

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 26 MAY 2009 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr R W Booth
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr M J Hodkinson
Cllr D G L Packer
Cllr J Burden – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr T F Wheeler – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr Ms A McCarthy
Cllr A K Oliver, MBE

Chairman of the Council presiding.

22 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2009/2010**

RESOLVED that Cllr M J Hodkinson be elected Chairman of Committee for the 2009/2010 municipal year.

Cllr Hodkinson in the Chair.

23 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2009/2010**

RESOLVED that Cllr D G L Packer be elected Vice-Chairman of Committee for the 2009/2010 municipal year.

24 **MINSTER VIEW – PETITION**

The Town Clerk submitted a petition dated 14 April 2009 from residents of Minster View together with the response dated 14 April 2009 from the Traffic Regulation Team, copies of which had been circulated to each member and copies of which appear as Appendix A to the Minutes in the Minute Book.

A number of residents of Minster View attended the meeting and made representations to the committee to re-enforce the points made in their petition. The residents also urged the Committee to support their preference for a limited waiting restriction of one hour combined with a residents parking scheme which had the backing of all the occupants of this street.

RESOLVED

a) that Dorset County Council be requested to introduce a limited waiting restriction in Minster View of 1 hour together with a residents' parking scheme;

b) that Dorset County Council be asked to investigate the whole of this estate to identify where similar problems exist and which might be disadvantaged by vehicles migrating from Minster View if the restriction is introduced.

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ACTION PLAN (Min 92-26.8.08)

The Chairman submitted a report a copy of which has been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report gave details of the progress made on the various items identified by the Committee in its Action Plan.

The Town Clerk added that Cllr Oliver, although unable to be present, had written to ask that the Committee expedite items 7 and 8 in the list regarding identification and litter clearing of public passageways and cut-throughs. The Town Clerk would speak to Cllr Oliver separately on this issue.

Regarding cigarette litter, the Chairman reported that he had re-surveyed the business hotspots in the town since they had been identified by the Civic Society in August 2008. He added that the situation would be improved if the proprietors of the businesses concerned would sweep their shop fronts regularly as was the custom on the continent. Given the existence of fines for dropping litter, those people who flouted the law needed to be fined in order to change their attitudes to the problem.

Other possibilities were suggested including encouraging the use of sand filled buckets, ash trays in the top of litter bins and use of the local press to highlight the issue.

Cllr Booth suggested that the problem around the Pudding & Pye Public House would be improved if the pub's garden were allowed to remain open until 2.00am. At present it was closed at 11.30pm which meant that smokers used the pavements outside on which to congregate causing other anti-social problems.

RESOLVED

- a) that the Chairman and Cllr Booth work on the ideas suggested for improving cigarette litter at the hotspot premises;
- b) that the Chamber of Trade be asked to encourage business proprietors to sweep up around their shop fronts.

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HIGHWAY WEED KILLING

The Town Clerk submitted a report a copy of which has been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix C** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Chairman of Wimborne in Bloom had asked the Town Council to find out the precise details of how and when weed killing would be undertaken by the County Council on its streets and footpaths

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the County Council accordingly.

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THE EAST DORSET DISTRICT (POOLE ROAD, WIMBORNE NO 2) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2009 - WIM/73/1

The Town Clerk submitted for information a notice dated 10 April 2009 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 D** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

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THE EAST DORSET DISTRICT (HIGHLAND ROAD, WIMBORNE NO 1) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2009 - WIM/74/1

The Town Clerk submitted for information a notice dated 10 April 2009 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 E** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

29 **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 F** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

30 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications from 6 April to 18 May 2009, 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 meeting closed at 7.15 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council