

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a **MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015 at 7.30 pm** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Cllr A J Hampton - Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council**  
**Cllr S K Bartlett - Deputy Town Mayor & Vice-Chairman of the Council**

**Cllr J Burden**  
**Cllr R D Cook (also present as County & District Councillor)**  
**Cllr Mrs S A Cook**  
**Cllr L G Harvey**  
**Cllr Mrs D J March**  
**Cllr D G L Packer (also present as District Councillor)**  
**Cllr Mrs A E Roberts**  
**Cllr A W Spencer**  
**Cllr T F Wheeler**

**ALSO PRESENT**

**District Cllr Mrs P A Hymers**  
**District Cllr D Morgan**

**NOT PRESENT AND APOLOGY GIVEN**

**Cllr P H Bartlett**

**205** **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2015**

Referring to Minute 181 Cllr S K Bartlett reported that he had not been able to make the deputation to the District Council concerning the change from Committee Style Governance to a Cabinet Model and that Cllr D Morgan had made it on his behalf.

Referring to Minute 183, Cllr A W Spencer reported that the District Council Planning Committee scheduled for 21 April 2015 had been postponed.

**RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

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**206**                    **CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 APRIL 2015**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

**207**                    **CONFIRMATION OF RECREATION & LEISURE  
COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 APRIL 2015**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

**208**                    **CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 21  
APRIL 2015**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

**209**                    **STING IN THE TALE – STORYTELLING FESTIVAL**

The Town Clerk submitted a request for funding from the Sting in the Tale organisers, 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.

Cllr Mrs D J March commented that this should have been put forward at the appropriate time with other requests for grants.

Cllr Mrs S A Cook responded that the organisers had overlooked it but she would speak in their favour as the event did bring people into the Town and they were looking to make Wimborne Minster the focal point of the event.

Cllr T F Wheeler supported the application but said that the Town Council should make it clear to the organisers that in subsequent years the request for funding must be submitted at the appropriate time.

**RESOLVED** that the request be approved and the sum of £500 be met from the General Fund.

**210**                    **COLEHILL & WIMBORNE YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 21 April 2015 from Mr D Tarring, the Chairman of the Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre, 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.

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In the letter, Mr Tarring gave a progress report on the construction of the Centre, which was not yet completed, owing to a shortfall in funding as a result of essential unforeseen additional works.

He asked whether the Town Council would consider making an additional contribution to help meet the cost of completing the project.

Cllr A W Spencer, the Town Council's representative on the charity set up to manage the project, advised Members that Colehill Parish Council had considered a similar request and had made a contribution of £15,000.

Cllr S K Bartlett stated that this project was taking too long to come to fruition and that the Town Council should make a substantial contribution towards the shortfall so that the Centre could be completed as soon as possible for the benefit of the community and potential users.

This was supported by the majority of Members and it was

**RESOLVED that the Town Council makes an immediate contribution from the General Fund of £15,000 and Mr Tarring be informed that this Authority will make a further contribution of £2,500 if Colehill Parish Council matches that sum, thereby meeting the complete shortfall of £35,000.**

211 **DORSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr R D Cook wished all candidates, on behalf of Dorset County Council, good luck in the forthcoming elections.

212 **EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr R D Cook reported on a number of issues.

Cranborne Road Development. The meeting of the Planning Committee on 21 April 2015 to discuss the Cranborne Road development had been delayed as not all the detail had been finalised. There would be a special meeting of the Planning Committee on 16 June 2015 to determine the application. He wished to stress that a decision to postpone the original meeting had been taken on 1 April 2015 and not as a result of a letter that appeared in the community magazine on 3 April 2015.

Hanham Road Underpass. Wimborne BID had put forward a scheme to enhance the underpass with photos, maps etc of the local area to make the entrance into the Town via the underpass more attractive and this would be going ahead in the near future.

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VE Day – 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Cllr Cook invited everyone to a commemorative event that would be held at 3 pm on Friday, 8 May 2015 at the Furzehill offices.

St George's Day Concert. Cllr Cook thanked the Mayor and Cllr Burden for their attendance and reported that £1,000 had been raised.

The Café On The Square. An application for a Sitting-Out Licence had been received from the proprietor of The Café On The Square for the area immediately in front of the premises. The Town Clerk added that this would be considered by the Planning & Environment Committee on 2 June 2015.

Cllr Mrs P A Hymers reported on a number of matters including the development off Cranborne Road, the Allendale Centre and the Waitrose Bridge. She also referred to the reduction in the number of Councillors on the District Council for the forthcoming election and confirmed that she would not be standing as a District Councillor. She added that the local Member(s) on the District Council would be invited to attend the new Cabinet Meetings on matters within their Ward.

Cllr Mrs Hymers also informed the Town Council of the official opening of the new Riverside facility on Sunday, 10 May 2015 at 2.00 pm and hoped Members would attend.

Cllr D Morgan reported on a number of matters including the Dorset Waste Partnership, grass cutting of verges and the Core Strategy.

Also, Cllr Morgan informed the Town Council that the deadline for bookings at the Allendale Centre of 16 August 2015 had been rescinded and that bookings beyond that date were now attracting a discount of 20%. He also reported that the Priest's House Museum would be having open days on 8 and 9 May 2015 to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

Finally, he thanked the Town Council for their support over the previous four years.

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### **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Town Mayor thanked the Members for their support over his two years in office and listed the achievements that had been made in the Town during his 12 years as a Town Councillor. He urged Members to continue with the good work which made Wimborne Minster such a desirable place to live.

List of Engagements - See **Appendix C** to these Minutes.

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**TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Cllr S K Bartlett reported on the mayoral engagements he had attended on behalf of the Town Mayor.

Dorset Partnership for Old People Programme (POPP) –  
Cllr Mrs D J March - see **Appendix D** to these Minutes.

Wimborne Valognes Twinning Association – Cllr Mrs D J March - see **Appendix E** to these Minutes.

Wimborne in Bloom - Cllr T F Wheeler reported that the judging day for the regional competition would be held on Friday, 10 July 2015.

Town Centre Liaison Group – Cllr T F Wheeler - see **Appendix F** to these Minutes.

Fly the Flag for Wimborne Festival – Cllr Mrs A E Roberts showed two of the flags that had been made and would form part of the display around the Town in May.

Allendale Centre – Cllr Mrs S A Cook reported that there would be a consultation by the Trustees on the future of the Centre in early May 2015 and she referred to an email that she had received from the District Council, see **Appendix G** to these Minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm.

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