

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2015 at 6.43 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 P H Bartlett
Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Cllr J Burden
Cllr Ms C L Butter
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr L G Harvey
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 Mrs P A Hymers

60 **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.

61 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2015**

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.

In the report the Town Clerk had asked the Town Council to consider three items:

- i) whether the Council was prepared to share the cost of a temporary stage for the switch on of the Christmas lights on Saturday, 28 November 2015;
- ii) whether the Council would contribute 50% of the cost of the Christmas lighting scheme for 2015 (Wimborne BID paying the other half);

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- iii) whether the Council was minded to contribute towards the cost of additional lights in Crown Mead and Eastbrook Row following a request made by the Chamber of Trade & Commerce via Wimborne BID.

With regard to iii) above Cllr Mrs March advised the Council that the original request which had been made to the BID had not been an official approach but by some individual members of the Chamber. The Chamber of Trade & Commerce had since rejected the idea in view of the cost.

Some Members of the Council were of the view that Christmas lighting in Crown Mead and Eastbrook Row would be a positive addition to an area which was an important and well used thoroughfare albeit private land. The footfall was likely to increase once the bridge to Waitrose store from Crown Mead was constructed later this year.

RESOLVED

- a) **that the Town Council agrees to make a 50% contribution from the General Fund towards the cost of hiring a temporary stage for the 2015 Christmas lights switch-on as detailed in the report;**
- b) **that the Town Council agrees to make a 50% contribution from the General Fund towards the cost of the existing Christmas lighting scheme for 2015 as detailed in the report;**
- c) **that, as Crown Mead and Eastbrook Row are privately owned, Wimborne BID be asked to contact the freeholders and occupants of shops in those places to establish whether they are prepared to contribute towards the cost of additional lights before the Town Council makes a final decision on the matter.**

The meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

SignedDate.....
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council