

**THESE MINUTES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT MEETING OF WESTBURY
AREA SEMINAR ON 24 JANUARY 2007 FOR APPROVAL AS A CORRECT
RECORD**

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the: **WESTBURY AREA SEMINAR**

Held on: **WEDNESDAY 5 JULY 2006**

Held in: **THE LAVERTON, WESTBURY**

Present:

District Council
Representatives: Cllrs J Clegg (Chairman), M Clegg and Hawker

County Council
Representatives:

Town Council
Representative: Cllr Cox-Maidment

Parish Council
Representatives: Cllrs Morland - Dilton Marsh
Sexstone - Heywood

Community Area
Partnership
Representative:

Parish Cluster
Representative:

Also in attendance: Cllrs Hawkins – Westbury Town Council

Officers: Sue Bellamy - Community Development Officer
Melanie Stimpson – Member Support Officers

12. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2006/07

The Member Support Officer called for nominations for Chairman of Westbury Area Seminar.

Councillor J Clegg was proposed by Westbury Town Council and seconded by Councillor M Clegg.

There being no other nominations and on being put to the vote it was

**RESOLVED: That Councillor J Clegg be elected as Chairman of
Westbury Area Seminar for 2006/07**

13. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN 2006/07

Concern was expressed regarding Article 10.03 (g) (ii) of the West Wiltshire District Council Constitution, which stated the Chairman and Vice Chairman of each District Area Seminar must be a member of the District Council. It was felt that as the Area Seminar incorporated District, County, Town and Parish Councils the position of Vice Chairman should not be limited to District members.

RECOMMENDATION TO LEGAL:

That Westbury Area Seminar propose an amendment to the Constitution to allow the Vice Chairman of any Area Seminar to be a non District Council Member

Due to the lack of Member attendance it was also

RESOLVED:

To defer appointment of the Vice Chairman until the next meeting of the Westbury Area Seminar

14. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Bower, Manasseh, Newbury, Swabey and Reverend Paul Richardson.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following interests were declared:

Councillor	Interest
Hawker	Town Council Representative on Whitehorse Area Action Group (WAAG) District Council Representative on Youth and Community Services Committee - Westbury
Hawkins	Member of Whitehorse Area Action Group (WAAG) Management Committee
M Clegg	Member of Lafarge Liaison Committee
Cox-Maidment	Member of Historic Buildings Joint Committee – Warminster and Westbury
Sexstone	Heywood Parish Council Representative on Lafarge Liaison Committee and Whitehorse Area Action Group (WAAG)

There was some confusion to the level of interests members were required to declare. It was therefore

RESOLVED:

That Westbury Area Seminar asks for clarification and guidance regarding Declarations of Interest.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

(a) Lafarge Liaison Committee

The Chairman had received correspondence from the Leader. It was the Portfolio Holder and The Lafarge Group who decided the venue for the Lafarge Liaison Committee meetings. The Leader had approached the Portfolio Holder who had informed the Leader that she would contact the Chairman of Westbury Area Seminar. The Chairman informed the Seminar that as this had not happened he would be approaching the Portfolio Holder to raise the concerns as discussed at the previous Westbury Area Seminar meeting.

(b) Town Centre Improvements

Ideas for an exhibition at a future date had been cancelled and a decision taken to focus on the market place. A design brief was being drawn up by a working group of Town, District and County Council for a detailed design based on the work carried out already.

(c) Westbury Leigh Conservation Area

The Chairman asked Cllr Cox-Maidment to deliver an update. Cllr Cox-Maidment informed the Seminar that there was no progress on this issue and it was not known when a conservation area in Westbury Leigh would be considered.

Disappointment was expressed concerning the length of time this was taking as it was felt that if the District Council did not act soon Westbury Leigh would be over developed.

RECOMMENDATION TO CONSERVATION OFFICER:

When Westbury conservation areas are reviewed consideration be given to extend an existing conservation area to include Westbury Leigh.

17. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2 February 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18. BROOK LANE MBT SITE

AT its last meeting the Seminar had asked that this be an item for the next agenda. A planning application was yet to be submitted therefore there was no further progress on this matter.

The Community Development Officer informed the Seminar that the Waste Management Strategy was out for consultation and could be downloaded via the web. Wiltshire County Council had offered to attend a WAAG meeting to discuss this issue and that, as all members were on WAAG's partnership event mailing list they would receive notification of the event.

19. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Westbury CCTV Partnership

Cllr Cox Maidment reported that the Partnership was still struggling to find volunteers. It had now been agreed to pay volunteers mileage allowance which was hoped to encourage more volunteers. Funding had been received from two additional cameras. A suggestion was made that the Partnership approach the Army in Westbury as the Army in Warminster supplied volunteers to monitor the cameras in Warminster. A problem had also been identified which affected those who could volunteer as in the past certain people such as shopkeepers and councillors had not be allowed to monitor the cameras.

Westbury Youth and Community Services Committee

Cllr Hawker reported that contrary to the previous update given to the Seminar the youth centre building would now be closed. Cllr Hawker reported that the Head of Youth Services at Wiltshire County Council had taken the decision to close the Youth Centre, without consultation, to allow for the childrens centre.

The Youth Services would be evicted from the building in September and be accommodated in a double mobile unit which was felt inappropriate as it was also to be used by the Pre School.

Westbury Town Council had passed a motion requiring Wiltshire County Council to explain why the Youth and Community Services Committee had been misled regarding the Youth Centre Closure.

Disappointment was expressed at the lack of District Member attendance at the meeting as it had affected the amount of updates the Seminar had received from outside bodies.

RESOLVED:

The following appointments to outside bodies be noted:

Historic Buildings Joint Committees – Warminster and Westbury	Lovell Manasseh Newbury (Deputy) Davis (Deputy)
Lafarge Liaison Committee	Brown
Westbury CCTV Partnership	Manasseh
Westbury Area Action Group (WAAG)	Manasseh
Youth & Community Services Committee – Westbury	Hawker

20. WHITEHORSE AREA ACTION GROUP (WAAG) UPDATE

A WAAG update report, prepared by Reverend Paul Richardson, was presented by Sue Bellamy, Community Development Officer.

21. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS UPDATE

An update, prepared by Inspector Christian Lange, NPT Project Coordinator, was presented by Sue Bellamy, Community Development Officer.

22. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE REFERRAL TO CABINET

There were no items which required referral to Cabinet.

23. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The Chairman encouraged members to come forward with items for future agendas and would be encouraging officers to use the Seminars as a means of communication.

- Waste Collection Contract
- MBT Plant including Highways implications

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Westbury Area Seminar meeting had been arranged for 24 January 2007 at the Laverton in Westbury at 7pm.

(7.00pm – 8.57pm)

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