

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON,
BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cllr S Andrews (Chairman)

Cllrs Mrs S Ezra, D Jenkins, S Miles, C Pope, Mrs M Pope and
D Windess.

Mr K Harvey, Town Clerk, and Mrs B Mantle.

Also in attendance: Cllr R Hawker
Cllr G King
Cllr Mrs C Mitchell
Mr D Kemp, DCK Beavers Ltd

F.11 PUBLIC FORM Nil.

F.12 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr W Braid	-	Personal
Cllr Mrs D O'Hara	-	Personal
Cllr W D Tout	-	Work commitment

F.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. As per the attached Small Grants List.

F.14 MINUTES. The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 12th
September 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

F.15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. Nil.

Members Matters Arising. Nil.

F.16 CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS FOR REPORT. Nil.

F.17 DRAFT BUDGET 2012-2013. Mr Kemp presented the draft budget with a
proposed Precept of £364,532.00, which represents an increase of 8.51% on
the current year's budget and a Band D equivalent of £73.16. He reported that
the Band D equivalent tax base for Westbury has gone down: the main cause
appears to be the increase in the number of Westbury residents on income
support and not paying council tax.

The following amendments to the draft budget were agreed:

- Increase the estimated income for The Laverton from £9,000.00 to
£15,000.00.
- Queen's Diamond Jubilee – reduce from £16,000.00 to £11,000.00.
- Crosspoint – delete.
- Section 137 – increase by £1,000.00 to £11,500.00.

It was resolved to recommend the Draft Budget for 2012-2013, as amended, to Town Council on the 9th January 2012, amounting to a proposed Precept of £349,332.00, representing an increase of 3.99%.

F.18 SMALL GRANTS 2011-2012. It was agreed to recommend to Town Council to award the same grant again to those applicants who received grants in 2010-2011.

Of the forty-seven applications received, there were eight new applications for grant this year, and it was agreed to recommend to Town Council the following awards:

Church Street Residents Association	£100.00
Golden Oldies	Nil
Victim Support Wiltshire	£100.00
West Wilts/Elblag Twinning Association	£200.00
Westbury & District U3A	£100.00
Westbury & Warminster Extended Services	£150.00
Westbury BA13 Community Group	£200.00
Westbury Carnival	Nil
Westbury Chamber of Commerce	Nil

(See attached Small Grants list for full details.)

F.19 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2011-2012 (FIRST INTERIM). The Report was noted, and the recommendations made by the auditor under the Action Plan to go forward to the next Finance Committee for consideration. In addition, it was agreed that the Clerk drafts a formal reserves policy for approval by Town Council in January.

F.20 LIST OF PAYMENTS. The List of Payments as submitted was approved.

9.00 pm

**Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this 12th day of March 2012**

Chairman