

QUESTION TIME

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, Councillors will receive questions from members of the public for a period not exceeding ten minutes.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Local Authorities [Model Code of Conduct] Order 2007.

3. LINK SCHEME FOR WOOTTON BASSETT

To receive a brief presentation from Helen Lines, Rural Networks Manager, Community First, about the possible creation of a LINK scheme in Wootton Bassett.

Helen Lines was due to speak at the last meeting of the Council on 17th February 2011. Due to confusion over the date of the meeting however, Helen was unable to attend.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Of a meeting of the Council held on Thursday 17th February 2011 [WBTC/6/2010-2011]. Copy previously circulated.

5. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

6. TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS

With and without notice received under Standing Orders

7. WRITTEN REPORTS

To receive written reports from the following:-

*Wootton Bassett Police
Member of Parliament
Wiltshire Councillors
Area Board representatives
Representatives appointed by the Council*

Copies of documents received will be circulated at the meeting,
Appendix A

Please note that Wiltshire Councillor Bill Roberts will be delivering a verbal report due to time constraints created by the scheduling of meetings in late March/early April.

8. PLANNING COMMITTEE

Report on a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 17th February 2011 [P/12/2010-2011]. Copy previously circulated.

9. AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Report on a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 10th March 2011 [A/6/2010-2011]. Copy previously circulated.

10. REVENUE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Report on a meeting of the Revenue and Resources Committee held on Thursday 31st March 2011 [R&R/6/2010-2011]. Copy to follow.

11. CASUAL VACANCIES

- a) The Council is advised that Councillor Sanjay Soni has resigned from his position on the Town Council. The position has been advertised in accordance with The Representation of the People Act 1985 s21. No election has been sought; therefore the Electoral Services Officer has advised that the position be filled by co-option.

The Council is asked to fill the Casual Vacancy by co-option.

- b) The Council is also advised that Councillor Peter Doyle has resigned his seat, and that this vacancy is currently being advertised by the Electoral Services Department. This vacancy will either be filled by election or by co-option at the next Council meeting.

The Council is asked to note the above.

12. CAMPUS DELIVERY PROGRAMME – ESTABLISHMENT OF SHADOW BOARD

Expressions of interest are being sought by the Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board for a Parish and Town Council Representative to sit on the Shadow Board. These were to be submitted by April 1st 2011.

The Council is advised that the Representative is to come from either the Town Council or one of the surrounding Parish Councils. The Representative put forward should expect to attend very frequent meetings in the early stages of the Campus Delivery Programme, and it is likely that these will be held during daytime working hours.

Two names were suggested at the meeting of the Amenities Committee on March 10th 2011, originally to focus the Council's aspirations on a Community Hall project. The names chosen were Councillor Mike Leighfield and Councillor Susan Doyle, who are Chairs of the two Standing Committees. This approach was tested at the meeting of the Revenue and Resources Committee on March 31st, in order for the names to be submitted in time for the deadline.

The Council is asked to confirm this representation.

13. THE FUTURE OF RAF LYNEHAM

Members have been invited by email to a 'Presentation by the Local Business Community on the Commercial Options for the RAF Lyneham site'. This event, held by the Wessex Association of Chambers of Commerce, looks at a commercial option for the future of the RAF Lyneham site, should the MoD decide to release the site.

The Town Council's position on this matter is to support future military use of the airbase by the MoD and a letter to this effect was sent to them before Christmas 2010.

Wiltshire Council are writing to the MoD, encouraging them to make a decision regarding their future interest in the Lyneham site by July. They have suggested that the Town Council may wish to also write to the MoD along the same lines.

It is recommended that the Town Council continue to support its original position and write to the MoD as suggested by Wiltshire Council.

14. PRESS RELEASES

To decide which press releases the Council wishes to authorise.

Addendum

Motion

Wootton Bassett Town Council notes the decision by Stagecoach to withdraw its Service No. 54.

Wootton Bassett Town Council requests that Stagecoach review Route 55 to include Lime Kiln, Showfield and Maple Drive. Excluding these areas will cause hardship to elderly residents in those areas.