



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 21st September 2009 at 7.00pm.

Town Clerk
15 September 2009

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 17 AUGUST 2009 AND THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 3 SEPTEMBER 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. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN (DECISION)**

To receive and consider nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Council.
7. **HONORARY TOWNSPERSON LITERATURE (DECISION)**

To consider the introduction of standard documentation in respect of recording details of nominations received, together with an information leaflet which would be made readily available to the general public to assist those wishing to make a nomination. (*attached*)

8. TO CONSIDER RESCINDING THE DECISION TO HOLD TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON THE SAME EVENING (DECISION)

The Town Council took the decision to hold Town Council and Planning Advisory & Highways Committee meetings on the same evening at its meeting held on 16th February 2009. Members are asked to consider whether to rescind that decision.

9. TO CONSIDER WHETHER, IN FUTURE, TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING ADVISORY & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE ON THE SAME EVENING OR SEPERATE EVENINGS (DECISION)

10. DAPTC – AGM RESOLUTIONS (DECISION)

To consider the Councils view on the resolutions put forward for consideration at the AGM

- That DAPTC urge all licensing authorities in Dorset to agree by way of policy to notify the relevant parish or town council of any application for a licence that is in their parish as soon as possible giving sufficient details to enable that council to ensure the appropriate people are made aware of the application
- That the DAPTC, with the aid of NALC and our local MP's, does everything in its power to effect a change to the national regulation, so that Town Councils will have the same mandatory right of rate relief on their buildings as Parish Councils do on Parish Halls
- That the DAPTC strongly urges all district and borough planning authorities to:
 - i. Consider as a matter of policy, greater use of Article 4 Direction to remove Permitted Development Rights from sensitive designations, including Conservation Areas, AONB, Heritage Coast, and Green Belt
 - ii. Engage with Parish and Town Councils in preparing lists of areas and locations where such rights should be removed in order to protect them from unsuitable and inappropriate development
 - iii. Include specific proposals in their Local Development Framework
- That DAPTC urge Dorset County Council to establish and implement a county standard for fingerposts, including grid reference finials, distance mileages, and the use of strong and traditional materials; and that lost and broken signs should be replaced speedily
- That those members present and voting at the 2009 AGM give retrospective approval for the transfer to reserves of the surplus for the financial year ending 31 March 2008 – an amount of £4,224.96p
- That DAPTC urges each Parish Council across the county to improve public access to information about their local government administrative function in the community – through maintenance of a website listing standard information with meeting agenda, minutes, papers etc. and the work, responsibilities, and personnel of the Parish Council. Such websites should be accessible through the other local government information website for the county. As a means of ensuring small Parishes can develop, be trained in and maintain such websites and to provide economic use of public funds, DAPTC should seek to obtain funds for and to develop a standard model or template website for Parishes and provision of suitable training in their use. This work should build on and become added-value to the former excellent initiative of Connecting Dorset.

11. GRANT APPLICATIONS (DECISION)

The following grant applications were to be considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee at their meeting on 24 August, however the meeting was abandoned as it was in-quorate therefore Council are asked to consider.

- **Beaminster & District Chamber of Trade** – to assist with cost of design and production of a new Town Guide
- **Bridport, Beaminster & Lyme Regis Crime Prevention Panel** – to assist with the purchase of “door alarms” @ £2.95 each also the purchase of a WMT-3000 wireless transmitter alarm @ £160.00 for demonstration purposes also a donation of £50-£100 is sought towards general administration costs
- **Beaminster Area Over 50 Forum** – donation towards the hire of the Public Hall/Skyrm Room for weekly exercise group
- **Vitalise** – the organisation provides respite breaks for disabled people to enable their carers to have a rest. Last year it cost Vitalise £35,959 to subsidise Dorset disabled people and carers
- **Dorset Blind Association** – to assist with the costs incurred in providing services and support which are of direct benefit to residents of Beaminster. There are currently twelve residents in Beaminster who regularly attend the social and activity club and eleven residents have received regular visits and support from the Sight Equipment Vehicle during the past year.

12. PUBLIC HALL WORKING GROUP – TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS (DECISION)

- **First Floor windows** – five quotations were sought, three were actually received and considered. The recommendation is to accept the quotation in the sum of £10,280 + Vat
- **Twinning Association** – a request had been received to hang a painting presented to the Association during a recent visit to Saint James in the Skyrm Room. The recommendation to accept in principle subject to sight of the picture and its suitability

13. RURAL SERVICES NETWORK – RURAL MANIFESTO (DECISION)

The Rural Services Network is highlighting the need for better services in the countryside, as part of this they are canvassing rural stakeholders and asking countryside communities what they want from the next government. Views of Town and Parish Councils are being sought which will be fed into the Rural Services Network manifesto published in the Autumn. (*consultation paper enclosed*)

14. BEAMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP (NOTE)

To receive report from Cllr Berry if appropriate.

15. CORRESPONDENCE (INFORMATION)

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

- **Dorset District Council – Beaminster Library and use of volunteers** (*attached*)

16. PROGRESS REPORTS (INFORMATION)

- **Repairs to the boundary walls in Memorial Playing Field –**
re-pointing of loose stone, capping and the filling of small holes has been carried out

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

To highlight items for the October agenda: