

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

At the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on MONDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2019 at 6.30pm.

**PRESENT: Cllr I Cunningham (Chairman)
Cllrs: M Sutton, G King, W Jones, J Charles, S Kimmins, J Parker,**

Staff: Mrs D Urch, Town Clerk & Mrs J Dyer

T.3485 PUBLIC FORUM

None

T.3486 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence and consider the reason for absence.

Cllr M Kettleby	Personal
Cllr N Pyne	Personal
Cllr J Russ	Personal
Cllr B Pyne	Personal
Cllr F Morland	Personal

Cllr C Charlton	No Apologies given
Cllr S Hendry	No Apologies given

T.3487 DECLARATION OF INTEREST and DISPENSATIONS

None

**T.3488 RECOMMENDATION received from FINANCE COMMITTEE dated 11th FEBRUARY 2019
IT and Telephony**

Recommendation

The Finance Committee recommend that Town Council consider the three quotes received from companies A, B & C for the installation, maintenance, fixes and ongoing support of the IT and telephony systems. The Finance Committee would like to recommend their preferred supplier and request Town Council approves £2203 to cover the additional cost of IT & telephony in year 1. This should be taken from unused EMR 231 for Emergency Planning.

RESOLVED: To Approve the above recommendation and recommend company A be appointed

**T.3489 RECOMMENDATION received from FINANCE COMMITTEE dated 11th FEBRUARY 2019
Electric Vehicle Leasing**

Recommendation

The Finance Committee recommends that Town Council approve the additional spend (£1795.44) required to lease an electric vehicle over four years.

RESOLVED: To Approve the above recommendation

**T.3490 RECOMMENDATION from the TOWN CLERK dated 12th FEBRUARY 2019
Special Schools Consultation**

Wiltshire Council propose a bold investment of around £20m in two new centres of excellence in the county - purpose-built and amply equipped, giving our children a better start in life than ever before.

The new and extended campuses are proposed for Rowdeford, near Devizes, and Exeter House, Salisbury.

The new direction for SEND in Wiltshire will mean keeping Rowdeford at Rowde, St Nicholas at Chippenham, and Larkrise, Trowbridge open until the new schools are completed in autumn 2023.

RESOLVED: The Town Clerk will write to Wiltshire Council and make the following response on behalf of the Town Council

Agreed to respond as follows:

Councillor King read out the letter from Aileen Bates – chair of governors at St Nicholas. Members would like to add their support to all the comments made in this communication. In addition, the members would like to note the following and to ask that their comments are fed into the consultation.

- There are significant concerns about the size of the schools proposed. Smaller schools are more suited to children with complex needs.
- Locality - The schools are outside of the local community and this can lead to isolation.
- Community – There are concerns that the proposal disconnects children from the community in which they live.
- Transport – the length of journeys both in time & distance for vulnerable children (and their families).
- Staff – There will be an impact on staff and their work life balance, travel & transporting resources.

Meeting closed: 18.58

**Signed on behalf of the meeting
This 4th MARCH 2019**

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Chairman