

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2008 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr D G L Packer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr J Burden – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

92 **CIGARETTE LITTER (Min 191 - 26.02.08)**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 18 July 2008 from Cllr R W Booth, 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 correspondence outlined a strategy for dealing with the problem of cigarette litter.

Mr Stanley Jackson and Mrs Ann Hodkinson attended the meeting on behalf of the Civic Society and confirmed its willingness to help with the project, including some funding of a butt box(es) depending on the cost.

Mr Jackson and Mrs Hodkinson said that they had surveyed the town centre to identify the cigarette litter hotspots. The results of the survey are attached as **Appendix B** to these Minutes.

Cllr Booth gave the Committee an update on the further progress made, a written version of which is attached as **Appendix C** to these Minutes.

Cllr Oliver, as Chairman of Wimborne in Bloom, referred to the action taken by his organisation to first raise the problem with the local authorities, including asking for butt boxes and 'stubber' plates on existing bins. He added that some of the worst culprits were the staff of the businesses in the town.

The Chairman thanked the Civic Society for its involvement and for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Town Council ask for the support of the Chamber of Trade to tackle cigarette litter on the lines suggested by Cllr Booth;
- (b) that the District Council be asked if it would be prepared to contribute to the project by emptying 'public' butt boxes installed as a result of the initiative;
- (c) that the Town Council and the Civic Society continue its collaboration on this subject in every way it can;
- (d) that the Town Clerk and Cllr Oliver identify which litter bins still require 'stubber' plates and approach the District Council to consider installing them.

93 **REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY (Min 190 - 26.02.08)**

The Town Clerk reported that the Secretary of State's changes to the Regional Spatial Strategy had been published on 22 July 2008. The closing date for comments on the changes was 17 October 2008 and a report would be submitted to the meeting on 7 October 2008.

94 **EAST DORSET LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 29 July 2008 from the Head of Policy Planning at East Dorset District Council, together with responses to this document from Cllrs Booth and Wheeler, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and copies of which appear as **Appendix D** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

No other responses were received.

RESOLVED that the comments made by Cllrs Booth and Wheeler be forwarded to the Head of Policy Planning.

95 **BUSINESS RECYCLING UPDATE**

Cllr Booth submitted a business recycling progress report dated 15 August 2008, 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.

Cllr Booth gave a further update - a written version of which appears as **Appendix F** to these Minutes.

96 **ST JOHN'S HILL BUS STOPS**

The Town Clerk submitted an email dated 23 July 2008 from Michelle Boone, Dorset County Council, 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 County Council was proposing to move the bus stop on the west side of St John's Hill and introduce a bus clearway order and install bus pads at both stops in St John's Hill.

RESOLVED that the proposal be supported.

97 **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 G** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

98 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications between 30 June and 4 August 2008, 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.

The meeting closed at 7.21 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council