

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2009 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 Mrs D J March
Cllr T F Wheeler
Cllr R D Cook – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council
Cllr J Burden – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr R W Booth
Cllr A K Oliver, MBE

226 **THE SQUARE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME - RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION (Min 180 - 06.01.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 26 March 2009 from the Head of Policy Planning, 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 set out an analysis of the responses received by the District Council to the public consultation exercise on The Square Enhancement Scheme.

The Committee had reservations about some of the changes, in particular the new loading bay opposite the HSBC bank, made as a result of this public consultation exercise.

It was noted that the scheme would not proceed now before 2011 and consequently there would be some merit in waiting for the Waitrose supermarket to be completed and to commence operations before settling finally on the design.

RESOLVED that the District Council be asked to consult the Town Council on the final draft design following consultations and to delay implementation so that the effects of a fully operational Waitrose on the town centre can be assessed.

227 **VICTORIA ROAD - TRAFFIC SURVEY**

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 B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report set out the results of a traffic survey undertaken by Dorset County Council which showed that the Vehicle Activated Signs were having a positive effect on speed reductions.

228 **HEDGES OVERGROWING FOOTWAYS AND ROADWAYS**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 12 March 2009 from the Highways Manager at Dorset County Council, 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 Town Council had been asked to support a proposal to be involved directly in the first instance with complaints about hedges overgrowing footways and roadways to establish whether remedial action could be taken without recourse to formal notices.

The Town Clerk pointed out that this already occurred on an informal basis.

RESOLVED that the proposal by the Highways Manager be supported.

229 **DORSET, BOURNEMOUTH AND POOLE MINERALS SITE ALLOCATIONS DOCUMENT - UPDATE (Min 158 - 11.11.08)**

The Town Clerk submitted for information an email dated 26 March 2009 from a Dorset County Council senior planning officer (Minerals & Waste), 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.

The email was in acknowledgement of the Town Council's objections to three sites in the vicinity of Wimborne Minster which had been identified as possible future sites for sand and gravel extraction.

Cllr Packer informed the Committee that the proposed site off Leigh Road (identified in the Minerals Site Allocations Document as site AS18) had already been withdrawn by the County Council.

230 **ENFORCEMENT ACTION - BUILDING ADJOINING THE GREEN MAN PUBLIC HOUSE, VICTORIA ROAD**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 25 March 2009 from the District Council's Enforcement Team, 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 that enforcement action was being taken against unauthorised advertisement displays on a building adjacent to the Green Man Public House.

231 **THE EAST DORSET DISTRICT (ST JOHNS HILL NO 2 WIMBORNE) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2006 - WIM/58**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 20 February 2009 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 F** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The letter advised the Town Council that this Tree Preservation Order had been revoked.

232 **THE EAST DORSET DISTRICT (BROOK ROAD, WIMBORNE NO 1) TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2009 - WIM/72/1**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a notice dated 18 August 2008 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 G** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

233 **RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING COMPETITION**

The Town Clerk submitted a memorandum dated 28 February 2009 from Cllr R W Booth, 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.

Cllr Booth was seeking the Committee's support for a recycling initiative involving a competition to encourage residents to recycle and in the correct manner.

The Committee had a number of concerns including:

- a) the situation regarding communal recycling bins;
- b) the issue of asking struggling businesses to donate prizes;

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- c) houses last in the recycling collection area might never win;
- d) the issue of introducing a kind of recycling police;
- e) the scheme seems a bit unwieldy.

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to enable Cllr Booth to answer the Committee's concerns directly.

234 **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 I** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

235 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications between 5 January and 30 March 2009, 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.

The meeting closed at 7.21 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council