

## WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**AT THE MEETING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.00 PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr C Finbow (Chair).

**Also in attendance:** Cllrs A Berrisford, M Cuthbert-Murray, Mrs G Denison-Pender, P Ezra, Mrs S Ezra, R Hawker, M Hawkins, D Hulin, Mrs C Mitchell, H Prickett, Mrs J Reed, I Taylor, and D Windess.

**11 Members of the Public.**

**T.1796 PUBLIC FORUM.** Rev I Murray; Mr D Tout; Mr J Clegg; Mr P Biggs and Mr H Horton – Agenda item 3. Lettings at The Laverton and Agenda item 4. Properties for Sale in Westbury; Mr W Braid – Agenda item 3 Lettings at The Laverton.

**T.1797 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.**  
Cllrs S Andrews and F Morland – personal.

**T.1798 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr I Taylor – Agenda item 3: Trustee of the Westbury Leigh Community Hall and member of its Management Committee (personal and prejudicial).

*Member(s) with a personal and prejudicial interest withdrew from the meeting at the appropriate time.*

**T.1799 LETTINGS AT THE LAVERTON.** It was resolved (on the casting vote of the Chairman) to continue to hire out the Laverton Hall after the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 to local organisations, but on an **unsupervised basis** and in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Premises Licence and the Town Council's insurance policy – The Laverton Institute Trust Management Committee to implement this.

**T.1800** It was proposed that in view of the confidential nature, related staffing matters and commercial sensitivity of the business about to be transacted, the public and press be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw. The motion was defeated, and the meeting **remained in open council**.

**T.1801 PROPERTIES FOR SALE IN WESTBURY:**

**a. Proposed removal of the Town Council (as a corporate body) from The Laverton to a new central location in the town.**

Cllr Prickett proposed the following amendment to the above:

That the Town Council as a corporate body decides not to vacate The Laverton, as vacating these premises at this time is not appropriate. On a vote of five for and eight against, the motion failed.

Cllr Hawkins then proposed a further amendment that this Town Council (as a corporate body) **explores the possibility of** moving from the Laverton to a new central location in the town.

The amendment was approved; this became the substantive motion and was carried. Cllr Hawker abstained from the vote.

- b. It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature and commercial sensitivity of the business about to be transacted, the public and press be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

**Part II Item.**

- c. **Proposed purchase of the freehold of Barclays Bank complex, High Street, Westbury.** It was resolved to remove this option from the agenda.
- d. **Proposed purchase of the freehold of the old Town Hall, Market Place, Westbury.** It was resolved to drop any proposition involving the purchase of The Old Town Hall.

The vote was recorded as follows:

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cllr Mrs S Ezra	/	
Cllr C Finbow	/	
Cllr R Hawker	/	
Cllr M Hawkins	/	
Cllr D Hulin	/	
Cllr Mrs C Mitchell	/	
Cllr H Prickett	/	
Cllr Mrs J Reed	/	
Cllr I Taylor	/	
Cllr D Windess	/	
Cllr A Berrisford		/
Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray		/
Cllr Mrs G Denison-Pender		/
Cllr P Ezra		/

- e. In addition, the Town Council agreed to form a working group, reporting to Town Council, to actively seek suitable opportunities for Town Council accommodation within Westbury.

The following members were appointed to the Working Group:

Cllrs A Berrisford, Mrs G Denison-Pender, Mrs S Ezra, H Prickett and M Cuthbert-Murray.

- f. It was agreed to release the decisions made to the public with immediate effect.

**T.1802**

It was resolved to return to open Council.

**9.35 pm**

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

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**Chairman**

