



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 25th March 2019 in the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman asked those present to stand for a minute silence in memory of the late Mrs Rosemary Beeny.

Concerns were expressed from members of the public attending with regard to the withdrawal of the No 40 bus service between Bridport and Crewkerne that had resulted in commuters missing onward connections, No 96 to Yeovil.

2129 PRESENT – Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Faulkner, Cllr Norris and Cllr Mrs Page.

2130 IN ATTENDANCE – Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk), Dorset County Cllr Mrs R Knox; also five members of the public.

2131 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS FOR:

(a) Dorset Police

In the absence of a representative from Dorset Police the Town Clerk read a short report from PCSO Alex Bishop in which he had advised there had been reports of:

- Anti Social Behaviour around the town, involving young people. Recent incidents had occurred around the Playing Fields, the Church and Beaminster School.
- Livestock worrying and dogs being out of the owners control. Livestock worrying is an offence and he reminded dog owners to check for livestock before letting dogs off a lead.
- Incidents of poaching around the area with instances of entrails being found, arrows and males with dogs and lamps seen late at night in fields.

PCSO Bishop advised he hoped to hold a regular surgery in St Mary's church on a Wednesday.

(b) West Dorset District Council

In the absence of a District Council representative no report was received.

(c) Dorset County Council

Cllr Mrs Knox was pleased to report the webcasting of a recent Shadow Executive meeting had proven successful and hoped Dorset Council would continue the practice in the future.

Existing elected members remained councillors until after the election on 2nd May, the first Dorset Council meeting had been scheduled for 16th May. In the interim a small number of regulatory committees had been established.

A total of 8,000 fulltime equivalent posts (12,000) members of staff had been transferred across to the new Council and Dorset County Council's financial accounts had been finalised.

2132 APOLOGIES – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Body.

2133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest had been received.

2134 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25TH FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 25th February 2019 having previously been circulated were approved and signed as a correct record.

2135 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANSATIONS

(a) **BCCP** – Cllr Mrs Page advised, under the restorative justice system, two young people had attended a recent meeting to apologise for causing damage to the fence in the Playing Field.

Cllr Dawkins advised a request had been made to install a grill in Half Acre Lane.

2136 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Under this heading Cllr Mrs Page advised a questionnaire had been circulated to businesses for owners/employees to complete with regard to parking problems experienced. Cllr Faulkner referring to the formation of a business forum advised the Publicity & Community Engagement Group would consider the way forward at their next meeting.

2137 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

Members had previously been circulated with the schedule of payments, cheque numbers 104983 to 104996 issued, together with direct debit payments between 1st March 2019 and 31st March 2019 totalling £12,037.51; also receipts totalling £139,918.11.

Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule, a copy of which is attached.

2138 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Members had previously been circulated with minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19th March 2019.

There being no items raised for discussion members **RESOLVED** to **ADOPT** the minutes.

2139 RESCINDING MOTION

The Town Clerk confirmed receipt of a motion, signed by four members, proposing to rescind the agreement to allow Green Weigh permission to park and sell in the Memorial Playing Field.

Following more informed discussion, with 6 votes in favour and 3 abstentions, members **RESOLVED** to **RESCIND** permission to trade in the Memorial Playing Field with a view to re-evaluate the request once the ATM raid issues had been resolved.

2140 DISCOVER BEAMINSTER

In the absence of a written report the Town Clerk asked members to consider quotations for professional photographic material for inclusion on the 'Discover Beaminster' website. Cllr Faulkner advised two quotations had been received to date which were wide ranging and varied in format. Members **AGREED** to defer a decision until a special Council meeting to take place on Monday 1st April in order for a report to be prepared.

2141 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2019/2020

Members had previously circulated with a draft Calendar of Meetings **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** dates for the May 2019 meetings. A draft calendar for the remainder of the Council year would be considered at the Annual Council meeting.

2142 CONSULTATIONS

No consultation documents had been received.

2143 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **Dorset National Park** – members **NOTED** an update on the proposed Dorset National Park.

(b) **Weldmar Hospicecare Trust** – members **NOTED** a letter of thanks received from the Trustees for the financial donation.

2144 PROGRESS REPORT

Members had previously been circulated with the latest progress report, the content of which was **NOTED**.

Welcome to Beaminster signs – **AGREED** to include this item on the Planning Advisory & Highways Committee agenda.

Neighbourhood Plan – members had previously been circulated with a copy of a draft letter the Neighbourhood Plan Group intended to send to Dorset Council. Cllr Norris expressed his concern there were some negative elements to the draft letter and members **AGREED** to refer the content back to the Group.

2145 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were identified:

2146 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

2147 MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm, closed at 9.10pm.

CHAIRMAN
23rd April 2019