

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 27th March 2018 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr G King (Chairman)
Cllrs, I Cunningham, J Russ, M Sutton, M Kettleby, N Pyne

Mrs Deborah Urch, Town Clerk and Mrs Sarah Barker

Also in attendance:
Cllr David Jenkins

T.3915 PUBLIC FORM: 20 members of the public

Mr Stephen Eades (Friends of the Earth) - submitted a proposal to Westbury Town Council. This document states all the facts that are essential if an appeal is needed to the Secretary of State

Mr Eades also said it will be extremely difficult to represent the town to the Environment Agency giving the reasons why Westbury does not the Incerator. The whole community faces an uphill struggle to convince the Environment Agency to say "No"

Harriet James – The height has been increased from 60m to 70m which equates to 140m above sea level. The same as the White Horse. Very concerned about the smoke fumes going over Salisbury Plain. This is a designated area of outstanding area and as designated area for the conservation and protection of lots of rare species.

Margaret Cavanna – There seems to be a lack of understanding who is responsible for what, eg Wiltshire Council, Westbury Town Council and Environment Agency. Cllr Jerry Wickham has written to Hills and Andrew Murrison MP has written to the Environment Agency. Westbury has changed since 2014/2015 (when original planning was passed) for example there is planning for another 500 homes within 750 meters of the plant. Considerable increase in traffic due to the location.

Laurie Oldford – Concerned with the impact on health, especially young families that have moved here. Actually moved from Bath because of concerns with health in a city. Increase in heavy traffic if plant goes ahead.

Zoe Mann – Want Westbury Town Council to know who is responsible for obtaining the ground plume map from Northacre to see where the chimney plume will reach to.

David Levy – Plant will be very dangerous to public health and Westbury Town Council should the lead in the appeal. Politicians are responsible for public health and should act accordingly.

Cllr David Jenkins – Plant will be right next to his back garden and is concerned what it will do to his health. Has watched TV programmes about it and there is evidence that all smoke is nasty. Stop the permit being issued.

T.3916 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr R Hawker - Business
Cllr C Charlton – Business
Cllr F Morland - Business
Cllr D Tout - Personal
Cllr B Pyne – Personal
Cllr S Hendry - Personal

T.3917 DISPENSATIONS:
None

T.3918 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
None

T.3919 MINUTES.
The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 5th March 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Recorded vote noted and amended to record the vote of all Councillors

T.3920 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES (if any). Note: no new decisions can be taken.

None

T.3921 RECOMMENDATION received from the TOWN CLERK dated 5th MARCH 2018 to discuss questions from the Public Meeting - Proposed Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility held on the 12th February 2018:-

Proposal

To discuss and agree a response to the question below received from Friends of the Earth, Stephen Eades and 60 plus members of the public

Background

Will the Town Council ask Wiltshire Council to request the Environment Agency to bring forward the Environmental permit procedure and make this part of the new planning consent issued to Hills?

Recommendation

Town Council to agree a response to the above question

RESOLVED: To APPROVE the above recommendation – Town Clerk to prepare a response that will include the draft proposal from Mr Stephen Eades

T.3922

RECOMMENDATION received from the TOWN CLERK dated 5th MARCH 2018 to discuss questions from the Public Meeting - Proposed Advanced Thermal Treatment Facility held on the 12th February 2018:-

Proposal

To discuss and agree a response to the question below received from Friends of the Earth, Stephen Eades and 60 plus members of the public

Background

Will the Town Council ask the Environment Agency for immediate clarification of which issues will be covered by the Environmental permit so that those issues which fall outside the Environmental permit can be addressed to Wiltshire Council in the forthcoming planning application?

Recommendation

Town Council to agree a response to the above question

RESOLVED: To APPROVE the above recommendation – Town Clerk to prepare a response with a formal request that items will be monitored of what goes into burn (if plant goes ahead)

T.3923

RECOMMENDATION received from the TOWN CLERK dated 20th MARCH 2018 to propose purchase of new server with capital money.

Proposal

The network card in our server has failed, a replacement will cost approx. £200.00 but given the age of the server it is not viable to replace the network card and a new server should be purchased.

Background

The server holds all the existing files and provides access to our accounting system. The current server was purchased in 2014.

Clearsky (IT support) has provided a quote based on two options:

Option 1: To provide a basic server with 5-year warranty & installation £3055 plus VAT

Option 2: To provide a higher specification server (faster & heavy-duty case) with 5-year warranty and installation £4504.27 plus VAT

Following discussion with Cllr Cunningham, Option 1 is suitable as a replacement for the existing server and demands of the Council.

Recommendation

Town Council to approve the purchase of a new server (option 1) from the Capital Rolling Fund.

RESOLVED: To APPROVE the above recommendation – Option 1

8.10pm hrs

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
27th March 2018**

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Chairman