

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 17 MARCH 2009 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr A J Hampton (Chairman)
Cllr L G Harvey
Cllr D G L Packer
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 Mrs B S J Feltham (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr M J Hodkinson
Cllr Ms A McCarthy
Cllr A K Oliver, MBE

211 **SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The cheques for March 2009 were approved and signed – see **Appendix A** to these Minutes.

212 **MONTHLY ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information the monthly accounts for the period to the end of February 2009, 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.

213 **PROPOSED SOUTHERN ENGLAND TOWN CRIERS' CHAMPIONSHIP - 4 MAY 2009**

The Town Clerk submitted a report, 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 Crier was seeking assistance towards the holding of the Southern England Town Criers' Championship in Wimborne Minster on Monday 4 May 2009.

RESOLVED

- (a) that in accordance with Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Town Council make available £350 from the Grants Contingency Fund towards the costs of holding the event;
- (b) that any payments to be funded by this money be paid directly to the suppliers through the Town Hall office on receipt of the necessary invoices;
- (c) that the Town Crier be advised that this funding is for this year only and subsequent requests for help for future events will be reviewed at that time.

(Note: Cllrs R D Cook and J Burden declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the room during the discussion and voting thereon.)

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PROPOSED CHILDREN'S CENTRE/COMMUNITY CENTRE LEIGH PARK (Min 143 - 21.10.08)

The Town Clerk submitted by way of a progress report a letter dated 17 February 2009 from the Chairman of the Leigh Park Community Centre Action Group, 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.

Cllr Harvey, who was acting as a liaison between the Town Council and the Action Group, added that he had attended a meeting of the Group the previous evening and had seen some preliminary layout plans which proposed two separate buildings for the joint project. Although he would be raising this issue with the County Council at subsequent meetings, it was clear that the Children's Centre was fully fundable and could proceed, whereas the Community Centre was not.

In view of this, the Town Clerk asked the Committee to review its previous decision in Minute 143(a) of 21 October 2008 to approve in principle a joint project so that a single building for the Children's Centre could proceed alone if necessary.

The Town Clerk also advised the Committee that he and Cllr Harvey had met two representatives of the Rugby Club that morning to hear the Club's urgent request for an easement across the car park at Leigh Park Playing Fields. The easement would allow a trench to be dug to accommodate services for the Club's impending changing room refurbishment to take water, gas and electricity. The Club and the County Council had been advised by the Town Clerk of the possible benefits of a joint approach to avoid further trench work at a later date to accommodate any new buildings.

RECOMMENDED

- (a) that, if necessary, the County Council be advised that the Town Council would be prepared to allow the Children's Centre to proceed without the Community Centre, but all the other provisos contained in Minute 143 of 21 October 2008 apply;
- (b) that an easement be granted to Wimborne Rugby Football Club to lay services across the car park at Leigh Park Playing Fields subject to the work being undertaken and completed to the satisfaction of the Town Clerk;
- (c) that any consideration by the Rugby Club for the easement be waived on the basis that this will be another contribution in kind by the Town Council to the costs of the Club's refurbishment scheme.

215 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

216 EXTERNAL REDECORATION OF TOWN HALL

See confidential Minute 216/315.

The meeting closed at 7.14 pm.

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