

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2008 at 6.00 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 R W Booth
Cllr J Burden
Cllr L G Harvey
Cllr T F Wheeler
Cllr A K Oliver, MBE – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr R D Cook – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr Mrs D J March

225 **CHRISTCHURCH & EAST DORSET CORE STRATEGY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISSUES AND OPTIONS PAPERS (Min 190 - 26.02.08)**

The Chairman and Town Clerk submitted a joint 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.

Members had also been given copies of each of the Affordable Housing and Core Strategy Issues and Options response papers.

A detailed discussion took place on the issues involved.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the Town Council's response to the Affordable Housing Issues and Options document be as shown in the completed response paper attached as Appendix B to these Minutes;
- (b) that the Town Council's response to the Urban Extensions questions (UE6 to UE9) in the Core Strategy be as follows:

The Town Council does not believe that the urban extensions in the original areas of search north and west of Wimborne Minster will provide the necessary infrastructure which the number of new dwellings will demand. As an alternative, the Town

Council wishes to suggest a much larger area more suitable for development which will provide sufficient dwellings to attract infrastructure contributions and that is the area of undeveloped land north of Leigh Road/Wimborne Road West between Wimborne Minster and Colehill/Stapehill;

- (c) that, as a Council, no replies be offered to the remaining questions in the Core Strategy response paper.

(Note: Cllr T F Wheeler declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Urban Extensions issue (b) above and left the room during the discussion and voting thereon.)

226 **RECYCLING INITIATIVE & CIGARETTE LETTER (Min 191 - 26.02.08)**

Cllr R W Booth submitted a letter dated 7 April 2008 which he had written to the Chairman, 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 letter sought the Committee's approval in principle to Cllr Booth's recycling initiative for businesses and traders in the town and to the installation of a mixed recycling bin somewhere in the town centre, all at no cost to the Town Council.

Cllr Booth also gave Members a progress report on his campaign to reduce cigarette litter in liaison with the Civic Society, details of which are contained in a memorandum to the Chairman dated 7 April 2008, a copy of which appears as Appendix D to these Minutes.

RESOLVED that the action taken by Cllr Booth and the proposed recycling initiative be supported in principle.

227 **THE EAST DORSET DISTRICT (CHURCHILL ROAD, WIMBORNE NO.1) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2007 WIM/64 (Min 194 - 26.02.08)**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 11 April 2008 from the Head of Planning & Building Control, 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 letter advised the Town Council of a modification to this tree preservation order reported at the last meeting.

228 DORSET RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The Town Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 20 March 2008 from the Countryside Access Development Officer, 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 letter provided the Committee with an update of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

229 PLANNING APPEAL

The Town Clerk submitted for information an Appeal Decision dated 10 March 2008 in respect of a planning refusal relating to land at Oakhatch, 24 Rowlands Hill and 7 Yew Tree Close, 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 appeal had been dismissed.

230 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.

231 PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications between 11 February and 14 April 2008, 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 7.06 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council