

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE LAVERTON,
BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.00 PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr M Hawkins (Chair).
Cllrs S Andrews, A Berrisford, M Cuthbert-Murray,
Mrs G Denison-Pender (left 7.55 pm), Mrs S Ezra (left 8.05 pm),
C Finbow, D Hulin, R Hawker, Mrs C Mitchell, F Morland,
Mrs J Reed, I Taylor and D Windess.

Also in attendance: County Cllr Miss F de Rhé Philipe
Two members of the public

T.1902 PUBLIC FORUM.

Mr P Biggs:

- Westbury Street Fayre.
- Printed jute bags.
- Lafarge Cement UK, Westbury Cement Works.
- Pigeon excrement, Angel Mill and access to Westbury Swimming Pool.

Mr H Horton: Unloading bay opposite Barclays Bank in the High Street.

T.1903 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr P Ezra – unwell. Cllr J Prickett – arrived late due to prior commitment.
PC N Holt – detained on police business.

T.1904 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray: Agenda item 9. – personal and prejudicial (fellow trader).

T.1905 MINUTES. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 18th August 2008 were signed by the Chairman.

T.1906 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE OR PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- a. **Persimmon Homes Wessex – doctor’s Surgery Site, Leigh Park (T.1886).** A letter from Persimmon Homes Wessex regarding this matter was noted.
- b. **Westbury Youth Centre (T.1880 and G.1370).** A letter from Wiltshire County Council (WCC) was noted, which expressed the view that any change in opening times should be put to the young people first. Cllrs Mrs Ezra and Hawker reported they would be attending a meeting at the Youth Centre later in the month, and County Cllr Miss de Rhé Philipe informed that the police and WCC would be meeting the following Monday.
- c. **Parish and Town Elections – Letter from the Chief Executive of Wiltshire County Council to the Department for Communities and Local Government (T.1884).** Noted.

T.1907 **POLICE REPORT.** Nil.

T.1908 **WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT.** The move towards unitary status was proceeding satisfactorily.

T.1909 **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.** The following Minutes were received and noted.

Highways, Planning & Development Committee	-	21.07.08
Highways, Planning & Development Committee	-	18.08.08
General Purposes Committee	-	04.09.08

T.1910 **MATTERS ARISING:**

General Purposes Committee 4th August 2008 – agenda item G.1369. Cllr Hawker disagreed with the reasons given for the proposed ward name of Vale.

T.1911 **PROPOSED ALDI SUPERMARKET.** The following motion was moved by Cllr R Hawker:

“The sooner the proposed new Aldi Supermarket is built and open for trading in Westbury, the better. Westbury citizens need and deserve a town centre supermarket which attracts more customers to do most of their main shopping in Westbury. This will help to boost the viability and vitality of Westbury town centre and give other town centre shops a better chance to survive and improve.”

Cllr Hawker proposed an amendment to add the following to the above motion:

“The Town Council requests the kind assistance of County Cllr Miss de Rhé Philipe in progressing the Section 106 agreement relating to highways.”

The vote on the amendment is recorded as follows:

Name	For	Against	Abstained
Cllr S Andrews			✓
Cllr A Berrisford		✓	
Cllr Mrs G Denison-Pender			✓
Cllr Mrs S Ezra			✓
Cllr C Finbow	✓		
Cllr R Hawker	✓		
Cllr M Hawkins	✓		
Cllr D Hulin	✓		
Cllr Mrs C Mitchell	✓		
Cllr F Morland			✓
Cllr H Prickett			✓
Cllr Mrs J Reed	✓		
Cllr I Taylor			✓
Cllr D Windess	✓		

The amendment was successful and became the substantive motion, which was approved.

T.1912 **PARTY POLITICS AND TOWN COUNCILS.** The following motion was moved by Cllr R Hawker:

“Party politics and predetermination of town council meeting agenda issues have no place at the Town Council. Town Councillors who are members of a political party should not work together behind the scenes as a political group to decide before council meetings how they will vote on town council issues. This is because councillors should listen to all views and information in public before making decisions.”

Cllr Hawkins proposed the following amendment:

That this Town Council reaffirms its belief that the primary duty of all town councillors is to represent the best interests of the electorate of Westbury according to his or her own conscience, and that this duty takes precedent over any party political or other affiliations, or political aspirations that she or he may have.

Cllr Morland left the meeting and returned following the vote.

The vote on the amendment is recorded as follows:

Name	For	Against	Abstained
Cllr S Andrews	✓		
Cllr A Berrisford	✓		
Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray	✓		
Cllr Mrs G Denison-Pender	✓		
Cllr Mrs S Ezra	✓		
Cllr C Finbow			✓
Cllr R Hawker		✓	
Cllr M Hawkins	✓		
Cllr D Hulin	✓		
Cllr Mrs C Mitchell		✓	
Cllr H Prickett	✓		
Cllr Mrs J Reed	✓		
Cllr I Taylor	✓		
Cllr D Windess		✓	

The amendment was successful and became the substantive motion, which was approved.

T.1913 **LAFARGE CEMENT UK, WESTBURY CEMENT WORKS T.1879).** The following motion was moved by Cllr R Hawker:

To correct the Minutes of the Full Town Council Meeting held on 7th July 2008 as follows:

The fifth paragraph of Minute T. 1879, about Lafarge cement works emissions and which states:

“It was resolved to arrange a Public Meeting later in the year, under the chairmanship of the Town Council, with representatives from the Environment Agency, Health Protection Agency, Wiltshire Primary Care Trust, Lafarge Cement UK, and Environmental Services at West Wiltshire District Council(WWDC) to look further into the issue of the grounding of emissions with a view to discussing what further may be done.”

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to be amended to state:

It was resolved to arrange an Extraordinary Town Council meeting later in the year, at which the Mayor will be able to suspend standing orders to allow the public to speak at any relevant stages in the meeting, with representatives from the Environment Agency, Health Protection Agency, Wiltshire Primary Care Trust, Lafarge Cement UK, and Environmental Services at West Wiltshire District Council (WWDC) to look further into the issue of the grounding of emissions with a view to discussing what further air monitoring or other action may be required in the places where emission grounding occurs.

The motion was not seconded, and was, therefore, lost.

- T.1914** **PRINTED JUTE BAGS (Keeping the town green).** Deferred to Agenda item 20.
- T.1915** **TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.** Following a recommendation made by the General Purposes Committee (G.1373) on 04.08.08, it was agreed to reinstate a six monthly Town Council Newsletter commencing in November with a deadline for contributions of mid-October – the Project Officer to co-ordinate.
- T.1916** **CHRISTMAS IN WESTBURY.** Volunteers were sought to assist with the following events:
- Friday, 28th November – Lights ‘Switch On’
Saturday, 6th December – High Street (Food Market etc) & Children’s Party
Friday, 12th December – Barn Dance
Saturday, 13th December – High Street (Skating rink, rides etc)
Friday, 19th December – Soisy Gardens Outdoor Town Carol Concert
- Names to be given to Mrs D Mansell, Clerk’s Office.
- T.1917** **ONE COUNCIL FOR WILTSHIRE - Invitation to send representatives to a Parish Council Discussion Forum in October.** Cllrs Andrews and Hawkins were nominated.
- T.1918** **TO APPOINT A TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WHITEHORSE AREA ACTION GROUP FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION FROM THAT GROUP OF CLLR MRS G DENISON -PENDER.** Cllr Andrews was appointed.
- T.1919** **CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:**
- a. **Action for Market Towns: WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT & CULTURE CATEGORY REGIONAL WINNER for its project ‘Christmas in Westbury’.** On behalf of the Town Council, the Town Mayor congratulated Mr John Parker, Project Officer, and all those involved in last year’s ‘Christmas in Westbury’, and he and the

Town Clerk agreed to attend the awards ceremony at Ivybridge, Devon, in the absence of the Project Officer.

- b. **Whitehorse Area Action Group – Invitation to “A Partnership Gathering”.** Noted.
- c. **Wiltshire County Council – Parish Newsletter.** Noted.
- d. **Community First AGM on Wednesday, 8th October 2008.** It was agreed Cllr Mrs Denison-Pender will attend on behalf of the Town Council.

T.1920 THE LAVERTON INSTITUTE TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Planning permission has been granted for the change of use to office accommodation of the Snooker Club area. A wind and weatherproof survey has been carried out, which it is planned to put out to tender in the near future, following which a prioritised list of works will be drawn up.

Due to the Westbury By-Pass Public Inquiry, the projection of hirings revenue shows The Laverton may be in surplus for 2008-2009. The Laverton’s accounts for 2007-2008 have been prepared and audited, and will be forwarded to the Charities Commission.

T.1921 TOWN CENTRE VIABILITY GROUP. Nothing to report.

T.1922 WESTBURY TOURISM GROUP - Jute Bags: Following the popularity of the bags at the Street Fayre, it was agreed to purchase a further 2,000 bags at a total cost of £2,840.00 exc VAT for distribution at the ‘Christmas in Westbury’ events.

T.1923 COMMUNICATIONS BY THE TOWN MAYOR. The Town Mayor reported on the recent events he had attended on behalf of the Town Council:

High Sherriff’s Reception
Leighton Sports Centre – wall murals by Matravers pupils
Matravers Art Studio Opening
Matravers Concert
Glovers Court Opening

Cllr Hawkins congratulated the Headmaster, staff and pupils of Matravers School on their excellent A level results, placing Matravers well above the national average.

T.1924 FINAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN - TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED RESPONSE AND TO CONSIDER INCREASING THE AGREED “DE-MINIMIS” VALUE FOR PURCHASES FROM £500.00 TO £1,000.00. Agreed.

T.1925

PAYMENTS OF ACCOUNTS. On report by the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer it was unanimously resolved to approve the List of Payments made since the last meeting, or to be made, and to confirm the

action of the Clerk, the Mayor and one other member in signing the necessary orders for payment and Bank Transfers as follows:-

4 th August 2008	-	£38,873.44
1 st September 2008	-	£70,879.74

T.1926 **SUGGESTED BUDGET BIDS 2009/2010.** The Town Clerk reminded members to submit their bids through their committees to enable these to be considered for inclusion in the draft budget.

T.1927 **WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS.** Cllr Hawker suggested the Car Parks Working Group consider the implications for the Town Council's contribution towards free car parking in the town following the change in the traffic order for the High Street Car Park in June.

8.35 pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this third day of November 2008**

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Chairman