



## **BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

The next meeting of Beaminster Town Council will take place in the Skrym Room in the Public Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7.00pm.

Town Clerk  
9<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### **PUBLIC SESSION (7.00pm)**

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO RAISE ISSUES WHICH MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED AT TOWN COUNCIL**

### **REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS FOR:**

- i. Dorset Police Representative
- ii. West Dorset District Councillors
- iii. Dorset County Councillor

## **AGENDA**

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
4. **REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**
  - **DORBAG** – update following the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February (*to follow*)
5. **CHAIRMAN'S ENGAGEMENTS** – to **note** the Chairman has not attended any Civic functions since the last meeting.
6. **PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS (DECISION)**  
To consider approving the schedule of payments and receipts (*to be tabled*)
7. **BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL – POLICIES (DECISION)**  
The Town Clerk, having researched a number of Policies adopted by other local authorities, submit the following for Council to agree and adopt :
  - Health & Safety Policy
  - Child Protection Policy
  - Equal Opportunities Policy
8. **PUBLIC HALL – TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM BEAMINSTER WI TO HIRE SKRYM ROOM (DECISION)**  
A request has been received to hire, on a permanent basis, the Skrym Room on the third Monday of every month in conjunction with their normal monthly hire.

9. **MOBILE OPTICIAN SERVICE – TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR POSSIBLE SITE FOR THIS MOBILE MEDICAL TEST VEHICLE (DECISION)**  
To consider a request for a possible site to accommodate a 7m long vehicle on a weekly basis for halfday/day with room for a couple of cars
10. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL – WEST DORSET SPRING CLEAN (DECISION)**  
WDDC invite Town & Parish Councils to take part in the Annual Spring Clean as in previous years – provisional date - *Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April*
11. **DORSET AONB PARTNERSHIP – UNDERGROUNDING OF LOW VOLTAGE POWER LINES IN DORSET AONB (DECISION)**  
In the South West, Western Power Distribution has invited Dorset AONB together with representatives of other protected landscapes to form a Steering Group with the purpose of identifying candidate power lines for undergrounding. The AONB Partnership is asking towns and parishes to nominate a power line for consideration for possible undergrounding.
12. **FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (INFORMATION)**  
To note the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposed Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010
13. **ALLOTMENT & CEMETERY WORKING GROUP (DECISION)**  
To note the Minutes of the Allotment & Cemetery Working Group meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010 and consider the recommendations therein namely:  
  - i. to pass the tenancy of Plot 11 to Mr & Mrs Allen
  - ii. to enforce the condition within Clause 5 regarding sub-letting
  - iii. to agree and adopt the revised wording in respect of Clause 8 (as per notes)
  - iv. to provide a skip at the allotments in the forthcoming financial year
  - v. to the siting of a memorial bench in memory of the late John Poole
  - vi. to serve notice on a plot that had been uncultivated
14. **ACTION FOR MARKET TOWNS – MEMBERSHIP (DECISION)**  
Action for Market Towns is a national organisation that assists Towns with recession-beating projects, advice and consultancy on town centre improvement projects etc. Membership £98 per annum.
15. **CORRESPONDENCE (INFORMATION)**  
To note details of significant items of correspondence received since the last meeting  
  - **Acheson – Surface Water Improvement Works, Beaminster School**  
Notification of their intention to start surface water improvement works in early March with an anticipated completion at the end of August 2010. Site works would not normally take place before 7.30am or after 5.00pm, with possible weekend working.
16. **PROGRESS REPORTS (INFORMATION)**  
Items progressed since the last meeting:  
  - **Public hall** - first floor windows installed
  - **Public hall** – dishwasher and hot plate installed in kitchen
  - **Grit Bins** – an approach to a different company resulted in an order being placed for 5 x green grit bins at a considerable budget saving. Suitable sites still to be confirmed with DCC.
  - **Charter Market/Fair** – arrangements for the Medieval Market on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May in the Square, to be followed by a Fair in the Memorial Playing Field are well in hand.

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

To highlight items for the April agenda

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the date of the next Council meeting as Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010