

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 12th 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 a meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 23rd November 2017 [R&R/4/2017-2018]. Copies previously circulated.

5. GRANT AID

The Committee is asked to consider the following Grant Aid Applications:

- Royal Wootton Bassett Town Rotary Club

- Royal Wootton Bassett Football Club
- Royal Wootton Bassett Cricket Club

Reports and supporting documentation attached, *Appendix A*.

Accounts to follow from Royal Wootton Bassett Town Rotary Club and Royal Wootton Bassett Football Club.

The Council has an annual budget of £2,500 of which £2,500 remains.

6. TOWN COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

To receive the recent Town Council accounting spreadsheet, which covers the period April 2017 – December 2017, copy attached *Appendix B*.

Members are advised that any questions relating to the spreadsheet can be emailed to the Town Council's Accountant Kalpesh Patel prior to the meeting on kalpesh@royalwoottonbassett.gov.uk

7. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS

Currently requests for highways improvements sent to Wiltshire Council as the Highway authority, are immediately referred to the relevant Parish or Town Council, who are asked to consider whether they support the request and if so to pledge funding towards those works.

The request is then forwarded to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) who in conjunction with Highway Engineers and Parish and Town Council representatives, will prioritise the schemes against the funding available.

The three unitary members have agreed on two highway improvements that they feel are required in Royal Wootton Bassett. These are set out below:

- a) Pedestrian crossing request on New Road (at its junction with Station Road). This would allow for safe access to school for children coming home from the Marlborough Road area.

- b) Metro count request for Nore Marsh Road (The Town Council is required to submit the request) This will enable a speedwatch team to be set up and monitor the road.

The committee is asked to approve the above requests and authorise match funding up to a budget maximum of £5,000 prior to taking these requests to the Area Board. It is usual for the Town Council to fund up to 20% of the costs.

The committee's instructions are sought.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

The committee is asked whether it wishes to issue any press releases or other communications in respect of the committee agenda items.

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee is asked that members of the public be requested to leave the meeting to allow discussion of the establishment, property and finance matters as it is considered the publicity would be prejudicial by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.