



## BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 in the Skyrm Room at the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm

A member of the public drew attention to the continuing deterioration of the road surface at the lower end of Fleet Street. He had noted the area had been marked out for surfacing some 18 months ago, to date no work had taken place.

The Chairman advised that very little progress had been made with regard to the Community Bus except to say that discussions were to take place with Netherbury Parish Council and two additional volunteer drivers had been recruited.

**1922 PRESENT** – Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Baker, Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr Jupp, Cllr Norris and Cllr Mrs Page.

**1923 IN ATTENDANCE** – Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk), District Councillor Alford and 7 members of the public.

**1924 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS FOR:**

**Dorset Police** – In the absence of a police representative the Town Clerk read a brief report provided by PCSO Alex Bishop.

**West Dorset District Council** – Cllr Alford reported that:

- **New Unitary Authority** – in the short term an Electoral Boundary Commission review would take place with regard to unitary Authority boundaries reducing the number of wards to 82 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

Once agreement of the Structural Change Order, legislation laid down before Parliament had been approved, there would be a short period (14 days) in which to arrange a meeting of the shadow authority to appoint the three key officers of that authority.

The work of a number of the Task& Finish Groups had been put on hold, the Community Partners Group being one.

**Dorset County Council** – in the absence of Cllr Mrs Knox no report was received.

**1925 APOLOGIES** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Body, Cllr Dawkins and West Dorset District Councillor Barrowcliff.

**1926 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**

Cllr Jupp declared a personal interest in respect of Beaminster Youth Club.

**1927 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

No reports were received.

**1928 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018**

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018, having previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**1929 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

Members had previously been circulated with the schedule of payments, cheque numbers 104093 to 104100; also cheque numbers 104701 to 104712 issued between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 totalling £12,893.06; also receipts totalling £77,922.06

Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule, a copy of which is attached.

**1930 BEAMINSTER ACTIVITY AREA DEVELOPMENT (BAAD)**

Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the BAAD meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**(a) Min. No. 60 – Funding for Skate Park**

Members **NOTED** not all LEADER funding had been allocated and **RESOLVED** to submit and 'expression of interest' in respect of funding for the project.

**(b) Planning application**

The Town Clerk advised that, in order to progress the determination of the planning application, West Dorset District Council had requested an acoustic report. The contractor had kindly obtained three quotations for acoustic surveys ranging between £950 + VAT and £2,450 + VAT. Having had previous experience of the company members **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from 24Acoustics in the sum of £950 + VAT.

No other items were raised for discussion and members **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes.

**1931 BEAMINSTER ENVIRONMENT FAIR**

The UK Government had launched a national campaign to reduce plastic waste. Members had previously been circulated with correspondence received from St Mary's Church ECO Group in which they had extended an invitation to the Town Council to participate in a public awareness event on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Cllr Mrs Cooke expressed an interest in the subject and agreed to take the lead.

**1932 DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES**

Members had previously been circulated with the detail of the Town Council's response to the District Council's request for formal expressions of interest in respect of devolvement of assets and services.

A meeting with Sue Wilthew, LGRC had been scheduled to take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April to discuss proposals for Beaminster. **NOTED.**

**1933 CONSULTATIONS**

No consultation documents had been received.

**1934 CORRESPONDENCE**

**(a) Dorset Youth Association** – members **NOTED** a letter of thanks for the grant of £50.

### **1935 PROGRESS REPORT**

Members had previously been circulated with the latest progress report, the content of which was **NOTED**.

**Information Board** – members having previously been circulated with the proposal for the Board and **APPROVED** the design.

**Memorial testing** – members **NOTED** adverse comments had recently been made on social media with regard to those memorials found to be unstable and laid down. It was **AGREED** to address concerns at the annual Parish Meeting.

**Residents Parking Permits** – the content of the initial consultation letter was **AGREED**.

**Safe Crossing – Clay Lane** – to date no proposals had been received, the Town Clerk was asked to ascertain the current position.

**Solar Panels** – Cllr Beswarick requested the item be considered again at the next Public Hall Working Party.

### **1937 PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960**

Members **RESOLVED** that public and press be now excluded from the meeting whilst discussion took place on the following item on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted.

### **1938 CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY**

Members of the Town Council had met with two prospective candidates and it was **RESOLVED** to **CO-OPT** Mr Dominic Faulkner to Beaminster Town Council.

### **1939 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Review of previous Council year
- Consider priorities for 2018/19
- GDPR

### **1940 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### **1941 MEETING**

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm, closed at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2018