

WESTBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**AT THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD AT THE LAVERTON,
BRATTON ROAD, WESTBURY ON MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2014 AT 7.00 PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr D Windess (Chairman)

**Cllrs S Andrews, D Bradshaw, I Cunningham, Mrs S Ezra, R Hawker,
D Jenkins, G King, S Miles, Mrs C Mitchell, F Morland, M Sutton,
I Taylor, W D Tout, P Wakeman & D Windess.
Mr K Harvey, Town Clerk, and Mrs J Dyer.**

2 members of the public.

T.3014 PUBLIC FORUM:

Agnes Capes:

- Disabled parking in the Market Place.

Dr P Biggs:

- Councillors are breaking own regulations by commenting on public forum matters during the public forum.
- Swimming Pool & Leighton Recreation Facilities - voiced concerns over the future of leisure facilities in Westbury under plans for a community campus.
- Closure of Youth Centre – evidence based response from Westbury Town Council.
- War Memorial in Church Yard – needs cleaning & refurbishment but should otherwise be left alone.
- Town Clerks Blog – previously defeated but summary of meetings should be made public.
- Discussions – politics should pay no part in decisions for the good of the town & towns' people.

T.3015 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:
None.

T.3016 DISPENSATIONS. Nil.

T.3017 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Nil.

T.3018 MINUTES: The Minutes of the Town Council Meetings held on the 6th January 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

T.3019 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. Nil.

Members' matters arising from these Minutes.

- T2986 – Cllr Bradshaw reported that there are 74 Laverton mugs and 41 Swimming Pool mugs left.
- Trees in All Saints Crescent – The Town Clerk is awaiting a response from Wiltshire Council.

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- The Laverton Book – The Town Clerk has written to the points of sale and is awaiting a response.

T.3020 POLICE REPORT. Given by Inspector Alan Webb.

- PCSO Mat Katsande recently took over from PCSO Hannah Jamieson in Westbury.
- Reports of aggravated burglary in Leigh Park – investigations are ongoing.
- Increased reports of ASB in Angel Mill underground car park – patrols in this area have been increased.
- Bluz n Zuz will not be continuing in Westbury however a junior PCSO scheme for year 6 students may start later in the year.

Insp Webb presented a performance table which showed an overall reduction in crime within Westbury and responded to questions stating there were some discrepancies due to the way the figures were now reported.

Cllr Tout gave thanks on behalf of residents of Oldfield Park for the follow up and support given after a recent incident in that area.

Cllr Windess had recently joined an evening patrol in Westbury and Insp Webb extended his invitation to any other councillors who would like join a patrol around the town.

T.3021 WILTSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Cllr R Hawker.

- Youth Services - Westbury Town Council and the Area Board have requested a meeting with Wiltshire Council to discuss cuts to youth services within the town. Due to the timings of meetings, this may need to report back to General Purposes Committee to avoid unnecessary delays.
- The Core Strategy - figures provided by Wiltshire Council has said that over the next 20 years 210 more houses need to be built in Westbury. However it is widely expected that the current planning application for 220 houses will be approved.

Cllr G King.

- Youth Services – Wiltshire Council has found a further £250k which will be used to lessen the cuts to youth services.
- Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) – Wiltshire Council has launched an updated JSA and the Town Council should not let this pass by without looking at how it will affect the town.

Cllr D Jenkins.

- Joint Strategic Assessment – New information is available and recommends that all councillors obtain and read this document.

T.3022 MINUTES OF COMMITTEES. The following Minutes were received and noted:

General Purposes Committee	-	3 rd February 2014
Highways, Planning & Development Committee	-	20 th January 2014

Highways, Planning & Development Committee - 17th February
2014

T.3023 MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. Nil.

T.3024 NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR. Cllr Mrs C Mitchell was nominated for Mayor.

T.3025 NOMINATIONS FOR DEUPTY MAYOR. Cllr D Bradshaw was nominated for Deputy Mayor.

T.3026 NOTICE of MOTION received from Cllr S Andrews

To change the date of the General Purposes scheduled for Monday August 4th 2014, to Tuesday August 5th 2014. This request is being made because the Royal British Legion intends to hold an evening service on August 4th at the war memorial in Soisy Gardens to commemorate the start of the Great War.

It was further agreed to change the date of the meeting to Monday August 11th 2014.

APPROVED

T.3027 NOTICE of MOTION RECEIVED FROM HP&D COMMITTEE: To change the date of the HP&D scheduled for Monday April 21st 2014 (Easter Monday) to Monday April 14th 2014.

APPROVED

T.3028 SPORTS ROADSHOW – recommendation received from General Purposes Committee: Sports Roadshow (mobile sports scheme) to be held on 5 consecutive Wednesdays in Grassacres Park, during the school summer holidays at a total cost of £1,000. This will be funded from S137 monies.

APPROVED

T.3029 CLERK’S CORRESPONDENCE/MATTERS:

Small Grants 2013/14. Letters of thanks received from the following organisations were noted:

Scallywags Mother and Toddler Group
The Art, Craft and Natter Group
Alzheimer’s support
Vitalise
Westbury & District French Twinning Association
Wiltshire Music Centre
The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust
Welfare of the Elderly
The White Horse Day Centre
Carer Support Wiltshire
The Golden Oldies

Wessex MS Therapy
Westbury and District Link Scheme
Warminster Decorative & Fine Arts Society
Warminster Riding for the Disabled
West Wilts Portage Service
West Wilts Youth Sailing Association

T.3030 GRANTS TO SCHOOLS. Letters of thanks received from Bitham Brook & Westbury Infant Schools. Noted.

T3031 SMALL GRANTS - LEIGH PARK PLAY & LEARN. Original application was deferred pending further information which has now been provided and circulated to councillors. It was agreed to pay a grant.

T3032 THE LAVERTON INSTITUTE TRUST MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP. Cllr Bradshaw reported that the website had attracted 181 visits of which 150 were unique visits with most referrals still coming from Google (103) but also 26 visits from the Town Council website. The wedding and what's on pages are still the most popular. The following on Facebook & Twitter continues to increase.

Bar takings from the Mayor's Comedy & Curry Night was £845, which brings the takings since last September to £3,667.62. Current stock in hand is £700.

The number of booking enquiries continues to increase and has resulted in 25 private functions booked already.

A new Laverton sign has been erected at the front of the building.

David Lawrence left recently as he had the opportunity to work for Help for Hero's. Applications for the vacancy will now be processed and interviews held on March 20th.

There are 74 of the original 140 Laverton mugs and 41 of the 140 swimming pool mugs still left for sale.

T.3033 CCTV WORKING GROUP. A new CCTV Partnership Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by Warminster TC, Westbury TC and West Wilts Trading Estate. CCTV monitoring charges have not increased since April 2012 and in future, if agreed in September, charges will not increase until the following April.

All but one camera is now working; the camera in Grass Acres Park will come on stream on the 14th March 2014. One of the cameras has recently had a problem because the globe was letting in water but this has now been resolved. We have had no recent problems with maintenance which is now being dealt by Digivision.

T.3034 EMERGENCY PLANNING. Cllr Cunningham reported that the group had met recently to discuss the recent flooding issues and stated that Wiltshire

Council figures showed that a greater number of homes were flooded in Wiltshire than in Somerset and talks are ongoing regarding the insurance aspects of recruiting flood wardens.

Plans are ongoing for the use of the Laverton as an emergency planning centre and it is hoped that a grant would be available to cover costs associated with this.

T.3035 GREAT WAR COMMEMORATION TASK & FINISH GROUP. Cllr Jenkins reported that Nick Young (Stonemason) had quoted £2,500 + vat to clean the Edwards Street memorial and place the existing plaque with a new engraved granite one and an example of how this would look was given to each councillor.

The group also plans a launch to mark the start of the Great War on Aug 4th but details are yet to be confirmed.

There are various events planned in and around Westbury and the Town Council will publish these on the website when details are known. This will be ongoing over the next 4 year period in line with the 4 years of the Great War.

T.3036 COMMUNICATIONS BY THE TOWN MAYOR. Cllr Windess attended a function in Malmesbury and joined the police on an evening patrol of the town. The Comedy and Curry Night was a great success and he completed the Bath Half Marathon.

T.3037 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:

3 rd February 2014	-	£32,844.75
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T.3038 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.

**T.3039 PART II
SALARIES 2014/15**

T.3040 It was RESOLVED to return to open council.

**Signed on behalf of the meeting
this sixth day of May 2014**

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Chairman