



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

Members of the Town Council are summoned to a meeting of Beaminster Town Council to be held in the Skyrm Room in the Public Hall on Monday 17th August 2009 at 7.00pm.

Town Clerk

PUBLIC SESSION (7.00pm)

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

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2009 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2009**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
4. **REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS FOR:**
 - i. Dorset Police Representative
 - ii. West Dorset District Councillors
 - iii. Dorset County Councillor
 - iv. Reports from Outside Organisations (*attached*)
5. **PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS (DECISION)**

To consider approving the schedule of payments and receipts (*to be circulated at the meeting*).
6. **STREET TRADING APPLICATION (DECISION)**

Members are asked to consider an application for a mobile food outlet to trade in Beaminster Square between the hours of 5.00pm-9.00pm, Wednesday and Saturday.
7. **THE SQUARE – GRANT APPLICATION (DECISION)**

Cllr Mrs Knox seeks members support, in principle, for an application to “Awards for All” for interim enhancements in the Square prior to any larger project at a later date. Initial thoughts being rubbish bins, replacement of plastic bollards around Julia, solar powered parking meter, repairs to public seats, removal of graffiti and improved noticeboard.
8. **PROPOSED CHARTER MARKET / FAIR (DECISION)**

The Chairman’s initial ideas are outlined in the attached report. A decision as to whether the Council consider this type of event would be feasible and pursued further.

9. MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD ISSUES

Access to Playing Field - To **NOTE** the Council's solicitor had been instructed to take appropriate action in respect of five entrances, from private properties, onto the Playing Field

Repairs to wall – the boundary wall between the children's play area and the rear of a property in Fleet Street is in need of remedial repairs to prevent its condition from deteriorating further. A stonemason is prepared to undertake some re-instatement and repointing work where necessary, the cost of which should not exceed £100, this would be funded from the Memorial Playing Field (General Maintenance) budget.

10. BEAMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP (NOTE)

To receive report from Cllr Berry if appropriate.

11. CORRESPONDENCE (INFORMATION)

To note details of significant items of correspondence received since the last meeting

12. PROGRESS REPORTS (INFORMATION)

- **Beaminster Library – volunteers**

Opening hours are to be extended with effect from 22nd September using local volunteers. The proposed additional hours are:

Tuesday 9.30 – 12.00

Friday 9.30 – 12.00

- **Cemetery/Closed Churchyard/Allotments – ground maintenance**

Mr Michael Lindsay had been appointed Groundsman with responsibility for the cemetery, closed churchyard and the allotments.

He commenced duties on 5th August working a total of five hours a week.

- **Christmas Tree arrangements 2009**

The Chairman and Town Clerk having inspected the tree would **recommend** accepting the offer.

- **Land at the rear of the former White Hart – Dispensation**

The District Council's Standards Committee agreed that dispensations were appropriate to enable members of the Town Council to take part in discussion with regard to any planning applications relating to the development of land at the former White Hart Hotel. These dispensations are for a 12 month period and expire on 15th July 2010.

- **Dorset County Council – Bus timetables**

This year the County Council went out to tender for the printing of the bus timetables causing a delay, however the contract will be awarded and timetables available in the near future. With regard to a funding application from WATAG towards the cost of a booklet they had produced, this was refused by County Council because the funds allocated were committed to the production of their own timetables.

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To highlight items for the September agenda:

- **Honorary Townsperson literature** – Cllr Beazer previously circulated his suggestions for improved literature and sought comments from members on the content. The final draft will be submitted to the September meeting for approval.

14. PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) ACT 1960

Council is requested to pass the following resolution:-

That in accordance with the terms of the Act, the public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on item 15 on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted viz the potential granting of a right of way in perpetuity.

15. LAND AT THE REAR OF FORMER WHITE HART