

## WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE LAVERTON,  
BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012 AT 7.00 PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Windess (Chairman)

Cllrs S Andrews (arrived 7.18 pm), M Cuthbert-Murray (left 8.30 pm),  
Mrs S Ezra, R Hawker, D Jenkins, D P Jones, G King,  
Mrs C Mitchell, Mrs D O'Hara (left 8.00 pm) and W D Tout.  
Mr K Harvey, Town Clerk, and Mrs B Mantle.

PCSO Neil Turnbull  
Five members of the public

*Cllr Windess presented Mrs P Thompson (Pam Cox-Maidment) with her past Mayor's medal.*

**T.2577 PUBLIC FORM:**

**Dr P Biggs:**

- Congratulated the Town Council on its Christmas events.
- Recently published book on Abraham Laverton by Tony Laverton - as requested at the previous Town Council meeting, asked for information on the number of copies sold.
- Timescale for new double yellow lines.
- Westbury Swimming Pool and Leighton Recreation Centre.
- Matravers School – 5A\* results
- Cardio vascular disease, cancer, smoking, teenage pregnancy, anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, air and water quality statistics for Westbury.

**T.2578 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr W Braid	-	Personal
Cllr C Pope	-	Personal
Cllr Mrs M Pope	-	Personal
Cllr S Miles	-	Personal
Cllr F Morland	-	Clash of meetings

**T.2579 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Cllr W D Tout – Agenda item 15: personal (employee of Sainsbury's).  
Cllr D Jenkins - Agenda item 12: personal & prejudicial (Governor of Westbury Leigh School).

**T.2580 MINUTES.** The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**T.2581 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES:** Nil.

**Members' matters arising from these Minutes:** Cllr Andrews referred to the previous meeting's Public Forum when Mr I Taylor, an ex-town councillor, had asked Cllr Hawker to desist from his continuing criticisms of

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his chairmanship of the Laverton Institute Trust Management Committee. Cllr Hawker did not accept Cllr Andrews's comments on this matter.

**T.2582**      **POLICE REPORT.** Several burglaries in the town resulted in the arrest of three males from Westbury. Two of the burglaries involved theft of car keys and the subsequent theft of the cars from driveways. Both vehicles were recovered, but one had been burnt out. All three, including a fourth for an unrelated day time burglary, are on police bail.

Two males are currently on bail with conditions following a serious assault on New Year's Day.

There has been a reduction in reported incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the town, due it is believed to the recent two successful ASBO applications.

Bluez n Zuz continues to be a success with currently 50 to 80 young people attending each monthly event. Bluez n Zuz offers a safe environment for young people to meet and socialise free from any peer pressure to become involved in ASB or take alcohol and drinks.

**T.2583**      **WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

- **Westbury Car Parks.** Cllr Cuthbert-Murray reported that Wiltshire Council spends £35,000 per annum on maintaining and running Westbury car parks, and requested a breakdown of this figure. Cllr Hawker confirmed the Town Council's Car Parks Working Group was pressing Wiltshire Council for full income and expenditure details.
- **A350 - additional traffic.** Cllr Jenkins reported that Wiltshire Council is talking with B&NES regarding the proposed diversion of traffic on to the A350. This matter will not be the subject of judicial review.
- **State of the Westbury White Horse.** Cllr Jenkins expressed his concern over the grey and dirty appearance of the horse.
- **Westbury Leigh/Leigh Park.** Cllr Hawker expressed concern about confusion between Westbury Leigh and Leigh Park.

**T.2584**      **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES.** The following Minutes were received and noted:

Finance Committee	-	13.12.2011
Highways, Planning & Development Committee	-	21.11.2011
Highways, Planning & Development Committee	-	19.12.2011
General Purposes Committee	-	05.12.2011

**T.2585**      **MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINTES.** Nil.

**T.2586**      It was resolved to bring forward Agenda item 14 regarding the Wiltshire West District Scout Association's request for a grant.

**T.2587**      **WILTSHIRE WEST DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION – Purchase and development of Roundwood Scout Camp and Community Activity Centre.** Mr John Cox reported that his Association had leased woodland for many years for their scout camp and activity centre, and following the death of the owner had then hoped to purchase these woods. Unfortunately the present owner has decided not to sell the woodland to them, and they are now looking at other sites. To date the Association has raised £147,000 and are awaiting other grant decisions.

It was resolved to make a grant of £500 to the Wiltshire West District Scout Association on the understanding that should their project not come to fruition, these funds will be returned to the Town Council.

**T.2588**      **NOTICE OF MOTION received from the Finance Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011** to adopt the Draft Budget for 2012-2013 as recommended, and confirm the Precept as £349,332 representing a 3.99% increase, which equates to a Band “D” equivalent of £70.11.

Following amendment whereby the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Celebration budget was increased by £5,000 with a corresponding decrease of £5,000 in the Capital Projects Budget, the Precept was agreed, as proposed, at £349,332, representing a 3.99% increase, equating to a Band “D” equivalent of £70.11.

**T.2589**      **NOTICE OF MOTION received from the Finance Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011** to approve the small grants allocation for 2011-2012 as recommended.

Four additional applications had been received since the Finance Committee met on the 13.12.2011, and these were also considered. The grant application from the Westbury Chamber of Commerce, previously refused by the Finance Committee, was reconsidered.

The small grants applications, as submitted, including that of the Westbury Chamber of Commerce, were approved. (See attached.)

**T.2590**      **ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2011.** Noted.

**T.2591**      **SCHOOL GRANTS APPLICATION 2011-2012.** An application by Westbury Leigh School Council for a £500 grant towards improving their school grounds was approved.

**T.2592**      **SCHOOL GRANTS APPLICATION 2011-2012.** An application by Westbury Infants School for a £500 grant towards an art project to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee was approved.

**T.2593**      **SAINSBURY’S SPORT RELIEF MILE.** It was agreed to register to host a Sport Relief Mile in Westbury at the Leighton Recreation Centre.

**T.2594 GREAT WESTERN HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST.** It was agreed to invite Claire Litchfield, Governance Officer for the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to the next General Purposes Committee Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February to talk about the Trust and receive local feedback.

**T.2595 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS.**

**Wiltshire Citizens Advice.** Letter of thanks for the Town Council's grant of £5,000.

**Christmas Events.** The Town Clerk reported on the successful events held in the town.

**T.2596 THE LAVERTON INSTITUTE TRUST MANAGEMENT**

**COMMITTEE.** Cllr Hawker assured members that letters expressing the Town Council's thanks to those organisations, who provided grant funding for the Phase II refurbishment of the Hall, will be sent out shortly. Sioux How, Laverton Development and Marketing Officer, is currently working on all the necessary policies and procedures for the Hall, and John Parker, Project Officer, is working on the production of a formal business plan, which will be submitted to Town Council for adoption in the near future. The repairs to the ceiling in the Ladies toilets should be completed shortly.

**T.2597 COMMUNICATIONS BY THE TOWN MAYOR.** Cllr Windess reported on the functions he had attended on behalf of the Town Council, and thanked the Christmas Working Group for the successful events held in the town. He reminded members of the forthcoming Civic Reception on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012.

**T.2598 ACCOUNTS:**

**Payment of Accounts.** On report by the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, it was resolved to approve the List of Payments made since the last meeting, or to be made, and to confirm the action of the Clerk, the Mayor and one other member in signing the necessary orders for payment and Bank Transfers as follows:

13.12.2011	-	£99,938.90
09.01.2012	-	£13,863.63

**9.15 pm**

**Signed on behalf of the meeting  
this fifth day of March 2012**

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**Chairman**

