

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE LAVERTON,
BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY, 2nd JULY 2012 AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs S Ezra (Chairman)

Cllrs S Andrews, D Bradshaw, W Braid, I Cunningham, M Cuthbert-
Murray, D Jenkins, S Miles, F Morland, Mrs C Mitchell, Mrs D O'Hara
(left at 8.20pm), and W D Tout.

Mrs B Mantle and Mrs A McCann.

PCSO Jo Philpott
Three members of the public

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PUBLIC FORM:

Mr E Bridges: Agenda item 9. Westbury Hospital Site.

Dr P Biggs:

- Congratulations to new Cllr's D Bradshaw & I Cunningham.
- Congratulations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Events.
- The concert in the Church was disappointing due to the quality of some of the acts.
- Criticism of the quality of the Chaining of Town Council meetings and the length of them.
- Agenda item 10 – Proposed War Memorial, Market Place.
- Queen's Diamond Jubilee Tree - concerns regarding its hardiness.

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ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr R Hawker	- Clash of meetings
Cllr Gordon King	- Personal
Cllr C Pope	- Business
Cllr D Windess	- Personal
Cllr F Morland	- Clash of meetings
Keith Harvey, Town Clerk	- Personal
Sean Price, Town Crier	- Prior Booking

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

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MINUTES. The Minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting held on the 9th May 2012 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. None

Members' matters arising from these minutes. None.

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POLICE REPORT. Jo Philpott gave the following report: Westbury Neighbourhood Policing Team have now set their new priorities, our

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Neighbourhood Tasking Group decided that the three main concerns in Westbury are:

1. Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) in the Leigh Park area of Westbury – we have increased patrols in the area and gathering intelligence as to who is causing the ASB.
2. Community Speed Watch that is now up and running in the Bitham Park area, volunteers have been out with the speed gun. As yet I haven't received any update as to how many speeders have been advised.
3. Fire settings in Westbury – Young individuals (around 10 years of age) are regularly setting small fires within Westbury, particularly around the Bitham Park, Frogmore Road and Alfred Street areas. Two of the individuals have | been given Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and have been told that they will breach this contract if they continue to set fires. One of the individuals has been formally interviewed for arson. Our Inspector is reviewing the evidence and deciding on the most suitable punishment for this child.

Vehicle crime is on the increase all around Westbury area, items such as Sat Navs have been taken from secure vehicles, a spare key for a vehicle has also been taken from the glove compartment. Our advice is, as usual, do not leave anything in a vehicle that is tempting to others.

Burglaries have also been on the increase in both dwelling and non dwelling. Over the last week seven individuals have been arrested for the Westbury offences and they are now being investigated.

Blue n Zuz is growing in success every time we hold an event. The Jubilee event had over 50 young persons, a flat screen TV was given to the winner of our poster competition. Our last Euro 2012 party was held and over 60 young persons attended (the fact that England had been knocked out of the competition didn't stop anyone from turning up).

The Inspector is keen to attend the next Town Council meeting on 3rd September.

PCSO Jo Phillpott made the following responses to members' questions:

How long after the event has finished are Westbury Town Council responsible for people's actions? Can't answer that question. The Police are not blaming anyone for the incident that happened after the Queen's Diamond Jubilee concert and are trying to work with the Town Council and local pubs to make it work in the future.

T.2663 WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORT. Cllr Mike Cuthbert-Murray reported that the key issue coming up for the Area Board is allotments and that Wiltshire Council will be attending the next meeting to discuss this. Cllr David Jenkins reported that the Health Fayre held three weeks ago was well attended. He also reported that at the Extraordinary Wiltshire Council meeting on 26th June he requested that a Westbury By-Pass is actually put into the Core Strategy, but this was rejected.

T.2664 MINUTES of COMMITTEES. The following minutes were received and noted:

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Highways, Planning & Development Committee	-	21.05.2012
Highways, Planning & Development Committee	-	18.06.2012
General Purposes Committee	-	06.06.2012
Finance Committee	-	12.06.2012

T.2665 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES** (if any).
None.

T.2666 **WESTBURY HOSPITAL SITE.** To consider a request from Mr E Bridges to instruct and fund Pinniger Finch & Co to request information from NHS Wiltshire.

Cllr David Jenkins proposed the following motion:

That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor visit Pinniger Finch & Co to discuss.

Motion approved.

T.2667 **NOTICE OF MOTION received from Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray on 16th May 2012.**

That this Council consults the people of Westbury to ascertain their views on reinstating the Market Place War Memorial. Should there be a favourable response to the public consultation, the Clerk to:

- i. collect all those service peoples' names from the First World War up to the present day of those who have died in combat from Westbury;
- ii. obtain three quotes for the construction and installation of a suitable war memorial, and in consultation with Wiltshire Council investigate the best site for the War Memorial.

Motion failed.

T.2668 **NOTICE OF MOTION received from Cllr M Cuthbert-Murray on 16th May 2012.**

That Westbury Town Council offers chairmanship courses to all councillors wishing to become a chairman of any committee or working group. Councillors will be obliged to attend a training course before taking up the role of Chair of the Council.

Cllr Ezra proposed the following amendment: That Westbury Town Council offers Chairmanship courses to all councillors wishing to attend.

The amendment was agreed and became the substantive motion, which was approved.

T.2669 **NOTICE OF MOTION received from the Car Parks Working Group dated 22nd June 2012.**

Having considered the figures for the last year for town centre car parks, and having received further confirmation that Wiltshire Council will not change its

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policy and will not offer us any different deal on the management of town centre car parks as set out in their existing policy, we believe we have done our best to try to achieve a better compromise for Westbury town centre, but are frustrated by Wiltshire Council's refusal to change their policy. It is, therefore, recommended that the Town Council take no further action until 2014 when Wiltshire Council will further review its policy.

The motion was approved.

T.2670 NOTICE OF MOTION received from the Management team on 25th June 2012.

New Code of Conduct. The Management Team recommends that Westbury Town Council adopts the Wiltshire Council Code of Conduct to comply with the 1st July deadline. Following Wiltshire Council's adoption of the Code of Conduct, Westbury Town Council can review the finished article, and if not satisfied with the final document can reassess the situation.

The motion was approved.

T.2671 BATH LORRY BAN. The Town Council will write a letter in support of the appeal lodged with the Secretary of State by Somerset Council, Wiltshire Council and the Highways Agency.

T.2672 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS. Cllr Sue Ezra gave the following report:

The Jubilee weekend went very well including the weather on the Saturday and Monday. The Street Event was very well attended and all the stalls were really busy. It was nice to see that the town stayed busy well after 4pm. I spoke to all the stallholders including the community stalls and they all had had a really good time. The children enjoyed the dragon and all the rides etc. The church tower was busy and some people were disappointed that it shut at 1pm. Maybe next time it could stay open a little later.

All Saints Diamond Jubilee Evening Concert was a real success and well attended. Interval food and wine was appreciated by all.

It was unfortunate that the church service was held in the church and not the market place, but yet it was still well attended.

The tea dance at the Paragon was attended by about 40 people, who danced to the trio and enjoyed their tea provided by the Cancer UK ladies. I auctioned a cake made like the union jack flag and raised £35.00 for Cancer UK.

The children's party in the Market Place was a success and the winners of the fancy dress were all very happy.

The evening concert with the Great Pretenders was such a success that the Market Place was full (nearly 1500 people). Everyone was good natured and there was no trouble until after the event had finished. The trouble that the Police referred to was at quarter to one in the morning and happened in Fore Street. I did question the Police as to when we stopped being responsible for the people of Westbury.

I went up to the White Horse and lit the beacon but was unable to get back down due to the volume of traffic, so missed the concert.

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We are under budget at the moment, but we are still waiting for the outstanding invoices. At the September meeting of Full Council the working group will lay a motion that the balance be held over till the next Jubilee or Coronation.

T.2673 WORKING GROUP VACANCIES.

Working Groups:

Car Parks Working Group – Cllr Stephen Andrews
Play Areas Working Group – Cllrs David Bradshaw & Ian Cunningham
Street Furniture Working Group – Cllr Ian Cunningham
Town Centre Viability Group – Cllr Ian Cunningham
Leisure Facilities – Cllr David Bradshaw

Committees:

Laverton Institute Trust Management Committee – Cllr Stephen Andrews

Other Organisations:

Police Liaison Committee – Cllr David Bradshaw

T.2674 CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS:

- a. **Report 2012 by Sean Price, Town Crier of Westbury.** The report was distributed to Members, and it was agreed that the request for a link to the Town Crier’s website be passed to the Website Working Group to consider and action, and that the Management Team considers whether the Town Crier’s Home Cry needs to be re-written.
- b. **Wiltshire Council – On-Line Registration of Members’ Interest.** Reminder to Members to register their “disclosable pecuniary interest” on the Wiltshire Council website.

T.2675 THE LAVERTON INSTITUTE TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Deferred until the Town Council meeting in September.

T.2676 COMMUNICATIONS BY THE TOWN MAYOR. Cllr Mrs Ezra reported she had attended the following events on behalf of the Town Council since her last report:

Rotary Club – Presentation on White Horse Refurbishment Project
Girlguiding Wiltshire South County Review, Westbury Leigh Primary School
Lions Charter Night
Westbury Mayor’s Craft Fayre
Elblag Twinning Meeting
Relate Strategy Lunch, Cleeve House
Westbury Infant School Jubilee celebration
Parade, AGM & Reception - Bath Abbey/Guildhall
Welcome to the new Bishop of Salisbury, County Hall, Trowbridge
High Sheriff’s Summer Reception
Flower Festival at All Saints Church, Westbury

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Wilts Armed Forces and Veterans Celebrations, Trowbridge
Lions Donkey Derby

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ACCOUNTS:

- a. **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:

May 2012	-	£36,973.26
02.07.2012	-	£46,519.70

- b. **Monthly Statement – May.** Approved.

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ANNUAL RETURN 2011-2012. It was agreed that the Town Council approves the Annual Return 2011-2012, as submitted.

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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.

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STAFFING MATTERS (PART II)

T.2681.

It was resolved to return to open council.

8.45 pm

**Signed on behalf of the meeting
this third day of September 2012**

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Chairman

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