

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2007 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr M J Hodgkinson (Chairman)
Cllr D G L Packer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr J Burden
Cllr L G Harvey
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr A K Oliver – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr R D Cook – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Cllr R W Booth
Cllr D G L Packer

MEMBER ALSO PRESENT

Cllr Mrs B S J Feltham

102 **TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a copy of a report to the District Council's Policy & Resources Committee on 3 October 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix A to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report sought the District Council's approval for the commitment of money for design work on the town centre enhancement for Wimborne Minster. The request had been approved.

The Chairman and the Chairman of the Council had attended the meeting at Furzehill and the Chairman of the Council had made representations to the Committee, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B to these Minutes.

Detailed plans would be drawn up on which the Town Council would be consulted in due course.

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FOLK FESTIVAL – LICENSING OF STREET TRADERS

The Town Clerk submitted a draft report which the Licensing Manager would be submitting to the District Council, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix C to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report set out a proposal to control and regulate street trading during the Folk Festival, particularly in relation to barbeques and open cooking appliances in the crowded streets. The intention was to avoid the risk of persons being injured by these activities.

For the 2008 Festival it was proposed to restrict the need to obtain a licence to Cook Row, Church Street, the Cornmarket and West Row and adjoining areas, but other streets might follow in later years.

Businesses in those streets had been consulted and the majority supported the regulatory approach.

The Chairman of the Council was of the view that because of its particular layout, Cook Row should not be allowed any barbeques or open cooking appliances.

RESOLVED that the District Council be informed that the Town Council supports the proposed licensing of street traders as outlined in the Licensing Manager's report, but that no trading in Cook Row should be permitted at any time.

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PLASTIC BAG 'BAN'

The Chairman referred to the request by District Cllr Mrs P A Hymers at the Town Council meeting on 25 September 2007 that the Town Council leads a campaign to reduce the issue of plastic bags to shop customers in order to help the environment.

The Chairman referred to the common practice in Germany where customers use locally made cotton bags as most shops do not issue plastic bags.

Members were of the view that the involvement of the Wimborne & District Chamber of Trade was essential if any progress was to be made.

Cllr Mrs Feltham attended the meeting and suggested that it was really not a job for the Town Council, but that the Town Council could support a voluntary group which she would help set up.

She referred to the town of Modbury in Devon which through a local activist managed to become plastic shopping bag free. Cllr Mrs Feltham produced copies of a step by step guide from the Modbury group's website, a copy of which appears as Appendix D to these Minutes.

RECOMMENDED

- (a) that the Town Council supports the principle of a campaign to reduce the use of plastic shopping bags in Wimborne Minster;
- (b) that Cllr Mrs Feltham's offer to initiate the campaign be accepted and she report back following her approach to the Chamber of Trade and others to gain support.

105 DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET 2008/2009

The Town Clerk submitted a report, 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.

RESOLVED that the draft budget, as submitted, be approved for submission to the Policy & Review Committee.

106 RIGHTS OF WAY – CUTHBURY ALLOTMENTS

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 3 October 2007 from Cllr Mrs D J March, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix F to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Town Clerk also submitted a further letter dated 6 October 2007 from Cllr Mrs March, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member at the meeting and a copy of which appears as Appendix G to these Minutes.

The letters sought the Town Council's support to the designation of various footpaths not on the Definitive Map.

RESOLVED that the proposed designations be supported in principle and the Town Clerk submit a report following initial investigation of the facts and procedures.

107 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 H to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications between 28 August and 24 September 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix I to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council