

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 25 AUGUST 2009 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr M J Hodgkinson (Chairman)
Cllr R W Booth
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr A K Oliver, MBE
Cllr J Burden – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr D G L Packer (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr T F Wheeler – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

83 **ROWLANDS HILL - RELOCATION OF PUFFIN CROSSING**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 11 August 2009 from Mr Green of Dorset County Council, 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 letter sought the comments of the Town Council on a proposal to move the existing Puffin crossing in Rowlands Hill near its junction with Park Lane, 44 metres to the north.

The Town Clerk added that since publication of the agenda two letters of objection had been received. One dated 20 August 2009 from John Pullen on behalf of Stoneleigh House, Residential Care Home and the other from Mr John J George of 4 Rowlands Hill. Both had been circulated to each Member and both appear as **Appendices B** and **C** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

A further letter of objection from Mr & Mrs Ryan of 1 Lewens Lane was circulated at the meeting and a copy of which appears as **Appendix D** to these Minutes.

Although not included in the letter of consultation, the Chairman added that two new additional bus stops were shown on the drawing sent by Dorset County Council which were clearly linked to the site of the crossing.

All three letters of objection also opposed the siting of the bus stops.

The Chairman said that he supported the objections.

The bus stops were unnecessary given that there were two existing stops within 100 metres to the south of the Park Lane junction and would cause chaos. The Puffin crossing in the location proposed would be under used.

Cllr Cook, speaking as the local County Councillor, said that he had raised the issue with the Project Manager at County Hall, Matthew Williams. Cllr Cook had asked the Project Manager to look at an alternative site.

Mr Williams had identified a possible site south of the Park Lane junction north of Parkwood Road which he would re-evaluate on receipt of opposition from the Town Council.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the County Council be informed that the Town Council objects strongly to the proposed relocation of the Puffin crossing in Rowlands Hill and the installation of two additional bus stops nearby;
- (b) that the County Council be urged to consider an alternative site for the crossing south of the Park Lane junction utilising the link with the existing bus stops near Rodways Corner.

(Note: Cllr A K Oliver, MBE declared a personal interest in this item by reason of his residence near the proposal.)

The meeting was adjourned at 6.42 pm to allow a presentation by a representative of Southern Electrical Contracting to explain details of the forthcoming street lighting improvements in the town.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.18 pm.

POST OFFICE CLOSURE & HIGH STREET FIRE **(Min 75 - 04.08.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted for the record the letter dated 6 August 2009 sent by him to Post Office Ltd together with the reply dated 13 August 2009, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and copies of which appear as **Appendix E** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Chairman added by way of an update that Robert Walter, MP had met representatives from Martin McColls on 21 August 2009 to discuss what could be done to speed up provision of a temporary Post Office

service following the fire. The MP and others attending had been disappointed that Post Office Ltd had been unable to send a representative. Martin McColls representatives had stated that the company had tried hard to find new temporary premises for both the Post Office and retail services following the fire, but none of the options available fitted the company's criteria of size, leasing arrangements and feasible cost.

The Chairman also referred to the successful site meeting he and others had attended with a representative of Royal Mail to identify a site for a replacement temporary post box. The site identified was located outside Scrivens near the security fencing protecting the fire damaged buildings.

Cllr Cook added that he understood the box could be installed within the next two weeks.

The Committee recorded its thanks to the Bournemouth Echo and other supporters for their efforts to speed up the replacement postal services.

85 **THE SQUARE (Min 53 - 07.07.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted for information the response (by email) dated 28 July 2009 from the Head of Policy Planning to the issues raised at the July meeting, 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.

In general terms, the Town Council's concerns had been dealt with.

86 **MINSTER VIEW - PETITION (Min 24 - 26.05.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted for information an email dated 10 August 2009 from Alan Jowsey, 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 email informed the Committee that the County Council was progressing the request for a residents' parking scheme in Minster View.

Cllr Cook added that he would chase up the request by the Town Council for a survey to be conducted by the County Council of roads in the Allenvie area where a similar situation to the Minster View problem might exist or which might be affected by displacement from roads where there was a Residents' Parking Scheme introduced.

87 **GAMBLING ACT 2005 - CONSULTATION ON DRAFT POLICY**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 9 July 2009 from the District Council's Licensing Manager together with the draft policy document, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and copies of which appear as **Appendix H** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Committee was asked whether it had any comments on the document.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Manager be informed that the Town Council has no comments to make.

88 **LICENSING ACT 2003 - REVISION OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 23 July 2009 from the District Council's Licensing Manager, together with the proposed revision referred to, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and copies of which appear as **Appendix I** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Committee was asked whether it wished to comment on the proposed changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED that the Licensing Manager be informed that the Town Council welcomes and supports the proposed changes.

89 **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.

90 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications from 6 July to 10 August 2009, 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 7.38 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council