

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 7 JULY 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 R W Booth
Cllr A K Oliver, MBE
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 R D Cook
Cllr Ms A McCarthy

53 **THE SQUARE (Min 226 - 07.04.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 15 May 2009 from the District Council's 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 Town Clerk had also circulated a copy of the latest plan of the proposals for The Square and a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cllr Packer added that he had asked the District Council officers to review the design of the footpath at the entrance to the car park at the rear of Scrivens so that it would be easily identifiable by both pedestrians and drivers as a point where care needed to be taken.

Members raised a number of other issues on which clarification or comments should be sought from the District Council:

- (i) No public seating was shown on the HSBC Bank side where existing seats were currently well used particularly by bus passengers.
- (ii) What was the purpose of the railings shown on the footpath outside the HSBC Bank? Were they necessary?

- (iii) Has any progress been made to fulfil the plan for an outdoor café or market?
- (iv) Has any further thought been given to the feasibility of making the loading bay opposite the bus stops outside HSBC subject to a time limit for loading purposes and is it of a sufficient size (eg flower delivery pantechnicons)?
- (v) Is there to be a loading bay in the vicinity of the Clark's shoe shop in the High Street?

Cllr Oliver stated that he would be contacting the District Council separately about whether the many planters currently in The Square would be accommodated in the new layout.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk write to the Head of Policy Planning to seek the answers to the issues raised above.

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NEW BOROUGH ROAD - PARKING

The Town Clerk submitted for information correspondence between Mrs B Hart of 39 New Borough Road and Alan Jowsey of the Traffic Regulation Team, copies of which had been circulated to each Member and copies of which appear as **Appendix C** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Mrs Hart had asked for additional on street parking provision in New Borough Road which the County Council would be considering in due course.

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SOUTH EAST DORSET TRANSPORT STUDY

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 5 June 2009 from Atkins Limited, 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.

Atkins Limited had been appointed to undertake the South East Dorset Transport Study with the local authorities.

The Town Council had been invited to use the questionnaire supplied with the letter to comment on the issues.

Whilst Members could complete the questionnaire individually it was **RESOLVED** that all Members of the Town Council be invited to complete the questionnaire and return it to the Town Clerk and the

Chairman and Town Clerk would provide a corporate completed copy based on the replies received.

56 **STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2009/2010**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 18 May 2009 from Dorset County Council's Principal Engineer Maintenance, 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 explained that the Structural Maintenance Programme for 2009/2010 had been reviewed and amended in the light of an increase in the budget.

RESOLVED that the County Councillor (Cllr R D Cook) be asked to provide information to Members on the difference in the description in the Schedule between a "worn out road" and a "failed road" and why Stone Lane has not been included in the programme in view of its unsatisfactory and patched up surface.

57 **VICTORIA ROAD TRAFFIC SURVEY (Min 227 - 07.04.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 17 June 2009 from Alison Watkins of 6 Cuthbury Gardens, 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 correspondent was recording her dissatisfaction with the lack of a pedestrian facility in Victoria Road.

The Chairman explained the history of this issue which he had been involved with for some time. He had organised a survey of residents of that area a few years ago which resulted in no overall support for a crossing. Those who did want a crossing could not agree on a location. However, there had been consensus for the Speed Activated Signs which had been installed in order to reduce the speed of vehicles to facilitate making crossing the road easier.

RESOLVED that Ms Watkins be advised to contact her County Councillor if she wishes to take this matter further.

58 **EAST DORSET DISABILITY ADVISORY GROUP -
DISABILITY SURVEY**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 19 June 2009 from the Project Co-ordinator of the Disability Advisory Group, 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 advised the Town Council of a survey being undertaken by the Group to assess the level of ease or difficulty for physically disabled people to visit shops in the town.

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STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

The Town Clerk submitted a report 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.

The report advised Members of the impending work to improve the street lighting in Wimborne Minster. A representative of the contractor for this project would be making a presentation to Members once the date for commencing work had been confirmed.

In the meantime, a plan of the lighting columns affected would be placed in the Members' Box behind reception.

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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.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications from 25 May to 29 June 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 7.20 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council