

## **QUESTION TIME**

To 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 sections 10 and 12 of Wiltshire Council's Members Code of Conduct, as adopted by Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council at a meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements the Chairman wishes to make.

### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

To confirm and sign minutes of meetings of the Committees held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 [R&R/6/2014-2015] and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 [R&R/1/2015-2016]. Copies previously circulated.

### **5. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE VEHICLE**

At the Amenities Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Members received a verbal presentation from Grounds Maintenance Team Leader John MacIndoe updating members on maintenance issues in respect of the

Council's Transit Tipper. The vehicle was subject to a pre-MOT assessment which identified a number of defects, for which the cost of repair is estimated to be between £3,000-£4,000. It was also noted that the Transit Tipper is limited in its capacity for safe storage and off-road travel.

The Amenities Committee approved the replacement of the Transit Tipper, funded from the asset replacement reserve; and asked John MacIndoe to obtain quotations for the Revenue and Resources Committee to consider.

The quotations received, together with a recommendation from the Grounds Maintenance Team Leader are attached, *Appendix A*.

The Committee is asked to consider the quotations received and approve a price and supplier for the replacement tipper vehicle.

## **6. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL AMENITY SERVICES**

Discussion item. At a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Members discussed a number of concerns that have become apparent over the past 12 months regarding the funding and delivery of local Wiltshire Council amenity services. The discussion arose as a result of difficulties with Wiltshire Council's policy for the Community Area Transport Group (CATG), whereby town and parish councils have been asked to contribute towards the funding of minor highway works. The Town Council resolved in February not to provide funding for any CATG schemes as it was felt that highway matters were the responsibility of Wiltshire Council; this resolution has led to some disappointment within the CATG.

The difficulties experienced in engaging with Wiltshire Council via the CATG initiated a wider discussion regarding the provision of Wiltshire Council services within Royal Wootton Bassett, as it has been noted that there is an increasing concern regarding the ability of Wiltshire Council to fund local amenity services in the current funding crisis.

It was noted at the meeting of the Amenities Committee that any future concerns regarding Wiltshire Council services would be forwarded to the office to assist with the creation of a master list detailing the level and type of complaints.

In that context, the Revenue and Resources Committee is invited to contribute to the wider discussion on the provision of Wiltshire Council services within Royal Wootton Bassett; at this stage the item is discussion based therefore it is not necessary for any decisions to be made by the Committee at the present time.

**7. END OF YEAR INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2014/2015**

The Town Council has received a copy of the end of year internal audit report for 2014-2015, copy attached *Appendix B*.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Committee is asked whether it wishes to issue any Press Releases or other Communications in respect of the Committee Agenda items.