

9th June 2015

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a MEETING of the HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE to be held at THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, on MONDAY 15th JUNE 2015 at 7:00pm.

Yours faithfully

Town Clerk

Public Forum

Register between 6:50pm – 7:00pm
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.**
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (if any) **AND REASONS.** (Members must be diligent regarding their interests.)
4. **MINUTES.** To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 18th May 2015 (attached).
5. **MATTERS ARISING** (if any) **FROM THESE MINUTES.** (Note: no new decisions can be taken.)
Members' Matters Arising. (Note: no decisions can be taken.)
6. **REPORT BY WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS** (if any). **Wiltshire Council matters only.**
(Members wishing to ask questions of the Wiltshire Councillors are requested to give prior notice to the Councillor concerned or to the Clerk for onward transmission.)
7. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS.**

8. **PLANNING DECISIONS.** To note Planning Decisions made by Wiltshire Council. (See Schedule I attached.)
9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** To consider Applications received from the Development Manager West, Wiltshire Council, up to the 15th June 2015 and to make such observations thereon as the Committee may decide. (See Schedule II attached).

10. **NOTICE of MOTION received from Cllr F Morland dated 8th June 2015.**

Title:

That the title of the Committee should be amended to "Highways and Planning Committee".

Purpose:

The purpose of the Notice of Motion is self-evident.

Background:

The Resolution of the Policy and Resources Committee adopted on Monday 1 June 2015 in respect of the former Westbury Hospital site (with only four members of that Committee in attendance!), the Town Clerk's e-mail sent 02 June 2015 and my reply sent the same day.

The recommendation is that it is clearly unsatisfactory that both Committees should be dabbling in the "Development" part of the existing delegated functions of this Committee; hence in accordance with the apparent wishes of the Council's new administration and to avoid conflict and confusion both within Westbury Town Council and for the electorate at large, it would be far preferable that all Development functions of the Council (including all Planning Policy matters and all consultation responses on it) should become the sole responsibility of the Policy and Resources Committee (even when its attendance is so poor).

11. **NOTICE of MOTION received from Cllr G King dated 8th June 2015.**

The Westbury Hospital Site – Mixed Use Development

This committee notes the concern of residents that the sale of the hospital site will end the link between the site and health care in the town.

The committee also notes that the likelihood of the site being used exclusively for health purposes in the future is very low.

The committee notes the creation of a task & finish group to examine evidence to show the continued need (or otherwise) of certain types of health care functions in the town.

The committee therefore resolves:

That this committee would support the development of the hospital site as a mixed use (housing plus health care) with an appropriate health care element should the necessary evidence be produced to support such a policy.

12. Recommendation received from Policy and Resources Committee, dated 1st June 2015, to Highways, Planning & Development.

To respond to a question from STOP (Sensible Thinking on Patients) in respect of the settlement boundaries near the Westbury Hospital Site.

At the Highway, Planning & Development Committee meeting held on 4th September 2014 the only item on the agenda was to discuss settlement boundaries in Westbury. The response from the Town Council to the area around Westbury Hospital was as follows:

The allocation site adjacent to Westbury Hospital does not have planning permission. It should be excluded as per the reason given in our answer to question one.

Question one being: Do you consider the criterion for defining the proposed draft settlement boundaries to be the correct ones?

We wish the current West Wiltshire District Plan format of identifying a settlement boundary in relation to residential development to continue and to have a different boundary for employment and other land uses (such as Northacre Park).

- 13. WESTBURY TELEPHONE EXCHANGE** – Request the Clerk to write asking for them to tidy up the area. We have received recent complaints concerning the unsightliness of the area around the exchange, hence the above request.
- 14. PARISH EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE SCHEME (PEAS):** To assist with adverse weather conditions (see attached). Deadline for participating in the 2015/16 season is the end of August 2015.
- 15. RESURFACING OF THE B3098 - Recommendation from Policy and Resources Committee, dated 1st June 2015.** Following the disappointing news that Wiltshire Council have delayed this project for 18 months, the Policy and Resources Committee recommend that the Highways, Planning & Development Committee forward this item to CATG to ask them to treat this as a priority due to the state of the road.
- 16. DOG BINS AROUND THE MEAD** – Following the completion of the new footpath around the lake at the Mead, it has been brought to the attention of Westbury Town Council that although this is a recognised dog walking area there are no dog bins in the area. As a result the area is being spoilt by dog mess not being picked up. Wiltshire Council will no longer replace dog bins. Westbury Town Council could:
- approach the Area Board
 - The Streetscene/Street Furniture working group could make a recommendation to Town Council to cover costs through the rolling Capital Project Fund.
 - Alternatively it may form part of the conclusions of our current Dog Warden investigations.

17. HIGHWAYS CORRESPONDENCE / MATTERS:

- **Temporary closure of footpath 13 (Part), Westbury; from its junction with Springfield Road to its junction with Grassacres Lane.** To enable Wiltshire Council to install lighting at Indigo Lane. The order will come into operation on 3rd August 2015 until 21st August 2015. Alternative route for pedestrians: via Springfield Road – Eden Vale Road – Leigh Road and vice versa.

18. CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE:

19. BUDGET BIDS:

20. WORKING GROUPS' REPORTS:

- a) Play and Leisure Facilities Working Group:**
- b) Street Scene Working Group:**
- c) Town Improvement Group:**