

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015 at 6.30 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, Wimborne Minster.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Cllr Mrs K F Webb
Cllr S K Bartlett - Ex-Officio - Chairman of the Council

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT AND APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr P H Bartlett
Cllr Ms C L Butter
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr Mrs S A Cook - Ex-Officio - Vice-Chairman of the Council

MEMBERS ALSO PRESENT

Cllr J Burden
Cllr R P Nunn
Cllr T F Wheeler

Chairman of the Council presiding.

15 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2015/2016**

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs P A Hymers be elected Chairman of Committee for the 2015/2016 municipal year.

Cllr Mrs Hymers in the Chair.

16 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2015/2016**

RESOLVED that Cllr R D Cook be elected Vice-Chairman of Committee for the 2015/2016 municipal year.

17 **THE CAFÉ ON THE SQUARE – APPLICATION FOR A SITTING OUT LICENCE**

The Committee was asked to comment on this application, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears at **Appendix A** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The application by the proprietors of The Café On The Square was for a sitting out licence for four tables and chairs to be placed on the paved area immediately in front of the premises.

The Licensing Manager of the Christchurch & East Dorset Partnership had asked for the Town Council's views.

Cllr Wheeler, as Chairman of the Town Centre Liaison Group (TCLG), attended the meeting and advised the Committee that the TCLG had also been asked to comment and he would put the views of this Committee to that meeting.

Some Members were concerned about the obstruction of the footway on that part of The Square where the tables and chairs were to be placed, but views differed as to the significance of this as a ground for objection. There were other views expressed which were not germane to the application.

RESOLVED that the application be supported.

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) – RECEIPTS 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 B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report included a copy of an email from the Principal Planning Officer of the Christchurch and East Dorset Partnership giving details of the CIL and asking whether the Town Council wished to exercise its right to receive the relevant proportion of CIL receipts for spending on infrastructure projects or leave the money with the Partnership.

The Town Clerk added that he was unable to advise the Committee as to which option was in the best interests of the Town Council and Wimborne Minster as there were too many unknowns.

Members felt that this was a very complicated issue on which a number of questions remained unanswered and since there was no particular deadline, asked whether a Member of the Policy Planning Team at the Partnership could attend a future meeting to make a presentation to the Committee. The Town Clerk responded that he had contacted the relevant planning officer who was prepared to do so.

RESOLVED that this item be deferred pending a presentation to a future meeting.

19 **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 C** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

20 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Town Clerk submitted for information a schedule of comments on planning applications from 30 March 2015 to 5 May 2015, 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 meeting closed at 6.56 pm.

Signed Dated
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council