



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

The next meeting of Beaminster Town Council will be held in the Skyrm Room in the Public Hall on Monday 16th February 2009 at 7.00pm.

Town Clerk

6.45pm – Beaminster Chamber of Trade

There will be a brief presentation by Mrs Carol Annetts, Chairman of the Chamber of Trade to update members of the Town Council on the work of the Association.

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 19TH JANUARY 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
- 5. CHAIRMAN'S ENGAGEMENTS (NOTE)**

Chairman's engagements undertaken between 19th January 2009 and 15th February 2009:

10th February – Licensing of new vicar at St Mary's Church, Beaminster
- 6. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS (DECISION)**

To consider approving the schedule of payments and receipts (to be circulated at the meeting).
- 7. DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL – TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE POSSIBLE REBUILD AND RELOCATION OF MOUNTJOY SCHOOL (DECISION)**

The replacement of the existing buildings at Mount Joy Special School has been under consideration of a number of years. Dorset County Council have completed a period of formative consultation and have now moved to public consultation which commenced on 7th January 2009 and expires on 18th February 2009. The Town Council's formal response to the consultation is being sought.

8. WEST DORSET HYDROPOWER GROUP – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (DECISION)

The West Dorset Hydropower Group has been set up by a group of mill owners and others working in or within the public sector to assist mill owners and others with responsibility for riparian sites to understand more about the practicalities of generating electricity from the energy in rivers. An invitation is extended to the Town Council to send a representative to the Group's first Annual General Meeting, which would take place on 6th March at 7.00pm.

9. BEAMINSTER SQUARE REVIEW GROUP – TO CONSIDER THE REPORT AND DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS THEREIN (DECISION)

The Beaminster Square Review Group was established by the Town Council in August 2007 with the remit to "carry out a detailed review of the layout, appearance and usage of Beaminster Square and its related roads and footpaths, and to consider proposals for improving the area for the benefit of the town, its residents, retailers, businesses and visitors".

A report was submitted to the Council in September 2008 when the decision was taken to refer the issue of identifying finance for the feasibility study was deferred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee, subsequently the sum of £5,000 was included in the 2009/2010 budget towards the cost of a feasibility study.

Before any further action can be taken the Town Council should debate the Beaminster Square Review Groups report and consider approval, in principle, some or all the recommendations contained therein.

10. THURSDAY MARKET – TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE MARKET (DECISION)

Report to be tabled.

11. TOWN CRIER HONORIUM (DECISION)

To consider an honorium payment to the Town Crier in recognition of his services to the town.

12. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2009/2010 (DECISION)

To consider the Calendar of Meetings for the next Council year. The proposal, reverts back to the old format of holding Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meetings on a Thursday evening, the week prior to Full Council. Dates are outlined below for consideration and would **recommend** approval.

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Annual Council Meeting	11											
Council Meeting	18	22	20	17	21	19	16	14	18	15	15	12
P. A & H Committee	14	18	16	13	17	15	12	10	14	11	11	15
Annual Parish Meeting												26
Finance							23			22		
Allotment Association											8	
Chamber of Trade						12						

- PA and H = Planning Advisory and Highways Committee

13. CATTISTOCK HUNT – BOXING DAY MEET (DECISION)

To consider request to hold the 2009 Boxing Day meet In Beaminster

14. WEST DORSET SPRING CLEAN (DECISION)

West Dorset Services are inviting town and parish councils to take part in the West Dorset's Spring Clean Campaign between 1-30 April 2009. The Town Council participated on Monday 28th April 2008, therefore the suggestion for 2009 would be Monday 27th April.

15. BEAMINSTER EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW GROUP (DECISION)

To adopt the Town Council's Emergency Plan together with the Town Council's Flood Warden Scheme's operational plan as previously circulated.

16. CORRESPONDENCE (INFORMATION)

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

- **Dorset County Council – Beaminster Tunnel**

The County Council have undertaken a visual inspection of the tunnel and the vegetation growing on the stone work of the tunnel is treated as low priority and is not a cause for concern. The broken lantern has been reported to the street lighting contractor.

- **Humberts – White Hart**

Following discussions with the District Council, with regard to the formation of a car park to the rear of the above property, a revised scheme has been prepared. A tree survey had been undertaken to indicate that the proposed scheme did not have any impact on trees of any quality.

- **Dorset County Council – B3157 Bridport to Chickerell Road Safety Scheme**

A response has been received with regard to the omission of white lines and cats eyes on the above stretch of highway. The correspondence states that In some instances there was clear evidence that when installed at appropriate locations, white lines and cats eyes contribute to road safety and collision reduction however, as demonstrated by the casualty and collision history on this road, motorists have been speeding and disregarding the many markings and cats eyes which warn of approaching hazards.

After completing the surfacing a report on options for replacing road markings completely or partially was prepared and discussed by the B3157 Bridport to Chickerell Road Safety Partnership Board which decided to install edge of road marking for the entire length of resurfaced road, plus centre lines markings at sharp bends and junctions however the former deluge of warning signs and lines along the road had not helped to reduce casualties and therefore everyone working on the project recognised that simply replacing them would not improve driver behaviour and safety.

The County Council will start to paint the lines and install cats eyes as soon as road conditions permit.

- **Dorset County Council – The County of Dorset (Various roads in the District of West Dorset) (Consolidation of Orders made for the regulation of Traffic) Order 2009**

Documents relating to the proposed Order are available for inspection in the officer until **6th March 2009**.

17. PROGRESS REPORTS (INFORMATION)

- **Public Hall – internal decoration**

The contractor would commence the internal decoration of the main hall on Monday 23rd February.

18. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To highlight items for the March agenda.