



## **BEAMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 in the Skyrm Room at the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm

- 75 PRESENT** – Cllr Mrs I Maling (Chairman), Cllr Baker, Cllr Mrs V Baldwin, Cllr Beazer, Cllr Mrs R Beeny, Cllr Berry, Cllr Elliott, Cllr Mrs R Knox and Cllr Mrs J Page
- 76 IN ATTENDANCE** – Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk) and two members of the public.
- 77 APOLOGIES** - Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Armstrong and West Dorset District Councillor Mrs C Payne.
- 78 MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER 2009**  
The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September having previously been circulated were confirmed and signed as a correct record.
- 79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Cllr Mrs Baldwin declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 – Grant Applications in respect of Bridport, Beaminster & Lyme Regis Crime Prevention Panel and Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride.  
  
Cllr Beazer declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 – Grant Applications in respect of Cruse.
- 80 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**  
In response to concerns regarding the operation of a mobile food outlet in the Square Cllr Mrs Page advised that, in view of no objections being raised by the Highway Authority, the District Council had granted a licence to trade on the perimeter of the Square.  
  
Cllr Mrs Page advised that the District Council were pleased to be meeting targets in respect of energy efficiency, also she had attended a training session on “local area agreements” and the introduction of new assessment procedures.  
  
With regard to the Olympics in 2012 Cllr Mrs Page advised that pressure was being applied to retain enhancements undertaken in the County, in particular,

the installation of hubs to provide a fast broadband connection for the Weymouth & Portland area after the games.

**(c) Dorset County Councillor**

Cllr Mrs Knox advised press releases were due shortly with regard to the closure of the tunnel, in which emphasis would be put on businesses in Tunnel Road being open as usual. Suggestions were raised with regard to enhancing signage of the closure which Cllr Mrs Knox took on board. The proposed new lighting for the structure would be unique as this would be the first time it had been used in the County.

With regard to the Mobile Lengthsman Scheme Cllr Mrs Knox advised that she had attended an initial meeting which had been positive, she urged members to attend the next meeting as, this Scheme, could be beneficial to Beaminster.

With regard to concerns in respect of the future of the Meals on Wheels service Cllr Mrs Knox advised that the current contract with the WRVS would soon be coming to an end. Consultation would be undertaken on future provision of hot meals, currently 32 were served in Beaminster on a weekly basis.

In response to Cllr Mrs Beeny's enquiry regarding a decision on the relocation of Mountjoy School, Cllr Mrs Knox advised that the adjudicator's decision was Awaited possibly early November.

**(d) Reports from Outside Organisations**

No reports were received.

**81 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

Payments totalling £13,901.95 and receipts totalling £61,851.50 as detailed in the report to the meeting were submitted for approval. Cllr Berry proposed acceptance, seconded by Cllr Beazer and **AGREED**. A copy of which is attached.

**82 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs Baldwin be elected Vice Chairman for the remainder of the Council year.

**83 HONORARY TOWNSPERSON LITERATURE**

During the drafting of the information leaflet consideration had been given to the method of voting on nominations received for the Honorary Townsperson Award.

The general consensus being in favour of paper ballot it was therefore **RESOLVED** to amend Council Standing Order No. 10 to "Members shall vote by show of hands, except when voting on the Honorary Townsperson award, when the vote shall be by paper ballot."

It was also **RESOLVED** to insert a paragraph in the information leaflet headed *How the nomination will be decided*  
*Each nomination will be considered in turn and a vote by paper ballot will be taken after each debate, before moving to the next nomination. A simple count of the voting slips will be made and two votes against would reject the nomination.*

## **TO CONSIDER CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

Members were previously circulated with a revised calendar of meetings for consideration. It was **RESOLVED** to hold Planning Advisory & Highway Committee meetings as indicated on the calendar, and to maintain Council meetings on the third Monday of each month.

Cllr Mrs Baldwin left the meeting.

## **84 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members of the Council considered the following applications -

- **Bridport, Beaminster & Lyme Regis Crime Prevention Panel –**  
Correspondence received indicated that grant assistance was no longer required for door alarms however a request had been made for consideration of grant assistance in respect of a combined road safety exercise with the emergency services aimed at young drivers. The Clerk was asked to ascertain more information prior to a decision being taken at the next Council meeting.
- **Dorset Blind Association –**  
Members considered the latest information with regard to the cost benefit of the services provided to residents of Beaminster. It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £100.

Cllr Beazer left the meeting.

- **Dorset Cruse Bereavement Care –**  
It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £100.
- **Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride Service -**  
It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant of £150.

Cllrs Beazer and Mrs Baldwin returned to the meeting.

It was **AGREED** to seek feedback from those organisations to whom grants were awarded.

## **85 LOAN OF WOODEN COUNCIL CHAIRS TO STOKEWATER HOUSE**

Following the loan of the council table to Stokewater House members were asked to consider the loan of four matching chairs. The Clerk advised there were sufficient chairs to accommodate this request.

It was **RESOLVED** to loan four chairs to Stokewater House to accompany the table.

## **86 STREET NAMING**

West Dorset District Council sought the Town Councils comment on

- the amendment of the postal address of properties situated on Chantry Lane, currently with the postal address of Newtown, to be amended to Chantry Lane - Members had no objections.

- a suitable name for the new development east of Flaxfield Road – Members considered the options put forward by Magna Housing Group Ltd and **AGREED** Plots 1 – 4 become 64,66,68,& 69 Flaxfield Road and Plots 23 – 33 become 1 – 8 Flaxfield Close.

#### **87 WEST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL- BT PAYPHONES (DECISION)**

West Dorset District Council, under Ofcom guidance, had the power to veto the removal of telephony from a BT payphone, this power was exercised in respect of the removal of equipment from a considerable number of phone boxes across West Dorset. BT were now urging Town & Parish Councils to adopt their local phone box. In order for the BT initiative to progress the District Council would have to withdraw its veto. The Town Councils comments with regard to BT's 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme was sought prior to the District Council submitting their decision to the Secretary of State.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to support the District Council's veto as it was important to retain the telephone facility especially in rural areas.

#### **88 DORSET POLICE – REVIEW OF TOWN CENTRE CCTV (DECISION)**

Dorset Police were to carry out an audit of the provision of town centre CCTV and were canvassing Councils on their interest in forming a working group to assess individual and collective capability as both 'customers' and 'owners' of CCTV systems, with a view to enhancing the level of service currently provided.

It was **AGREED** to raise this issue with PC Tim Poole and consider representation on a working group if necessary at the next Council meeting. Cllr Mrs Beeny advised that she would also raise it at the next BAVLAP meeting.

#### **89 SHORT TERM ENHANCEMENTS TO THE SQUARE**

Members were circulated with a report from Cllr Mrs Knox detailing items discussed by the working group and requested members feed back by 30<sup>th</sup> October. **NOTED.**

#### **90 BEAMINSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE PARTNERSHIP**

Members had previously been circulated with a report from Cllr Berry. **NOTED.**

#### **91 CORRESPONDENCE**

- **West Dorset District Council – Memorial Playing Field – litter bins –** Following a site visit West Dorset District Council had advised that due to ongoing vandalism the litter bins at the entrance to Memorial Lane would not be replaced and the bases removed to avoid a trip hazard. **NOTED.**

#### **92 PROGRESS REPORTS**

- **Public Hall Noticeboard** – the planning application for the replacement notice board had been submitted to the District Council
- **Christmas Arrangements** – following consultation with the Chamber of Trade the Christmas lights would be switched on at approximately 6.30pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December
- **Town Council Website** – to note the launch of the Website would take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11.30am

**93 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items would be placed on the agenda for the November Council meeting:-

- Chairman's Engagements – future agenda item
- Emergency Plan – consideration to a “table top” exercise
- Grant – Crime Prevention Panel
- Review of Town Centre CCTV

**94 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR VEHICULAR RIGHT OF WAY**

Members consider a request for a vehicular right of way via Memorial Lane to the rear of a property in Hogshill Street. It was **RESOLVED** to refuse the request.

**95 MEETING**

The meeting which started at 7.00pm closed at 8.20pm.

CHAIRMAN  
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