

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2008 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr M J Hodkinson (Chairman)
Cllr A K Oliver, MBE
Cllr T F Wheeler
Cllr R D Cook – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr J Burden – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr D G L Packer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr R W Booth
Cllr Mrs D J March

156 **PROPOSED TRAVELLER SITE, MERLEY HALL FARM**

The Mayor reported that this proposal had come to light about three weeks ago without formal consultation following a local resident telephoning him to express his concerns.

Enquiries had been made and it appeared that Poole Borough Council had identified this site as a transit site for travellers as part of the requirements of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

Local residents had held a protest meeting on 2 November 2008 which the Deputy Mayor had attended. A copy of the handout issued at the meeting had been circulated to each Member and a copy appears as **Appendix A** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Although the proposed site was in the Borough of Poole, Wimborne Minster was the nearest town.

RESOLVED

- (a) that Poole Borough Council be informed that the Town Council objects strongly to this proposal;
- (b) that the Town Mayor arrange a meeting with the Mayor of Poole at the earliest opportunity in order to express personally the Town Council's objection;
- (c) that the Town Council make representations to East Dorset District Council to seek its support to the opposition to the site;

- (d) that the Town Council make representations to the local MP.

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CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED TAXI RANKS IN WIMBORNE MINSTER

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 30 October 2008 from the District Council's Licensing Manager, together with the report to the District Council's Licensing Committee on 28 October 2008, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Licensing Officer was seeking the Town Council's views on proposals for taxi ranks in the High Street, West Borough and Pye Corner.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Officer be informed:

- (a) that the Town Council supports the proposals for West Borough and the High Street subject to them being regularly kept under review after implementation to assess their effectiveness;
- (b) that with regard to Pye Corner, the Town Council requests that this proposal be experimental, say, for twelve months to assess its effectiveness and even if successful, the Town Council would ask for the taxi concessions to cease in the event that Old Road car park is developed so that parking is available in that area for local residents.

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BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET AND POOLE MINERALS AND WASTE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK MINERALS SITE ALLOCATIONS DOCUMENT - DISCUSSION PAPER CONSULTATION

The Chairman submitted a report, 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 Vice-Chairman also submitted a report, 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.

The Committee considered the three sites near to Wimborne Minster which were proposed for sand and gravel extraction in this consultation document.

RESOLVED that Dorset County Council be informed that the Town Council objects strongly to the allocation of these three sites on the grounds that the proposals will generate an unacceptable level of

additional HGV traffic movements and that unspoilt land, which is at a premium in this area, would be lost.

159 **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 E** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

160 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications between 22 September and 3 November 2008, 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 meeting closed at 7.14 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council