

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 1ST JUNE 2009 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cllrs S Andrews, M Cuthbert-Murray, Mrs G Denison-Pender, Mrs S Ezra, C Finbow, M Hawkins and Mrs C Mitchell.

Also in attendance: Cllr F Morland
One member of the public.

G.1430 PUBLIC FORUM. Cllr F Morland – content of electioneering pamphlet published by Cllr Mrs S Ezra.

G.1431 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. Cllr S Andrews.

G.1432 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. Cllr M Hawkins.

G.1433 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE. Nil.

G.1434 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

- Cllr S Andrews – Agenda item 8 – personal and prejudicial (Chairman of BA13 Civic Society).
- Cllr Mrs G Denison-Pender – Agenda item 8 – personal (Member of BA13 Civic Society).

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

G.1435 MINUTES. The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 6th April 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

G.1436 MATTERS ARISING:-

- a. **Consent Street Trading Licences (G.1426).** It was agreed to defer this matter until Wiltshire Council consults town and parish councils on its proposed policy.
- b. **Members Matters Arising.**

G.1437 CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS FOR REPORT. Nil.

G.1438 SMALL GRANTS 2009-2010.

- a. It was agreed to make a grant of £200.00 to the newly formed BA13 Civic Society to help with start up costs – no further assistance from the Small Grants Budget for 2009-2010.

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- b. It was agreed to make a grant of £50.00 to PCSO Neil Turnbull to cover the fee for the Cycling Safety Instructor's Course to enable him to set up classes at local schools etc in the area, and to fund the grant from the Community Safety Budget.

G.1439 TO APPROVE AND ADOPT WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL'S AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN FOR 2008-2009. The audited Statement of Accounts and Annual Return were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk explained it was necessary for these accounts to be submitted to this Committee due to the stricter deadline of 30th June 2009 imposed by the Audit Commission.

G.1440 WILTSHIRE ASSEMBLY – 'RESPONSE TO THE CREDIT CRUNCH'. It was agreed that the best way to promote the aims of the document was through the local media and the Town Council website.

For its own part, the Town Council will endeavour to pay local businesses for services or goods provided as promptly as possible.

G.1441 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust. The Town Council supports this scheme through its Section 137 grants, and the Trust's Annual Report is available in the Clerk's Office.

G.1442 WORKING PARTY CHAIRMEN/REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:-

- a. **Christmas Lights.** Nil.
- b. **Westbury Area Safety Group.** This Group will be meeting with the Neighbourhood Watch and the Neighbourhood Tasking Group shortly.
- c. **West Wilts Show 2009.** The Town Council Marquee is now full, and risk assessments are currently being carried out.

The Clerk appealed for assistance on the setting up day on Wednesday, 22nd July from 9.00 am. The Show runs from Thursday, 23rd July until Saturday, 25th July.

G.1443 ACCOUNTS.

- a. **Monthly Statement.** Noted.
- b. **List of Payments.** Approved

7.40 pm

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**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this third day of August 2009**

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Chairman