

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 4th FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cllr H Prickett (Chairman).
Cllrs S Andrews, Mrs G Denison-Pender, P Ezra, Mrs S Ezra, C Finbow and M Hawkins.
L J Fry, Town Clerk, and Mrs B Mantle.

Also in attendance: One members of the public.

- G.1325 PUBLIC FORUM.** Nil.
- G.1326 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr A Berrisford – business commitment.
- G.1327 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Nil.
- G.1328 MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 3rd December 2007 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
- G.1329 MATTERS ARISING.** Nil.
- G.1330 CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS FOR REPORT.** Cllr Prickett encouraged public and members to attend a meeting arranged by West Wilts Rail Users Group on Thursday, 28th February at 7.15 pm at the Riverside in Bradford-on-Avon to inform the Group of what they require from local rail services. He and the Clerk were unable to arrange a meeting with Wiltshire County Council (WCC) to discuss the changes to the X4/X5 bus services, and the tight connection times at Warminster when travelling to Salisbury. For the time being, WCC will be monitoring the situation.
- G.1331 GRANTS ALLOCATION 2007/2008.** It was agreed that the list of Grants, as submitted, be approved. Specific powers for each grant are identified on the attached list.
- G.1332 THE LAVERTON INSTITUTE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2006/2007.** The accounts were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- G.1333 WESTBURY AREA CINEMA CLUB EQUIPMENT.** It was agreed to refer this matter to the Laverton Institute Trust Management Committee for consideration and recommendation.
- G.1334 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:**
- a. **Wiltshire County Council: One Council for Wiltshire – Parish Meet & Greet meetings.** It was agreed that Cllr Hawker will attend the meeting to be held at County Hall, Trowbridge, on 17th April 2008.

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- b. **West Wiltshire District Council (WWDC): Unitary Status – cost of services (G.1324).** WWDC has sent a breakdown of grounds maintenance costs, but is still reviewing other services, and will be forwarding more detailed figures at a later date.
- c. **Department for Communities and Local Government: Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the Conduct of Local Authority Members in England.** Noted.
- d. **Wiltshire County Council Newsletter (4ward).** Noted.

G.1335 WORKING PARTY CHAIRMEN/REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:-

- a. **Christmas Lights.** The Clerk to report once the Group has met.
- b. **Westbury Area Community Safety Group.** The Group had nothing to report at this time, however, Cllr Finbow congratulated the local police on their prompt arrest following a very serious incident in Westbury recently. A local man has now been charged and is on remand.
- c. **West Wilts Show 2009.** The Clerk to report once the Group has met.

G.1336 MONTHLY STATEMENT. Noted.

G.1337 REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

- Cllr Mrs Denison-Pender reported she will be attending WWDC's Planning Committee on 14th February 2008 when she will be speaking on the planning application to remove Condition 1, (prohibition of a takeaway), regarding The Old Town Hall, and invited any comments members may wish to make. The Town Council has already opposed the removal of this condition.
- Cllr Mrs Ezra was congratulated on her appointment as Chair of the Westbury Area Community Seminar.

8.44 pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this seventh day of April 2008**

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Chairman