



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

The next meeting of Beaminster Town Council will be held in the Skyrm Room in the Public Hall on Monday 18th May 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 20 April 2009 AND THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 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)**

To note the Chairman had undertaken no official engagements between 11th May 2009 and 17th May 2009.
- 6. PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS (DECISION)**

To consider approving the schedule of payments and receipts (to be circulated at the meeting).
- 7. THE SQUARE (DECISION)**
 - To receive update from Cllr Mrs Knox (to be circulated at the meeting)
 - To consider request from Beaminster & District Chamber of Trade for advertising board
- 8. PUBLIC HALL WORKING PARTY (DECISION)**

To note the minutes of the Public Hall Working Party meeting held on 13th May 2009 and consider the recommendations therein. (To be circulated prior to the Council meeting)

9. COUNCIL TABLES (DECISION)

To consider the future use of the Council tables and alternatives (see attached)

10. 70 FLEET STREET – REQUEST TO CONSIDER NAME (DECISION)

An application has been received from the owner of 70 Fleet Street to name the property “Beech Cottage” West Dorset District Council have no objection.

11. PURCHASE OF LAWNMOWER (DECISION)

The present lawnmower used mainly in the Cemetery (approx. 7 years old) and much worked is reaching the end of its useful life. Consideration to be given to a suitable replacement – three quotations available at the meeting.

12. BEAMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP (INFORMATION)

To receive verbal report from Cllr Berry

13. CORRESPONDENCE (INFORMATION)

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

- **St Mary’s Beaminster PCC** – letter of thanks for grant towards the cutting of St Mary’s churchyard 2009
- **Dorset County Council**- investigation work in Beaminster Tunnel – during the recent closure three aspects of the tunnel were looked at :
 - 1) the tunnel structure – a consultant was employed to undertake investigation work to the tunnel lining including taking core samples. The core samples will be tested for strength and composition Samples of the concrete sprayed surface were also taken and will be tested
 - 2) the street lighting contractor took the opportunity to carry out maintenance to the lighting system and survey for the proposed new lighting system
 - 3) highway surfacing – surveyed the road surface through the tunnel and took core samples for testing.

The main works were proposed for September 2009.

14. PROGRESS REPORTS (INFORMATION)

- **Town Council Website** – Sam has completed her 10 hours training, the site is now at the point where the design of the initial pages is complete and information is being added to them. Mollie Baldwin is working with a colleague in Lyme Regis with regard to the release of the domain name from West Dorset District Council. The initial cost quoted of £20 per year to will unfortunately increase to £50 per year due to the .gov.uk domain name and the change of the internet service provider.
A further four training sessions will be required in order to complete the design, add photographs, links etc. just prior to the website going “live”.
- **Floor in the rear Lobby area and WC’s** – remedial works to the anti-slip flooring will be undertaken by the original contractor at no cost to the Town Council. This is being treated as a matter of urgency.
- **Public Works Loan Board** – borrowing approval has been granted by the Secretary of State’s Office and an application submitted to the PWLB for £140,000 over a term of 20 years – approx. repayment £10,289 per annum
- **Allotments** – tenancy agreements have been sent out to every plot holder for signature

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To highlight items for the June agenda.