

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY, ON MONDAY, 7th FEBRUARY 2011.

PRESENT: Cllr S Andrews (Chairman).

Cllrs M Cuthbert-Murray, M Hawkins, D Jones, Mrs C Mitchell and W D Tout.

Also in attendance: Cllr R Hawker.

G.1657 PUBLIC FORUM. Nil.

G.1658 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:
Cllr D Windess – personal.

G.1659 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:
Cllr R Hawker: Agenda item 6 – Town Council’s representative on the West Wiltshire/Elblag Twinning Association (personal).
Cllr W D Tout: Agenda item 8. – member of The Royal British Legion (personal).

G.1660 MINUTES. The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 6th December 2010 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

G.1661 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. Nil.

Members’ Matters Arising. Nil.

G.1662 CHAIRMAN’S MATTERS FOR REPORT. Nil.

G.1663 APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID 2010/2011. The Clerk reported that the West Wiltshire/Elblag Twinning Association contacted the Town Council last year after the grants for 2009/2010 had been awarded. Their application had been placed on file, but missed when this year’s application forms had been sent out. Cllr Hawker explained that this Association had been set up under the former West Wiltshire District Council together with its five towns. When the District Council was dissolved, the funding finished. The Association promotes closer ties with the Polish community, and now looks to the five towns in west Wiltshire for funding. With the significant and growing Polish community in Westbury, Cllr Hawker fully supported the Association’s grant application.

A grant of £200.00 to the West Wiltshire/Elblag Twinning Association was approved under Section 137.

G.1664 GRANTS FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS 2010-2011 – Bitham Brook Primary School (G.1654). The Clerk reported that advice had been sought

from Wiltshire Council on the legality of the Town Council making a Section 137 grant to the school. Unfortunately, their opinion had not been received in time for the meeting. It was agreed to defer this item.

G.1665 THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – GREAT POPPY PARTY WEEKEND (10th-12th June 2011). Unfortunately, due to the late notice, and lack of funding and resources, Members agreed it was not possible to organise such an event.

G.1666 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS.

The Royal British Legion (Westbury Branch). Invitation to all town councillors to attend a Church Service at All Saints Church to mark the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion on Sunday, 20th February 2011.

G.1667 ACCOUNTS:

a. List of Payments. Approved.

b. Monthly Statement – December. Noted.

G.1668 It was resolved that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the public and press be temporarily excluded and instructed to withdraw.

G.1669 HANGING BASKETS (Part II).

G.1670 It was resolved to return to open Council.

7.35 pm