



The next meeting of Beaminster Town Council will take place in the Public Hall on Tuesday 26th September 2023 commencing at 7.00pm.

Christine Bright  
Town Clerk  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**PUBLIC SESSION - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO RAISE ISSUES WHICH MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED AT TOWN COUNCIL**

**REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS FOR:**

- Dorset Police – to **RECEIVE** report from PCSO Alex Bishop
- Dorset Council member – to **RECEIVE** report from Councillor Mrs R Knox
- Enforcement Officer – to **RECEIVE** report from Mr Amatt

**A G E N D A**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**  
To **APPROVE** the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (*attached*)
3. **MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**  
To **APPROVE** the minutes of the Extra-ordinary Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (*attached*)
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS**  
To **RECEIVE** any declarations of interest or dispensations granted.
5. **PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS**  
To **RESOLVE** payments and receipts for the month of September 2023 (*to be tabled*)
6. **TO RESOLVE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES**
  - (a) **Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
To **NOTE** the minutes of the Community Engagement Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and **CONSIDER** the recommendations therein. (*attached*)
  - (b) **Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**  
To **NOTE** the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 and **CONSIDER** the recommendations therein. (*attached*)

## 7. COUNCILLOR TRAINING

- (a) **Finance Training** – a reminder to **ALL** councillors to contact the office with preferred date for on line training event taking place during October/November
- (b) **New Councillor Induction** – there are four sessions available the dates are 16<sup>th</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2-3.30 or 5-6.30pm please inform the office with preferred date.

## 8. PROPERTY VALUATION

**During** the recent review ahead of the insurance renewal for 2023/2024 the Councils Insurers recommended councillors **CONSIDER** obtaining an up to date valuation of the council property portfolio.

A desktop valuation can be obtained via the insurers at a cost in the region of £85-£111 + VAT.

## 9. GRANT POLICY

To **CONSIDER** and **ADOPT** revised Grant Policy (*attached*)

## 10. INTERNET BANKING

In view of increasing purchases via the internet members are asked to **CONSIDER** applying for a Town Council debit or credit card (*attached*)

## 11. GRIT BIN

The community grit bin sited in Flaxfield Rise has been damaged beyond repair, to **CONSIDER** purchase of replacement at a cost of £215 + VAT

## 12. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

### (a) Dorset Council Housing Strategy

Dorset Council are working on their housing strategy to set out their vision for future housing in the Dorset Council area, the consultation closes on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. To **CONSIDER** a corporate view on the consultation document which can be viewed at: <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/consultation-and-engagement/housing-strategy>

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

### (a) BT – removal of payphone

The Council considered a planning application at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to remove the payphone from the telephone box at Hogshill, Clay Lane to which members had no objections. To **CONSIDER** adoption of the redundant telephone box for community use.

## 14. PROGRESS REPORT

To **NOTE** progress on items since the previous meeting

### (a) Replacement fascias, soffits and guttering

Due to a lead in time of 10-12 weeks the work has been put back until Spring 2024 with a provisional date of April.

**(b) Grit bin – The Square**

Replacement received for damaged bin and has had to be relocated following impact by vehicles.

**(c) Windows – Public Hall**

Work has started on the painting of the ground floor windows, first floor to be undertaken in mid May in conjunction with fascias's etc.

**15. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – to **NOTE** the date of the next scheduled Council meeting – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**17. PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to meeting) Act 1960**

To **RESOLVE** that public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion takes place on the following items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted in respect of consideration of the terms of a licence agreement.

**(a) Beaminster Cricket Club**

To **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** terms of new Licence Agreement with Beaminster Cricket Club (*to follow*)