

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 1st DECEMBER 2008 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cllr A Berrisford (Chairman).
Cllrs S Andrews, Mrs G Denison-Pender, Mrs S Ezra, C Finbow, M Hawkins, and I Taylor.
Also in attendance: Mr D Kemp, DCK Beavers Ltd
Cllrs D Hulin, Mrs C Mitchell, F Morland and H Prickett.
One member of the public
L J Fry, Town Clerk
Mrs B Mantle, Assistant to the Town Clerk

- G.1387 PUBLIC FORUM.** Nil.
- G.1388 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray – business commitment. Cllr D Windess – business commitment.
- G.1389 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Nil. The Clerk reminded members of their responsibility regarding interests.
- G.1390 MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 6th October 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- G.1391 MATTERS ARISING.** Nil.
Members Matters Arising. Nil.
- G.1392 DRAFT BUDGET 2009-2010.** The Draft Budget was presented by Mr D Kemp, and following amendment was approved for recommendation to Town Council on the 5th January 2009.
- G.1393 CHAIRMAN’S MATTERS FOR REPORT.** Nil.
- G.1394 TO APPROVE THE AUDITED ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE LAVERTON INSTITUTE FOR 2007-2008.** Approved.
- G.1395 TO NOTE AND ACT UPON THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR’S REPORT (DATED 11th DECEMBER 2007) OF THE TOWN COUNCIL’S ANNUAL RETURN AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 31.03.2007.** The External Auditor’s report and recommended actions were approved.
- G.1396 ICE (IN CASE OF EMERGENCY).** Following a proposal by Cllr Finbow it was resolved that this Committee supports the ICE campaign and works with the local press and partners to encourage residents of Westbury to store the number, or numbers of those who should be contacted in an emergency by members of the emergency services under ICE, or ICE1, ICE2 etc on their mobile phones.

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G.1397 **BOUNDARY COMMITTEE FOR ENGLAND – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WILTSHIRE: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR WILTSHIRE COUNCIL.** It was resolved to write to the Boundary Committee for England once more to emphasise Westbury Town Council’s total opposition to the use of compass points to identify wards, and to reiterate this Council’s requirement that the place names of Laverton, Vale and Ham be adopted.

Furthermore, it was resolved to request the Boundary Committee to look at the arithmetic of the West Ward with that of the North Ward, particularly regarding the area of Kingfisher Drive – the data and the actual position of the boundary line conflicts, thereby throwing the projected electorate figures out.

G.1398 **LOCAL DEMOCRACY COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CODES OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES – A CONSULTATION.** Cllrs Mrs G Denison-Pender, F Morland and I Taylor were delegated to consider this document and submit a response on behalf of the Town Council.

G.1399 **CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. **MoD Police - Plainwatch Newsletter.** Noted.
- b. **WCC - 4WARD – November issue.** Noted.

G.1400 **WORKING PARTY CHAIRMEN/REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:-**

- a. **Christmas Lights.** Cllr Hawkins reported the Christmas Lights Switch-On had gone well, and all comments received have been positive.
- b. **Westbury Area Safety Group.** With regard to muggings, Cllr Hawkins reported he had negotiated with the Police for a supply of deterrent strips to be handed out in the High Street at the main Christmas event on the 13th December.

In addition, the Town Council will be supporting through the White Horse News the Wiltshire Campaign against drinking and driving.

- c. **West Wilts Show 2009.** The Working Group will be meeting in the near future – important role for the Project Officer.

G.1401 **MONTHLY STATEMENT.** Noted.

G.1402 **REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:** Cllr Mrs Denison-Pender reported she had met with four councillors from Melksham, who were very positive about Westbury, naming the town as the new Bradford on Avon of Wiltshire.

8.30 pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this second day of February 2009**

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Chairman

