

Amesbury Area Board Meeting

17 January 2019

Rather than repeat the minutes of the very full and interesting Amesbury Area board, these are brief notes on a few of the items raised with local interest. The publicly available minutes <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgA.aspx?M=11721&LLL=0> give a far more comprehensive, and accurate, summary.

Police

The intention of the Police Commissioner is to raise the precept and so fund recruiting of 41 new police officers - mostly for community policing. These will mostly be hired from within the organisation - it seems many current employees actually want to contribute to active policing and there is a waiting list! However, this is still less than the numbers lost over the recent past.

Lovells

Building at Larkhill continues apace and occupation of the new homes will start later this year with completion in 2020. One of the later buildings will be the new medical centre that the Cross Plains surgery will migrate to although they will initially occupy porta cabins! Some 250 patients from the Shrewton area will move to Till Orchard surgery which can handle the additional demand.

Village Hall

Solutions4Health free Shape Up 4 Life weight loss programme will run at the Village Hall - it was to be for 13 weeks but has now been reserved for double that. Referrals will come from the surgery - basically people with BMIs of 31 or over. Help will be given on diet with a period of suitable exercise. However, other folk can apply too.

The Youth Club appealed for a new leader - and it looks like they found one! Brilliant job.

Dave Roberts

Dave, who has been very helpful and supportive has taken early retirement and this was his last area board. We thank him for past efforts and wish him well for the future.

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