

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 6th OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cllr A Berrisford (Chairman).

Cllrs S Andrews, M Cuthbert-Murray (7.04 pm), Mrs G Denison-Pender, Mrs S Ezra, C Finbow and M Hawkins.

Also in attendance: One member of the public.

Respect was paid to Cllr Peter Ezra, who had recently passed away.

G.1376 PUBLIC FORUM. Nil.

G.1377 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE. Cllr I Taylor – unwell.

G.1378 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil.

G.1379 MINUTES. The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 4th August 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

G.1380 MATTERS ARISING. Nil.

Members Matters Arising. Nil.

G.1381 CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS FOR REPORT. Nil.

G.1382 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Westbury Historic Buildings Joint Committee:** The outstanding grant of £259.19 for repairs to The Laverton roof has now been received – committee now disbanded.
- b. **Community Care Guide:** Noted.
- c. **'West Wilts in Focus' Autumn 2008** (voluntary sector newsletter). Noted.
- d. **Wiltshire Music Centre – Annual Review 2007/08.** Noted.

G.1383 WORKING PARTY CHAIRMEN/REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:-

- a. **Christmas Lights.** New lights have been ordered.

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b. Westbury Community Safety Group.

- i. Cllr Hawkins attended the official opening of the Children's Centre recently, and the Centre Manager expressed her gratitude for the Child Safety Alert Notices that the Town Council issued to them following the Street Fayre in the summer.
- ii. NHS/Home Office "How does your night end?" leaflets aimed at young people, warning against excessive drinking. Of the limited supply available, the remainder will probably be issued to Matravers School.

c. West Wilts Show 2009. The group will be meeting shortly. In answer to councillors' concerns, the Clerk reported that the West Wilts Economic Partnership sponsored the 2007 show, and will be doing so again, but with the move to unitary next year, there will be no "West Wilts Show". However, a show of some sort will occur.

G.1384 MONTHLY STATEMENT. Noted.

G.1385 SUGGESTED BUDGET BIDS. Cllr Hawkins proposed that any funds remaining in the Community Safety budget be carried forward and put towards a reduced budget bid of £3,000.00 for 2009-2010. It was agreed to put this proposal forward for inclusion in the Draft Budget.

G.1386 REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Cllrs Mrs Denison-Pender and Mrs Ezra reported on the forthcoming all day session on the transition to unitary.

Following a question by Cllr Finbow, Cllr Mrs Denison-Pender reported that the Planning Department has been severely disrupted by staff leaving the District Council, although every attempt is being made to keep the service running. With regard to the new unitary authority, all service managers are now in place, and will be commencing duty on the 1st January 2009. The present District Council Planning Committee will cease on 31st March, and until such time as the new arrangements are in place, the planning officers will continue to maintain the service to the public, albeit without member input.

7.20 pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this day of 200**

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Chairman

All Members with a personal and prejudicial interest withdrew from the meeting at the appropriate time.