

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2008 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 T F Wheeler
Cllr A K Oliver – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr R D Cook – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT

Cllr R W Booth

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CLOSURE OF CANFORD BRIDGE

The Town Clerk submitted a report, 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 set out events surrounding the meeting of technical officers in Poole on 20 February 2008 to discuss the traffic management requirements of this closure.

Following the meeting, an officer of the District Council who had attended discovered that works to the bridge were expected to take a total of 44 weeks with single lane traffic signals operating from 25 March 2008. Full closure would be for 18 weeks beginning in either May or June. A copy of the email he had sent to District Council interested parties is attached as Appendix B to the Minutes.

The news of the 44 weeks disruption was of grave concern to Members given the impact it would have on businesses and other interests in the town.

The Town Clerk added that a copy of the notes of 20 February 2008 meeting had not been received yet, but would be circulated to Members upon receipt. (Now received and attached as Appendix B1.)

189 AVENUE ROAD - TRAFFIC CALMING (Min 73 - 28.08.07)

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 report set out the results of the consultation carried out with residents.

Since the report had been prepared, further replies had been received - there were now 14 in favour of chicane parking and 16 against.

RESOLVED

- (a) that no action be taken to pursue the introduction of chicane parking in Avenue Road;
- (b) that Dorset County Council be requested on safety grounds to introduce no loading/unloading restrictions to cover the junction with Market Way;
- (c) that Dorset County Council be requested to consider changes to the traffic signals at the Avenue Road/Leigh Road/St John's Hill crossroads to deter drivers from using Avenue Road as a short cut between Leigh Road and Poole Road.

190 REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY (RSS) (Min 83 - 29.08.06)

The Chairman submitted for information 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.

Whilst all Members were aware, the Chairman wanted to ensure that the record showed that despite the objections by the Council to the proposals for housing in and around Wimborne Minster, they had been included in the RSS.

191 'A' BOARDS & CIGARETTE LITTER (Min 73 - 28.08.07)

The Chairman 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.

The Committee was concerned about the proliferation of traders' 'A' Boards which, as well as being an eyesore, were in certain circumstances a danger to pedestrians. The report gave details of a meeting to discuss the problem which had been held with the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade.

The Chairman also reported that he had discussed with the Chamber the problem of disposal of cigarette litter.

A letter from Cllr Booth setting out a suggested strategy for dealing with cigarette litter had been included with the Chairman's report.

The Chairman felt that there were some good ideas in the letter, but they should be worked through the Chamber of Trade as it was the responsibility of traders to keep the outside of their premises free of litter.

The Committee felt the time had come for the District Council to enforce the law.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Chamber of Trade be asked to drive a campaign with traders to reduce the amount of cigarette litter in the town, including articles in its newsletter;
- (b) that the District Council be informed of the perceived worst cigarette litter areas/offenders and asked to apply the statutory powers available to secure improvements;
- (c) that the Chairman of the Chamber of Trade be reminded to inform this Council of its 'A' Board strategy and pursue its implementation.

192 SPEED LIMITS

The Town Clerk submitted for information a policy document on speed limits produced by 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.

193 BLACK SACKS

The Town Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 23 January 2008 from the Head of Technical Services of the 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.

The letter set out the circumstances surrounding the changes to black sack delivery.

194 THE EAST DORSET DISTRICT (CHURCHILL ROAD, WIMBORNE No1) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2007 WIM/64

The Town Clerk submitted for information a notice dated 22 November 2007 and schedule from East Dorset District Council relating to this Tree Preservation Order, 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.

195 **THE EAST DORSET DISTRICT (KING STREET, WIMBORNE No3) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2007 WIM/66/1**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a notice dated 20 December 2007 and schedule from East Dorset District Council relating to this Tree Preservation Order, 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.

196 **THE EAST DORSET DISTRICT (ROWLANDS HILL, WIMBORNE No3) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2007 WIM/65/1**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a notice dated 20 December 2007 and schedule from East Dorset District Council relating to this Tree Preservation Order, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix J to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

197 **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 J to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

198 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications between 19 November 2007 and 21 January 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix K to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The meeting closed at 7.24 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council