

15<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a MEETING of WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL to be held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY on MONDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2013 at 7.00 pm.**

**Yours faithfully**

**Town Clerk**

**Public Forum**

Register between 6.50 pm – 7.00 pm  
Maximum input per person – Strictly 5 minutes  
Forum not to exceed 30 minutes

**Petitions/Depositions to be lodged with the Town Clerk  
at least five working days prior to the Meeting.**

**A G E N D A**

- 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES (if any) AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.**
- 2. DISPENSATIONS (if any).**
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (if any) AND REASONS. (Members must be diligent regarding their interests.)**
- 4. MINUTES. To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013; copies of these Minutes have been circulated to each Member and in accordance with Standing Order No. 13(a) may be taken as read.**
- 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES (if any). Note: no new decisions can be taken.**

**Members' matters arising from these previous Minutes.**

- 6. NOTICE of MOTION received from the Finance Committee dated 14<sup>th</sup> October 2013.**

**COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT (formally Council Tax Benefit) – IMPACT ON TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS (see further information attached). To respond to Wiltshire Council's consultation on Council Tax Support as follows :**

### Consultation Questionnaire

- A. What level of grant does your Parish Council think would be reasonable given the shortfall of funding being provided by the Coalition?

Options	Comment
a. Nil;	<b>No</b>
b. Reduce by Settlement Funding Assessment reduction	<b>No</b>
c. Other	<b>£49,225 as for 2013/2014</b>

- B. Should all councils be supported to the same extent, or should the grant be concentrated on those Councils where the impact is greatest?

YES/NO      **n/a**

Comment      **Grant should be paid strictly pro-rata to the grant in 2013/2014.**

- C. Does your Council support Town and Parish Councils being independent and not relying on a grant, if so over how many years would you wish to see this achieved?

YES/NO      **n/a**

Comment      **The Council does not believe there is any loss of independence if in receipt of a grant.**

- D. If you received no grant or a reduced grant would you favour a large increase in precept in 2014-15 to compensate for this or would you look to spread this over the next four years?

YES/NO      **n/a**

Comment      **The Council is not in favour of a large increase in Precept for 2014/2015.**

- E. If the Coalition were to introduce a precept cap does your Council have sufficient reserves to compensate for a reduction in grant?

YES/NO      **No**

Comment

- F. Have you plans to reduce your budget over the next four years?

YES/NO      **No**

Comment      **The Council has no plans in place at the present time.**

- G. Are there any other issues you think we should consider?

**No further issues**