

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016 at 7.30 pm** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr S K Bartlett – Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council
Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Cllr P H Bartlett
Cllr J Burden
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr Mrs S A 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 & APOLOGY GIVEN

Cllr Ms C L Butter

1 **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL 2016/2017**

Cllr Mrs S A Cook was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs S A Cook be elected Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the 2016/2017 municipal year.

2 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr Mrs Cook made and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

3 **INCOMING MAYOR'S SPEECH**

See Appendix A to these Minutes.

4 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND VICE-
CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL 2016/2017**

Cllr T F Wheeler was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED that Cllr T F Wheeler be elected Deputy Town Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2016/2017 municipal year.

5 **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2016/2017**

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Committee Appointments attached as Appendix B to these Minutes be approved.

6 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SPECIFIC POSTS AND
OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2016/2017**

RESOLVED that the Schedule of Appointments to Specific Posts and Outside Organisations attached as Appendix C to these Minutes be approved.

7 **OUTGOING MAYOR'S SPEECH**

See Appendix D to these Minutes.

The meeting closed at 7.54 pm

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

Distinguished Guests, Fellow Councillors, Ladies and Gentlemen.

It is a great honour and privilege to be elected Mayor of this lovely town, and I thank my fellow members for their support. A special thank you to Cllrs Burden and Bartlett for their kind words.

Not so many years ago, I would never have envisaged myself in this position, and even now, I'm not quite sure how it has happened!

Wimborne Minster Town Council consists of fourteen members, we are all equal, and we all have different skills to bring to the table, which is why, working together, we make a good team. Because the Council is non-political, our sole remit is to work for the electorate of Wimborne Minster, and achieve the best that we can for the benefit of the town, and we will be taking this commitment forward into the new Civic year.

My escort for the year will be my husband, Cllr Robin Cook, who, as a past mayor himself, will, I'm sure, find the role reversal an interesting experience! I would like to thank him for his support and encouragement, and remind him that this time I'm in charge!

My thanks also, to my son, Russell, for his unshakeable confidence in me, often more than I have had in myself. He has been my motivation.

A special thank you, too, to the office team, for all the preparation involved in organising an event such as this, I look forward to working with you all. I couldn't do it without you! Cllr Terry Wheeler will be my deputy, his experience and support will also be invaluable during the coming year.

Fund raising during the year will be for The Dorset Youth Marching Band, which is also the adopted Town Band, the Priest's House Museum and Garden, and Wimborne Dementia Friendly Community. Representatives from all three are here this evening.

Once again, thank you all for helping to make this a very special evening and the start of what I'm sure will be a good year.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2016/2017

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs K F Webb (Chairman Elect)
Cllr R P Nunn (Vice-Chairman Elect)
Cllr P H Bartlett
Cllr J Burden
Cllr Ms C L Butter
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr L G Harvey
Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio
Vice-Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs P A Hymers (Chairman Elect)
Cllr P H Bartlett (Vice-Chairman Elect)
Cllr S K Bartlett
Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Cllr Ms C L Butter
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Cllrs Mrs K F Webb
Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio
Vice-Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio

RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Cllr Mrs D J March (Chairman Elect)
Cllr J Burden (Vice-Chairman Elect)
Cllr S K Bartlett
Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Cllr L G Harvey
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Cllr R P Nunn
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio
Vice-Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC POSTS AND
OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2016/2017**

Allendale Community Centre Management Committee (observers)	Cllr R P Nunn Cllr J Burden (reserve)
Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Mrs K F Webb Cllr Mrs S A Bell (reserve)
Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee	Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils	Cllr P H Bartlett Cllr Mrs D J March
Dorset Cyclists Network	Cllr L G Harvey
Dreamboats	Cllr S K Bartlett
East Dorset Environment Partnership (formerly Environment Theme Action Group)	Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Fairtrade Steering Group	Cllr J Burden
Partners & Communities Together (PACT)	Cllr P H Bartlett Cllr Mrs S A Cook
Planet Management Committee	Cllr Mrs S A Bell Cllr J Burden
Priest's House Museum and Garden	Cllr Mrs D J March
St Margaret's & Stone's Charity (appointment until 2017)	Mrs Margery Ryan
Town Centre Liaison Group (previously known as Wimborne BID Liaison Committee)	Cllr Mrs S A Cook Cllr Mrs P A Hymers Cllr R P Nunn Cllr T F Wheeler
Vision Wimborne	Cllr S K Bartlett
Walford Mill Board of Directors	Cllr P H Bartlett
Wimborne in Bloom	Cllr R P Nunn
Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee (appointment until 2019)	Cllr R P Nunn Cllr L G Harvey

Wimborne Minster Folk Festival	Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Wimborne Militia Management Committee	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor
Wimborne/Ochsenfurt Twinning Association	Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Wimborne/Valognes Twinning Association	Cllr Mrs D J March
1069 Squadron Air Training Corps Civilian Committee	Cllr S K Bartlett Cllr J Burden

Other Appointments

Civil Protection representative	Cllr R D Cook
Community Resilience Officer	Cllr T F Wheeler
Flood Wardens	Cllr S K Bartlett Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Rights of Way representative	Cllr J Burden
Tree Warden	Cllr T F Wheeler
Public Relations Co-ordinator	Cllr Mrs K F Webb

ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL,

TUESDAY 10TH MAY 2016

OUT GOING MAYOR'S SPEECH

Councillors, invited guests, ladies and gentlemen good evening and welcome.

Having two daughters of 18 and 16 years of age I tend to find myself on occasion wondering where the last 10 to 15 years have gone, there are times in one's life that time moves so fast it just simply evaporates.

The last year has flown by, it appears to the Mayoress and I to have gone so very quickly.

It has been a truly wonderfully enjoyable year full of so much excitement and special moments, if you had asked me at the beginning of my term which I would enjoy the most the chairmanship of the council or the civic mayoral duties I would have answered the chairmanship, however as it turns out I think the mayoral civic duties has the edge on which of the dual roles that I have undertaken over the last year. The reason for this is three fold, firstly the civic "chain gang" have been a truly fantastic group, secondly the experiences the Mayoress and I have enjoyed including visiting other towns, thirdly the honour of representing my town and you the people and residents of the town in which I was born.

Two of the things as Mayor I am most proud of are the civic day and the civic service where we played host to the civic dignitaries to our beautiful town, neither of these events would have been possible without the mayoral secretary Shelagh whose meticulous planning made it all possible.

I must also give thanks to Genny who along with Shelagh have done their best to keep me in order and I think they would be the first to testify that it wasn't an easy task, still nothing like a challenge.

I have come to realise over the year just how important the relationship between the clerk and the chairman is, when that relationship is strong and built on trust and respect then great things can be achieved so to the clerk I owe an immense gratitude for guiding me through my year as Chairman of this Council.

To my fellow councillors those that have supported me thank you, you know who you are and more importantly to me I know who you are so thank you.

A quick mention of thanks to my mentor who set me on this path in the first place, Pat and to Chris the Town Mayor's Sargent who I believe earlier this evening may have conned me into starting a new tradition involving yet more beer.

"HELLO BOYS", where would I have been without my militia I called on you a lot during the year and you never let me down, Tracey and I have so enjoyed your company and I wanted to highlight your role that you play on the council and within the town, O what a body guard, thank you so much it's been fun and I do hope you have enjoyed it as much as Tracey and I.

Finally to my wife Tracey and my daughters Sharne and Shanine thank you for all your support and the strength you gave me to carry on.

Cllr Shane Bartlett.