

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2012 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Cllr D G L Packer (Chairman)**  
**Cllr S K Bartlett**  
**Cllr Mrs S A Cook**  
**Cllr Mrs A E Roberts**  
**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 Mrs D J March**  
**Cllr P H Bartlett (Vice-Chairman)**

**220** **THE SQUARE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME - PROGRAMME OF WORKS**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 19 December 2011 from the Head of Environmental Services at 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 set out a broad overview of the programme for the works which had begun yesterday.

The Chairman of the Council advised Members of a consultative meeting which traders would be having at Allendale House on 11 January 2012 with representatives of EDDC. He hoped that this could become a regular event over the course of the works.

He added that he was disappointed to read negative comments in the press about the scheme and that he hoped that all Town Councillors would be supportive (whether individually Members agreed with it or not) as the Town Council was a major partner in the project.

**221** **THE SQUARE ENHANCEMENT SCHEME - PLANE TREE**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 22 December 2011 from the Engineering Services Manager at East Dorset District Council, 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 letter informed the Town Council of the need to remove the one remaining plane tree in The Square which had been found to be diseased. It was proposed to plant a replacement tree if conditions allowed.

Members had made a number of comments including whether an alternative species might be more successful in that location. Also, as three trees had been planted originally some Members would like three trees planted.

**RESOLVED** that the District Council be asked to consider what the optimum number of trees is that can be accommodated in the refurbished area as well as the preferred species and report back.

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**DORSET WIDE GYPSY, TRAVELLER AND TRAVELLING  
SHOW PEOPLE SITE ALLOCATIONS JOINT DEVELOPMENT  
PLAN DOCUMENT**

The Town Clerk submitted an email dated 18 November 2011 from the Head of Community & Economy at East Dorset District 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 email informed the Town Council of the consultation exercise currently being undertaken on the options contained in this document and invited comments on them.

A copy of the document specifically relating to East Dorset had been circulated to all Members and a copy appears as **Appendix D** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Cllr Cook, as County Councillor, had received from County Officers their comments on the proposals relating to Candy's Lane in Corfe Mullen and Uddens Plantation in Ferndown the two larger sites nearest to Wimborne Minster. A copy of those comments appears as **Appendix E** to these Minutes.

Cllr Cook also pointed out that the decisions on the options contained in the Joint Development Plan Document would be made by the District and Borough Councils - not the County Council.

**RESOLVED**

- (a) that the Town Council supports Dorset County Council and objects to the inclusion of land at Candy's Lane, Corfe Mullen for the reasons set out in the County Officer's report to the Environment Overview Committee and shown in Appendix E;

- (b) that the Town Council gives qualified support in principle to the inclusion of the site at Uddens Drive, Ferndown as a transit site subject to receipt of detailed proposals.

**223** 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 an amended copy of which appears as **Appendix F** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

**224** PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications from 21 November to 12 December 2011, 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 Chairman added that regarding the former Flight Refuelling site in Brook Road, he hoped that local Members would keep a watching brief to ensure that no construction traffic uses Hardy Crescent or other estate roads.

The meeting closed at 6.54 pm.

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