



BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 18th January 2010 in the Skyrm Room at the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm

116PRESENT – Cllr Mrs I Maling (Chairman), Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Baker, Cllr Mrs V Baldwin, Cllr Beazer, Cllr Mrs R Beeny, Cllr Berry, Cllr Body, Cllr Elliott, Cllr Mrs R Knox and Cllr Mrs J Page.

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

118 APOLOGIES – Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr Mrs C Payne.

119 MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2009

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 16th November having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

120 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mrs Page declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Receipts & Payments
Cllr Body declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 – WDDC Street Naming

121 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS FOR:

(a) Dorset Police Representative

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

(b) West Dorset District Councillors

Cllr Mrs Page reported on the following item:

- The District Council's Executive Committee had agreed to channel Section 106 monies, held in respect of the Barnfleet development earmarked for industrial use at Broadwindsor Road, into the provision of a redundant building grant for which applicants must reside in the Beaminster ward.

Any development at the Broadwindsor Road site in the future was unlikely due to insufficient funds therefore rather than hand the monies back to the developer other ways of providing employment opportunities were considered and offering grants to convert redundant buildings into workshops etc. could benefit small business looking for premises.

(c) Dorset County Councillor

Cllr Mrs Knox reported on the following items:

- The pre- application consultation on the proposed diversion of Bridleway 74 currently being undertaken by the project team in connection with the re-location of Mountjoy School did not preclude any public consultation the County Council's Rights of Way department had a statutory obligation to undertake
- A proposal was being taken forward to ensure that towns and villages would, in future, have a supply of grit for use during bad weather conditions, also consideration is to be given to the gritting of all bus and school routes

Cllr Beazer drew attention to further damage to the road surface in North Street and Whitesheet Hill, Cllr Mrs Knox advised she would pursue this as a matter of urgency.

Finally Cllr Mrs Knox acknowledged the work of the Fire Service especially during the recent bad weather.

Cllr Mrs Knox left the meeting

(d) Reports from Outside Organisations

Members had previously been circulated with a report from Cllr Mrs Beeny on the recent AGM of BAVLAP and a meeting of the West Dorset Partnership.

NOTED

Members were circulated with a progress report from Cllr Berry on progress to date on issues relating to the Memorial Playing Field. **NOTED**

Copies of these reports are attached.

122 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

Payments totalling £20,449.39 and receipts totalling £5,979.70 as detailed in the report to the meeting were submitted for approval. Cllr Mrs Page proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Beazer and **AGREED**. A copy of which is attached.

123 CHAIRMAN'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Chairman had not attended any Civic functions since the last meeting. **NOTED**.

124 DORSET COUNTY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP COURSES 2010

Members had previously been circulated with details of forthcoming training courses.

Cllr Mrs Page expressed an interest in attending the Councillors Update scheduled for September.

125 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Members had previously been circulated with the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 23rd November 2009. **NOTED**.

Cllr Mrs Page proposed the Town Council accept the recommendation to levy a precept for 2010/2011 of £113,500, seconded by Cllr Beazer and **AGREED**.

126 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS LIAISON COMMITTEE

Members had previously been circulated with the minutes of the Memorial Playing Field Liaison Committee meeting held on 24th November 2009. **NOTED.**

127 PROVISION OF GRIT BIN(S)

Following a number of complaints at the lack of, and requests for grit bins within the town the Town Clerk had previously circulated a report outlining the position with regard to the provision of grit bins and details of the cost to purchase.

Following discussion it was **AGREED** in principle to purchase four grit bins, sites to be identified in conjunction with Dorset County Council.

With regard to the request for a grit bin at St Mary's Gardens Cllr Body agreed to take this up with Magna Housing Association.

128 TRAFFIC MOVEMENT IN THE SQUARE

As a result of an incident in the Square clarification of vehicular and pedestrian areas had been sought. Following brief discussion members referred this item to the Square Enhancement Working Group for consideration.

129 WDDC - STREET NAMING – TO CONSIDER NAME OF NEW DEVELOPMENT AT EAST END OF FLAXFIELD ROAD

The Town Council had been asked to consider a name for the new street that will access phases two and three of the development at Flaxfield Road. After due consideration it was **AGREED** to put forward the suggestion of "Flaxfield Rise".

130 DCC – PROPOSED DIVERSION OF BRIDLEWAY 74, BEAMINSTER

Following an earlier presentation to members of the Town Council by representatives from the Mountjoy Project team consideration was given to the proposal to re-align Crooked Lane over a length of approximately 80 metres, however due to concerns with regard to any possible changes to use of Crooked Lane in the future members felt unable to support the diversion.

131 DIGITAL SIGNAL FOLLOWING SWITCHOVER

The Town Clerk advised that she had raised the issue of the poor quality of television reception following the digital switchover with DORBAG, a progress report would be given at the next Council meeting.

132 CORRESPONDENCE

No significant items of correspondence had received since the last meeting.

NOTED

133 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were identified for inclusion on the February agenda:

- To consider whether to purchase new Council tables and chairs

134 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next Council meeting as Monday 15th February 2010

135 PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) Act 1960

Cllr Mrs Page proposed that in accordance with the terms of the Act, the public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on item 18 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 granting of a Right of Way. Seconded by Cllr Berry and **AGREED**.

136 LAND AT THE REAR OF THE FORMER WHITE HART

Members had previously been circulated with details of two items in respect of a possible right of way to access to land at the rear of the former white Hart via Memorial Lane. Following due consideration members **AGREED** the principle on which to proceed with further discussions.

137 MEETING

The meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN
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