

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 10 JULY 2007 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr M J Hodkinson (Chairman)
Cllr D G L Packer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr R W Booth
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr Mrs B S J Feltham
Cllr L G Harvey
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr A K Oliver – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr J A Perry, JP – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

48 **ACTION PLAN (Min 17 – 29.05.07)**

The Chairman submitted a report a copy of which has been circulated to each Member and copy of which appears as Appendix A to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were asked whether there were any additional initiatives they wished to be added to the action plan, first considered on 29 May 2007.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the following items be added to the list for consideration:
 - (i) the mis-use of Wimborne Minster in addresses;
 - (ii) cigarette butt disposal;
 - (iii) availability of more affordable housing;
 - (iv) new recycling initiatives;
 - (v) Sheppards Field – residents parking/waiting restrictions;
 - (vi) Leigh Park Estate – prohibition of waiting at various junctions to improve safety;
 - (vii) identifying ownerships of various passageways and cut-throughs used by the public;
 - (viii) litter clearing of those areas;
 - (ix) maintenance/cleaning of passageway between High Street and King Street;
 - (x) identification and inclusion of Rights of Way on Definitive Footpath Map;

- (xi) standardisation of some waiting restrictions times/days of operation.
- (b) that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman consider the full list and report back to this Committee with a suggested order of priority for action.

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CONSULTATION: PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The Chairman submitted an extract from this consultation document issued by the Government, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix B to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Although this was a District Council function, the Chairman asked whether the Committee wished to comment on the measures intended to reduce the need for planning permission for minor developments.

Members had some concerns about the proposals, particularly regarding the inability of the Town Council to monitor the impact of minor developments and their cumulative effect. Also, systems needed to be in place to ensure proper and effective consultation with affected neighbours without pressure or intimidation.

RESOLVED that although the Town Council has concerns which it hopes will be overcome by proper procedures being in place it broadly favours the principle of introducing a streamlined process for approval of minor development.

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LICENSING ACT 2003 – CONSULTATION ON DRAFT REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 28 June 2007 from the District Council's Licensing Manager, together with the Revised Draft Statement of Licensing Policy, a copy of which appears as Appendix C to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Committee was asked whether it wished to make representations on the revised policy, particularly regarding the two main changes contained in Section 7.3 (Accountability of Designated Premises Supervisors/Personal Licence Holders) and Section 10 (Reviews).

RESOLVED

- (a) that the District Council be informed that the Town Council supports fully the changes to the Draft Revised Statement of Licensing Policy;

- (b) that the District Council be requested to review its current policy on consultations to enable the Town Council to have an input into applications under the 2003 Act.

51 PLANNING DECISIONS

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of planning decisions made by East Dorset District Council, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix D to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

52 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications between 29 May and 2 July 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix E to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council