



## **BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

The next meeting of Beaminster Town Council will be held in the Skyrm Room in the Public Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 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**

## **A G E N D A**

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2008 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> 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)**

The Chairman had not undertaken any official engagements between 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008 and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009:
6. **PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS** (*To be tabled at the meeting*)
7. **WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL/WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL – IDENTIFICATION OF NEW SITES FOR HOUSING (DECISION)**

These two local authorities are offering the opportunity to help identify sites of any size that may make a contribution to the future supply of housing. Suggestions for potential sites are required by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009.
8. **PUBLIC HALL (DECISION)**

To endorse the recommendation of the Public Hall Working Party

  - Amendment to hire agreement
  - Install locks to doors at the rear of the building
9. **Grant – Yarn Barton (NOTE)**

A grant in the sum of £2000, recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee, and subsequently included in the 2008/09 budget was paid to Yarn Barton as soon as the budget had been agreed by the Town Council.

**10. AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008 (INFORMATION)**

- To receive and approve the Annual Return
- To note issues arising from the Audit and action to be taken

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
Fidelity Guarantee – the level of fidelity guarantee cover was insufficient in light of bank balances held at 31 March 2008 and the amount of precept then subsequently received in April 2008	The Council should consider the level of insurance cover and set it at a level that would protect the council against potential loss.	<b>NOTED – to be adjusted at renewal in April</b>
Expenditure Powers – S137 incorrectly used – donations were made to a local festival which could have been authorised under S145 of the Local Government Act 1972, provision of entertainment and support of the arts.  Expenditure on Christmas trees/lights could have been authorised under S144 or S145 of the Local Government Act 1972, powers to provide and encourage the use of facilities or provision of entertainment and support of the arts.	The Council must ensure in future years they review the list of statutory powers available to establish if a power exists before relying on S137 to authorise payment.  We recommend that the statutory power being used to authorise expenditure is recorded alongside the item to demonstrate the council or meeting has properly followed their standing orders and financial regulations.	<b>NOTED for future application</b>  <b>NOTED – to be implemented immediately</b>

**11. BEAMINSTER FESTIVAL – 2009 (DECISION)**

- To consider request for financial support
- To authorise a letter of support to West Dorset District Council

**12. ITEMS ARISING FROM THE INFORMAL STRATEGY MEETING (DECISION)**

- Quality Status – Website (see enclosed report)
- Signs – Memorial Playing Field (see enclosed report)

**13. PROPOSED YOUTH SHELTER (DECISION)**

To consider amended design of the proposed Youth Shelter (detail attached)

**14. BEAMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP**

- To elect additional Town Council representative on BCCP (**DECISION**)
- Report on the work of this Group to date (enclosed) (**INFORMATION**)

**15. CORRESPONDENCE (INFORMATION)**

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

- **Dorset County Council** – Structural Maintenance Draft Programme 2009-2010. The draft programme of schemes does not include any work for the town of Beaminster in 2009-2010

**16. PROGRESS REPORTS (INFORMATION)**

- **Children's Play Area** – a provisional date has been given for the replacement of the safety surface under the swings in the Memorial Playing Field - 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009. A site visit has been arranged with regard to the safety surfacing at the bottom of the slide.

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

To highlight items for the February agenda

- Thursday Market – Public Hall

**18. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETING) ACT 1960**

Council is requested to pass the following resolution:-

That in accordance with the terms of the above Act, the public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on item 21 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 terms for the granting of a lease to BCCP
- The potential terms for the granting of a lease to Beaminster Football Club and Beaminster Cricket Club
- To endorse recommendations of Public Hall Working Party with regard to quotations received for internal and external painting of the Public Hall.