

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2010 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Cllr D G L Packer (Vice-Chairman)**  
**Cllr R D Cook**  
**Cllr A K Oliver, MBE**  
**Cllr R P Trehane**  
**Cllr J Burden – Ex-Officio – Chairman of the Council**  
**Cllr T F Wheeler – Ex-Officio – Vice-Chairman of the Council**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN**

**Cllr R W Booth**

Chairman of the Council presiding.

**187** **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

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

Cllr D G L Packer in the Chair.

**188** **CLLR MICHAEL HODKINSON**

Members stood in silence in memory of Michael Hodkinson, former Chairman of this Committee, who died on 4 January 2010.

**189** **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**RESOLVED** that Cllr A K Oliver, MBE be elected Vice-Chairman of Committee for the remainder of the 2009/2010 municipal year.

**190** **VEHICLE DEPOT - VICTORIA ROAD (PLANNING APPLICATION 3/09/0960/OUT)**

Cllr Packer submitted a 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.

The report gave a synopsis of the history of this site and suggested a way forward to encourage negotiations for the coordinated development of it and neighbouring land as required by the Local Plan.

Two members of the public attended the meeting to seek clarification on the status of this planning application as they had concerns about the design. The Chairman reassured them that the application was outline and the design shown was only an indication of what was possible. If approved, the detailed design would be subject of further consultation.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) that the report be noted;
- (b) that East Dorset District Council be asked to initiate further discussions as a matter of urgency to bring the sites forward for coordinated development.

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**PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 21 December 2009 and accompanying documents from Alan Jowsey of Dorset County Council's Traffic Regulation Team, 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 County Council had carried out a review of waiting restrictions in Wimborne Minster and neighbouring parishes on which the Town Council's observations were requested.

**RESOLVED** that the County Council be informed that the Town Council has no objection to the proposals for Wimborne Minster.

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**DORSET WASTE FORUM**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a report written by the former Chairman before his death, 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 report gave the Committee details of the subjects covered at the Forum, in particular an update on the Dorset Pathfinder Project.

Cllr Packer added that since the report the Pathfinder Project had moved on apace and it was hoped that all authorities would participate to effect savings.

**193**                    **PROPOSED MINERAL SITE ALLOCATION - HENBURY FARM**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 7 December 2009 from Carol Davidson of Sturminster Marshall, 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.

Mrs Davidson informed the Committee about this proposal to extract gravel from the Stour Valley which, in her view, could adversely affect Wimborne Minster.

**RESOLVED** that the County Planning Officer be informed of this Council's concern and interest in the proposed gravel extraction at Sturminster Marshall and reserves its position to comment formally at a later date.

**194**                    **RECYCLING COMPETITION (Min 120 - 06.10.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted a memo from Cllr Booth, 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.

Cllr Booth drew the Committee's attention to changes in the competition brought about by reduced funding and sought the Committee's approval to the revised arrangements.

The Town Clerk added that the District Council now wished to include residents who had communal recycling facilities, although the detailed arrangements had yet to be worked out.

**RESOLVED** that the recommendations contained in Cllr Booth's memorandum be approved.

**195**                    **HIGHWAY LENGTHSMAN SCHEME**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 9 December 2009 from the Area Highways Manager, 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 asked whether the Town Council had considered introducing the scheme and included details on how it might operate.

Although Members favoured such a scheme, at present it did not have the funds to participate.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk undertake further research into a possible joint arrangement with other Parish and Town Councils and report back at the budget meeting with the result and detailed costings.

**196**                    **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 G** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

**197**                    **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications from 12 October 2009 to 18 January 2010, 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.

**198**                    **CIGARETTE LITTER AND THE INSTALLATION OF BUTT BINS (Min 25 - 26.05.09)**

The Town Clerk submitted a memo from Cllr Booth, 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.

Cllr Booth had asked the Committee to consider whether it wished to reassess the problem since it was last considered.

The Town Clerk added that the former Chairman had made some progress on surveying the town, but the results were unknown.

Cllr Trehane offered to survey the town to establish what bins there were and what was required.

Members were reminded that the District Council had agreed to empty the bins.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Trehane's offer to survey the town be accepted and the Committee awaits his report.

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm

Signed ..... Dated .....  
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council