



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th June 2018 in the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm

Mrs Fox expressed her gratitude to Cllr Turner for his hard work and determination to ensure the CB3 Saturday bus service had not been lost to the town.

Two members of the public spoke expressing their concerns that the amended plans had not taken into account the shortcomings of the site in respect of planning application WD/D/17/000310.

1986 PRESENT – Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Body, Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Norris and Cllr Mrs Page.

1987 IN ATTENDANCE – Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk) and 10 members of the public.

1988 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS FOR:

Dorset Police – In the absence of a police representative no report was received.

West Dorset District Council – in the absence of a representative no report was received.

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

1989 APOLOGIES – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Baker, Cllr Beswarick and Cllr Faulkner.

1990 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

No declarations were received.

1991 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29TH MAY 2018 AND THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29TH MAY 2018.

The minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 29th May 2018 having previously been circulated were amended to record Cllr Dawkins as a member of the Recreations & Amenities Committee and signed as a correct record.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th May 2018 having previously been circulated were amended to record Cllr Dawkins as present at the meeting and record Cllr Mrs Page had in fact tendered her apologies for the DAPTC Western Area meeting and signed as a correct record.

1992 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No reports were received.

1993 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

(a) Min No 1963 – Council policies and procedures

Members **NOTED** that following the introduction of GDP regulations a review of the Council's Data Protection Procedures had commenced. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Cllr Baker for taking the time to appraise staff.

(b) Min No 1971 – Beaminster Environment Fair

The Town Clerk advised that having spoken with the organisers it would appear Dorset Waste Partnership were attending the event to promote recycling and due to a shortage of available space it had been agreed with the organisers that the Town Council would not duplicate the information but Cllr Cooke would attend to work alongside DWP.

NOTED

1994 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

Members had previously been circulated with the schedule of payments, cheque numbers 104732 to 104743 issued, together with direct debit payments between 1st June and 30th June 2018 totalling £41,173.57; also receipts totalling £2,854.20.

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

1995 SATURDAY CB3 BUS SERVICE

The Chairman advised the bus had operated for the first time at the weekend and was pleased to report that it had in fact been full on the second trip of the day. He thanked members of the Council for their support in this venture and to Mr Driscoll for recording the data. Members thanked Cllr Turner for his hard work.

1996 STANDING ORDERS

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the revised Standing Orders incorporating and referencing the new legislation. **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT**.

1997 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the revised Financial Regulations to reflect the amendments to Standing Orders. **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT**.

1998 CODE OF CONDUCT

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the councillors Code of Conduct. **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT**.

1999 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Terms of Reference for Standing Committees, an amendment was **AGREED** with regard to membership of BAAD. **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT**.

2000 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) **WD/D/17/000310 – LAND TO THE NORTH OF FLAXFIELD RISE** – erection of 30 dwellings for social housing purposes (amended plans/information)

Members felt strongly that a number of fundamental concerns had not been addressed therefore for the following reasons **RECOMMENDED**

REFUSAL:

The Town Council have maintained throughout the consultation process that provision for smaller units (1 bed / 2 person) had not been adequately covered within the site, the latest housing needs data obtained indicated a higher percentage of those in need requiring single person accommodation therefore the percentage mix on the plan did not match the percentage housing need.

Off street parking provision within the development was inadequate, this had not been helped by the reduction in the parking court in the south east corner.

The eastern boundary hedge was an ancient double hedge approx. 200 years old and **MUST** be protected.

Overall the scheme was not very imaginative and regrettably no provision for a children's play area or green open space on what was intended to be a family occupied estate.

2001 RECREATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the Recreations & Amenities Committee meeting held on 12th June 2018.

Members **NOTED** a number of minor incidents within the playing field including the burning of the large picnic bench. Discussion ensued with regard to additional security, the Town Clerk was asked to pursue; also the possibility of painting the roof of the storage unit with anti-grip paint.

Attention was drawn to the lighting of fires in the Pease Hill area, it was **AGREED** to inform the police.

There being no other items raised for discussion the minutes were **ADOPTED**.

2002 DEVOLUTION WORKING GROUP

Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the Devolution Working Group meeting held on 19th June 2018.

There being no items raised for discussion the minutes were **ADOPTED**.

2003 PUBLIC HALL WORKING PARTY

Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the Public Hall Working Party meeting held on 20th June 2018.

There being no items raised for discussion the minutes were **ADOPTED**.

2004 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Members had previously been circulated with the revised Community Resilience Plan, no items were raised for discussion and members **ADOPTED** the Plan.

2005 DAPTC- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

Members were asked to consider proposals and resolutions to put before the AGM on Saturday 10th November prior to the next Council meeting.

2006 CONSULTATIONS

No consultations had been received.

2007 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

2008 PROGRESS REPORT

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

The Chairman advised that he had been informed by the local DCC highways team that Hogshill Street had been scheduled for resurfacing in October.

2009 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) **Welcome to Beaminster Signs** – Cllr Mrs Cooke expressed her interest in working with the School on a project to enhance the signs and would table a report in due course.

2010 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Monday 23rd July 2018.

2011 MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm, closed at 8.52pm.

CHAIRMAN
23rd July 2018