed that the area at the bottom of Station Hill where in appropriate parking / loading / unloading is taking place on yellow lines is being is a risk to public safety, but this is the domain of Wiltshire Council. Encouraged the issue to be reported to Wiltshire Council Parking Services.

20 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community Safety Forum will be held on Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 11.00am.

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

These minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

Signed on behalf of Committee as a true record of the meeting.

Chairman:

Date:

This page is intentionally left blank