

**WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**AT A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2008 AT 7.00 PM.**

**PRESENT: Cllr A Berrisford (Chairman).**

**Cllrs Mrs S Ezra, Mrs G Denison-Pender and M Hawkins.**

**G.1363 PUBLIC FORUM. Nil.**

**G.1364 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE. Cllr S Andrews – away.**

**G.1365 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil.**

**G.1366 MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**G.1367 MATTERS ARISING. Nil.**

**G.1368 CHAIRMAN’S MATTERS FOR REPORT. Nil.**

**G.1369 TO CONFIRM, WITH REASONS WHY, THIS COUNCIL WANTS THE WARD NAMES TO BE HAM, LAVERTON AND VALE AND NOT COMPASS POINTS.** It was resolved to reaffirm support for the ward names of Ham, Laverton and Vale. In the opinion of members, people more readily associate with names with a local connection rather than compass points. The names of Ham and Laverton are already well established, and the reasoning behind “Vale” is the association with the Vale of Westbury.

**G.1370 WESTBURY YOUTH CENTRE. To resolve to request Wiltshire County Council’s Youth Development Service to reschedule the Youth Centre’s opening times from Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays to Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to support Westbury Police in tackling anti-social behaviour by local youths in the town (T.1880).** It was resolved to write to the County Council’s Youth Development Service to express the Town Council’s wholehearted support for the local police in their repeated requests for the Youth Centre’s opening times to be rescheduled from Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays to Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to assist them in their efforts to tackle anti-social behaviour by local youngsters in the town. Furthermore, whilst acknowledging the current staffing problems at the Youth Centre, to emphasise that the Youth Service in the town should be readily available when the need is greatest on Friday and Saturday evenings when “bored youngsters” roam the town causing nuisance to residents and vandalising property.

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**G.1371 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. **West Wiltshire District Council – Town Council representation on the Standard Committee – Vacancy. (For those Councillors interested in applying, details and application forms are available from the Clerk's Office. Deadline for applications 22.08.2008.)**  
Noted.
- b. **Community First – Invitation to the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 5.00 pm.** Cllr Mrs G Denison-Pender to attend.
- c. **The Lopes Arms Hotel – Street Fayre & Evening Concert.** The present intention is to continue to run this event every two years due to the work involved.
- d. **Community First News - Summer 2008 issue.** Available in the Clerk's Office. Noted.
- e. **Great Western Ambulance Service Annual Review 2007/08.** Available in the Clerk's Office. Noted.
- f. **Westbury Junior School - acknowledgement of grant.** Noted.
- g. **YA4S - acknowledgement of grant.** Noted.

**G.1372 WORKING PARTY CHAIRMEN/REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:-**

- a. **Christmas Lights.** Due to the delay in starting work on the Market Place Improvement Project, it is now unlikely that any updating of the lights there will be possible – next meeting provisionally 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008.
- b. **Westbury Area Community Safety Group.** Cllrs Mrs Denison-Pender and Hawkins met with the Neighbourhood Policing Team, and it has been agreed to place the emphasis on a Westbury Community Safety Group, rather than the Westbury community area as there has been little support from the villages.

The Child Safety Alert charts have been distributed at the Street Fayre, and these were very welcome, particularly since the closure of the Minor Injuries Unit. The remaining charts were then given to the Children's Centre and Eastleigh Surgery for new mothers and babies.

- c. **West Wilts Show 2009.** Work will now start on preparation for this Show now that the Street Fayre is over.

**G.1373 MONTHLY STATEMENT.** Noted. Half-yearly Newsletter – refer to the Town Council September meeting.

**G.1374 SUGGESTED BUDGET BIDS.**

- Cllr Mrs Ezra proposed “Westbury Town Council Welcomes You” signs, similar to those erected in Trowbridge. The Clerk was requested to find out costs and whether planning permission is necessary.
- Cllr Berrisford proposed a statue or memorial for the Market Place with a possible budget of £5,000.00.

It was agreed to put both these suggestions forward as budget bids for consideration for inclusion in next year’s budget.

**G.1375 REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS. Nil.**

**7.50 pm**

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting  
this sixth day of October 2008**

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**Chairman**