

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 25 MAY 2010 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT & APOLOGY GIVEN

Cllr R W Booth

Chairman of the Council presiding.

24 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2010/2011**

RESOLVED that Cllr D G L Packer be elected Chairman of Committee for the 2010/2011 municipal year.

Cllr Packer in the Chair.

25 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2010/2011**

RESOLVED that Cllr J Burden be elected Vice-Chairman of Committee for the 2010/2011 municipal year.

26 **EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL (ROWLANDS HILL)
(OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2010**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 12 May 2010 from the Head of Legal Services, East Dorset District 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 Council's comments on the proposed order to regulate the use of the new Waitrose store car park.

The point was made by some Members that concern had been expressed to them that the maximum stay of 2 hours was not sufficient to

encourage visitors to combine their store visit with a trip to the other shops and facilities in the town.

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the maximum stay had been fixed by the Section 106 Agreement between Waitrose and the District Council and that a fresh planning application would be required to change the agreement.

RESOLVED that no comment on the Order be made at present, but the Committee assess the situation in January 2011 once a pattern of shopping behaviour is established.

27 **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE 2010/2011**

The Chairman submitted for information a letter from Dorset County Council's Asset Management Engineer dated 10 May 2010, 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 letter set out the effect of County Council budget cuts on highway maintenance in this financial year. Members viewed this with some concern as it could impact on the 2011/2012 precept to maintain standards.

The Town Clerk was asked to remind Members to report highway and footway defects and the dates of the Parish Maintenance Units visits to the town.

28 **COMMUNITY SELF-HELP DURING EXTREME WINTER WEATHER**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a letter dated 16 April 2010, 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 County Council was reviewing its self-help arrangements in time for next winter.

29 **GRIT BIN SUPPLY POLICY**

The Town Clerk submitted a report, 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 Committee was asked to consider its policy on supplying grit bins when requested by local residents at a current price of £150 per bin.

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The Town Clerk reminded Members that there was no budget for grit bins.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council support the County Council's preferred strategy of encouraging residents to club together to buy a grit bin for their area and no funding be provided by the Town Council.

30 **LACY DRIVE - REQUEST FOR GRIT BIN**

The Town Clerk submitted an email dated 6 May 2010 from Mr & Mrs White of 11 Lacy Drive, 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.

Mr & Mrs White had requested the Town Council to supply a grit bin at the Lacy Drive/Minster View junction.

RESOLVED that Mr & Mrs White be informed of the Town Council's policy on this matter, if approved by Council.

31 **NO RIGHT TURN RESTRICTION - PRIORS WALK INTO EAST BOROUGH**

Cllr A K Oliver, MBE submitted a report, 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.

Cllr Oliver asked the Committee to consider whether the No Right Turn into East Borough was necessary still.

RESOLVED that no action be taken with regard to the removal of the No Right Turn, but Traffic Management be asked to review the effectiveness of the signage and their locations.

32 **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.

33 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMENTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications from 29 March to 17 May 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.

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council