

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 7th APRIL 2008 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cllr H Prickett (Chairman).

Cllr S Andrews, Mrs G Denison-Pender, P Ezra, Mrs S Ezra, C Finbow and M Hawkins.

Also in attendance: One Member of the Public.

G.1338 PUBLIC FORUM. Nil.

G.1339 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

- Cllr A Berrisford – personal.
- Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray – business commitment.

G.1340 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllr M Hawkins: Agenda item 6. (personal & prejudicial) – Cllr Hawkins is a Director of the Westbury & District Community Development Trust. Innov8 2008 is a project of the White Horse Area Action Group, which is a body of the Trust.

The Member with a personal and prejudicial interest withdrew from the meeting at the appropriate time.

G.1341 MINUTES. The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 4th February 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

G.1342 MATTERS ARISING:-

- a. **West Wiltshire District Council (WWDC): Unitary Status – cost of services (G.1334b.).** WWDC had written informing it will be difficult to provide a breakdown of some services, but that they are currently looking at the best way in which to achieve this.
- b. **Members Matters Arising:** Nil.

G.1343 CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS FOR REPORT. Nil.

G.1344 INNOV8 2008 YOUTH EVENT. It was agreed to write to the White Horse Area Action Group to inform them that with regret the Town Council are unable to commit any further funding to this event above that already approved in this year's budget (£1,000.00), and to advise that the Group writes to the Town Council in November with a request for funding should they decide to organise another event next year.

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G.1345 WWDC – TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE. The Clerk emphasised that Town and Parish Representatives on the Committee do, in fact, represent all towns and parishes, and not just that of their own council. Application forms are available from the Clerk’s Office.

G.1346 WESTBURY CEMETERY – TREE PLANTING SCHEME. Members have received complaints from some local residents that trees planted adjacent to their relatives burial plots had been removed. WWDC released a press release explaining that the trees had been removed whilst they were young due to the likely damage that they could cause to graves, roads and drainage systems in the future from their habit of spreading and sending up suckers. Although Members accepted the reasons for this action, they would have welcomed prior notice in order to provide information for those likely to be offended.

G.1347 CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. **Bobby Van News.** Noted.
- b. **Community First – “First News”.** Noted.

G.1348 REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTY CHAIRMEN/REPRESENTATIVES.

- a. **Christmas Lights.** The Group will be meeting shortly to discuss new lights.
- b. **Westbury Area Community Safety Group.** The Group will be meeting once a convenient date for all members has been found.
- c. **West Wilts Show 2009.** The 2007 group are happy to continue. The next show is likely to be the last in the **present format**.

G.1349 MONTHLY STATEMENT. Accepted. However, Cllr Ezra raised concerns regarding the efficacy of the Town Council’s accounts software for budget forecasting and setting.

G.1350 REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Nil.

7.50 pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this second day of June 2008**

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Chairman