

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2015 at 7.00 pm** in the Committee Room, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**Cllr S K Bartlett – Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council**  
**Cllr Mrs S A Cook - Deputy Town Mayor & Vice-Chairman of the Council**

**Cllr Mrs S A Bell**  
**Cllr J Burden**  
**Cllr Ms C L Butter**  
**Cllr R D Cook**  
**Cllr L G Harvey**  
**Cllr Mrs P A Hymers**  
**Cllr Mrs D J March**  
**Cllr R P Nunn**  
**Cllr Mrs A E Roberts**  
**Cllr Mrs K F Webb**  
**Cllr T F Wheeler**

**MEMBER NOT PRESENT AND APOLOGY GIVEN**

**Cllr P H Bartlett**

**119** **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**RESOLVED** that Standing Orders Number 1 (relating to venue), 30 (standing to speak) and those parts of Number 29 relating to speaking more than once be suspended for this meeting.

**120** **BUDGET POSITION AND PRECEPT 2016/17**

The Town Clerk submitted a report, 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 Council was asked to consider what the precept should be for 2016/17 in the light of the budget requirements of the spending committees.

**RESOLVED** that the District Council be requested to collect a precept for the Town Council for 2016/17 which will result in the Band D Council Tax for Wimborne Minster being £108.43 (the same as for 2015/16).

**121**                    **EAST DORSET TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE**  
**(Min 13 – 20.05.14)**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter dated 14 September 2015 from the Chairman of the Trustees of the Priest’s House Museum Trust, 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.

In the letter the Chairman of the Trustees had asked the Town Council to consider continuing its financial support of the TIC with the funding of the necessary administrative help over the next 12 months.

The Town Clerk added that the sum of £8,500 had been provided in the Council’s budget for 2016/17 for this purpose.

**RESOLVED that a contribution of £8,500 be made to the Tourist Information Centre to fund administrative support as set out in the letter from the Chairman of the Trustees.**

**122**                    **WIMBORNE MILITIA AND TOWN CRIER – REQUEST FOR**  
**ADDITIONAL FUNDING**

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 Council was asked to consider making additional money available to fund two new coats for the Militia, the purchase of a drum and a new coat for the Town Crier at an estimated cost of £1,500.

**RESOLVED that the request be approved and the cost be met from the General Fund.**

**123**                    **CHRISTMAS CLOSURE OF OFFICE**

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 Council was asked to consider the Christmas closure arrangements for this year.

**RESOLVED that the office be closed to the public as suggested in the report and staff be required to take three days annual holiday.**

The meeting closed at 7.26 pm.

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