WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LAVERTON, BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON WEDNESDAY, 6th JUNE 2012 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: **Cllr W D Tout (Chairman)**
Cllrs S Andrews, D Bradshaw, I Cunningham, S Ezra and M Cuthbert-Murray.
Mr K Harvey, Town Clerk, and Mrs A McCann

Cllr D Jenkins also in attendance

G.1747 **PUBLIC FORUM.** Nil

G.1748 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.** Cllr D Tout

G.1749 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**. Cllr S Andrews

G.1749 **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllr S Miles	-	Unwell
Cllr C Pope	-	Business

G.1750 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Nil

G.1751 **MINUTES.** The Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on the 2nd June 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

G.1752 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.** Nil.

Members' matters arising. Nil.

G.1753 **CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS FOR REPORT.** Claire Litchfield, Governance Officer for Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, has not responded to emails inviting her to attend another meeting, therefore we should not invite her again.

G.1754 **FINANCE COMMITTEE.** Cllrs S Andrews, S Miles & D Bradshaw were appointed.

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G.1755 CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS. Nil

G.1756 WORKING GROUP'S REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

a. Christmas in Westbury Working Group.

It was agreed at the last meeting of the working group that the Christmas Lights Switch-On and Main Events Day are to be combined into one event. The date for this event will be **Saturday 24th November 2012.**

A fair will be set up in the Market Place and the Christmas market will be through Maristow Street/Edward Street with the reindeer and Father Christmas outside the Library.

The inflatables will be on Soisy Gardens and a stage and street entertainers will be in the High Street. The Fair will be on all day through to approx 9.00pm.

There will be a break in proceedings from approx 3.30pm to allow stalls etc to pack up and the High Street set up ready for the Switch-On, which should take place as usual at 6:00pm.

We don't have a date for our next meeting at present but we hope to arrange one for sometime during the next two or three weeks.

b. Queens Diamond Jubilee Working Group.

The whole weekend went very well and the weather was kind to us on Saturday and Monday, although the church service had to be moved to All Saints due to the rain.

Saturday's street event was busy all day and many of the stalls were pleased with the turn out. The children enjoyed the dragon, petting zoo and the exotic animals. There were old fashioned stalls like hook a duck, hoop-la and ball in the bucket. There were lots of children rides, skiing and a bucking bronco. On Saturday evening the music of sixty years was well attended and very enjoyable.

Sunday morning we had a church service in All Saints church and in the afternoon there was the tea dance at the Paragon Hall, which was a great success. Couples danced and enjoyed the tea.

On Monday afternoon we had the children's event and fancy dress which was well attended, we had entertainment for the children including a stilt walker dressed as a guardsman. In the evening we had our concert with the tribute band The Great Pretenders and the lighting of the Beacon at 10.15pm. The Market Place was packed with somewhere between 1500 – 2000 people in attendance and it was a very successful evening. There was some trouble after midnight when the event had finished with some minor scuffles. Security assisted but the Police had to be called.

c. Website Working Group.

All issues have now been sorted and the Website is now live. Please log on to www.westburytowncouncil.gov.uk and have a look. The winning number of 4411 has been put on the website.

d. **Westbury Tourism Group.**
Nothing to report. **Clerk to call a meeting.**

e. **Delegation of Services Working Group.**
Nothing to report.

f. **Health Working Group.**
Nothing to report as they have not had a meeting.

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G.1757 **BUDGET ITEMS.**
Suggested bids: a rolling budget for street events, a minimum of £3000 a year. It was also suggested to have budget money for the future cleaning of the White Horse. A Tourism Group meeting is to be called at the end of the month to discuss this further.

G.1758 **MATTERS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.**
All were in agreement to remove this item from future agendas.

G.1759 **ACCOUNTS.**

a) **List of Payments** – Due to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations these are deferred until the Finance meeting on 12/06/2012.

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19:50hrs

Signed on behalf of the Meeting
this sixth day of June 2012

Chairman