



## **BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009 in the Skyrm Room at the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm

- 96 PRESENT** – Cllr Mrs I Maling (Chairman), Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Baker, Cllr Beazer, Cllr Mrs R Beeny, Cllr Berry, Cllr Body, Cllr Elliott and Cllr Mrs J Page.
- 97 IN ATTENDANCE** – Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk) Cllr Mrs Payne (WDDC) and two members of the public.
- 98 APOLOGIES** - Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Baldwin and Cllr Mrs Knox.
- 99 MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2009**  
The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.
- 100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
No declarations of interest were received.
- 101 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 Payne reported on the following items:
- The District Council were to employ a part time case worker in order to enhance the 'Handyman' service – to be funded via the Supporting People Partnership
  - Following a change to the District Council's constitution it was now possible for members of the public to attend and ask a question at WDDC Council meetings – questions must be submitted in writing in advance of the meeting
- Cllr Mrs Page reported on the following items:
- County, District and Borough Councils were currently considering procurement ie. buying in bulk. The County were to appoint three members of staff to deal with this issue, for the County as a whole, with a view to possibly opening the scheme up to include Town and Parish Councils
  - At a recent presentation on the 2012 Olympics members had been advised that Portland were on schedule, in fact the Sailing Academy had been completed and the road link between Dorchester and Yeovil was well

advanced. Other methods of public transport were also being looked at ie. train links and ferries.

- Both Cllr Mrs Payne and Cllr Mrs Page had been chosen to take part in a pilot scheme which would see them being 'shadowed' by a young person – this scheme would commence in January 2010 and if successful would roll out to all District Councillors

**(c) Dorset County Councillor**

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Knox no report was received.

Under this heading Cllr Beazer took the opportunity to inform members that he had visited the Tunnel and was pleased to note that considerable progress had been made with regard to the works being undertaken.

**(d) Reports from Outside Organisations**

Members had previously been circulated with a report from Cllr Mrs Beeny on three recent meetings she had attended, a copy of which is attached.

**102 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

Payments totalling £14,171.46 and receipts totalling £3,832.12 as detailed in the report to the meeting were submitted for approval. Cllr Mrs Page proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Berry and **AGREED**. A copy of which is attached.

**103 CHAIRMAN'S ENGAGEMENTS**

Cllr Beazer stated that he had instigated the inclusion of a regular 'Chairman's Engagements' item on the Council agenda during his term as Chairman however Cllr Mrs Maling had subsequently removed the item from the agenda when elected Chairman in May.

He felt it was important for Council members, and members of the public, to know what activities the Chairman had undertaken on behalf of the Town Council and proposed the item be reinstated. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to reinstate this item on the Council agenda.

**104 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

Members had previously been circulated with a report from Cllr Berry summarising the next phase of works in the children's play area following meetings of the Memorial Playing Field Liaison Committee, input from the Youth Forum and an open public meeting, a copy of which is attached.

Cllr Berry presented details of the scheme which included the re-alignment of the fence to enlarge the children's play area taking into the account the former basketball area together with the provision of a roundabout for the younger children within the existing play area; also details of the preferred options for three items of new equipment designed primarily for older children. Following discussion members were in general agreement with the detail of the scheme, it was however, **AGREED** to seek the views of the immediate neighbours with regard to the two tallest items of equipment.

Cllr Berry drew attention to the need for a new path to link with existing paths and questioned the financing, it was generally felt that the County Council might fund the

path as it would link with the current route to Beaminster School.

Cllr Berry also drew attention to various designs for new signage at the Playing Field and advised that the options would be discussed at the next Liaison Committee. **NOTED.**

**105 BEAMINSTER MUSEUM**

An approach had been made to the Museum with regard to the possible loan of two clocks currently stored in a cupboard for display in the Museum. A subsequent inspection of the clocks had resulted in written confirmation that the Museum would be interested and it was **RESOLVED** to release the clocks on long term loan to the Museum.

**106 EMERGENCY PLAN – TO CONSIDER TABLE TOP EXERCISE/BRIDPORT, BEAMINSTER AND LYME REGIS CRIME PREVENTION PANEL**

Members had previously been circulated with details of a possible joint emergency exercise with the Crime Prevention Panel.

Cllr Beazer felt initially a simple table top exercise would be desirable in order to test both the emergency and flood plan prior to major involvement with the police, fire & rescue and ambulance service. Following discussion it was **AGREED** to undertake a table top exercise in the first instance involving Town Councillors and Flood Wardens. Cllrs Armstrong and Beazer were nominated, together with Sam Pearce, to put together a scenario to test.

With regard to the grant application submitted by the Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis Crime Prevention Panel it was **AGREED** to defer until details of their proposed 'dangerous driving' exercise were known.

**107 WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL – DRAFT LAP POLICY 2010-13**

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the consultation draft on which comments were sought. Following discussion it was **AGREED** to seek clarification on references to 'the council' in particular in relation to Section 10.4 Funding. The Clerk advised that she had been in discussion with representatives from the District Council during which a financial input from the Town Council was sought with regard to funding additional administration time for BAVLAP, this would be discussed by the Finance & General Purposes Committee in conjunction with other budget considerations.

**108 WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL – DRAFT GUIDELINES – NEW DEVELOPMENTS CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the District Council's draft guidelines about how new developments should contribute towards community facilities and services, more commonly known as Section 106 agreements on which comments were sought.

Following discussion it was **AGREED** that the principle that monies obtained under these agreements would assist in providing the infrastructure needed to support the development.

**109 BEAMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP**

Cllr Berry was pleased to report that the completion of the pavilion continued to be on schedule for mid December. **NOTED.**

**110 CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Dorset Police – Review OF Town Centre CCTV**

Following discussion at the October Council Meeting with regard to the review of CCTV provision in Town Centres an approach had been made to PC Tim Poole Members were circulated with his comments together with those of Inspector Jenkins. **NOTED.**

- **Dorset Area Cruse Bereavement Care**

Members **NOTED** a letter of thanks from the Chairman and Committee of Dorset Cruse Bereavement Care for the Town Council's contribution to their funds.

- **Office of Schools Adjudicator – Statutory proposal to relocate Mountjoy School, Dorset**

Members **NOTED** a copy of the adjudicator's decision had been received – in summary "Under the powers conferred on me under Schedule 5 of the School Organisation (Prescribed alterations to maintained schools) (England) Regulations, I approve the proposal to re-build and relocate Mountjoy Special School to be co-located on the site of Beaminster Technology College, Beaminster, Dorset"

**111 PROGRESS REPORTS**

- **Town Council Website** – officially launched on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

**112 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No items were requested.

**113 PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) Act 1960**

Cllr Berry 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 in perpetuity. Seconded by Cllr Beazer and **AGREED.**

**114 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.

**115 MEETING**

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

CHAIRMAN  
21 DECEMBER 2009