

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY**
3 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 Cook - Deputy Town Mayor & Vice-Chairman of the
Council

Cllr P H Bartlett
Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Cllr J Burden
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

ALSO PRESENT

District Cllr D Morgan
District Cllr D Packer

NOT PRESENT AND APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr Ms C L Butter
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers

224 **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 MARCH 2016**

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

225 **CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT**
COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 APRIL 2016

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

226 **CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19**
APRIL 2016

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

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227 **CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2016/17**

The Town Clerk sought the approval of the Council to change the date of the Council meeting from 28 June 2016 to 21 June 2016 to enable the local MP to attend. However, Cllr R D Cook asked if another date could be offered as he particularly wanted to be present and had another commitment that evening. The Town Clerk would go back to the MP's secretary to seek another date.

228 **DORSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr R D Cook – see **Appendix A** to these Minutes.

229 **EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr D Packer reported on various matters including the debate surrounding a future possible unitary authority, the accommodation project, licensing of motorcycles as private hire vehicles and the amenity area problem on the Highland Park Estate.

Cllr Morgan expanded on the licensing of motorcycles as private hire vehicles.

Cllr S K Bartlett reported on the future of Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and the detrimental effect the reduced funding could have on Wimborne Minster.

230 **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

See **Appendix B** to these Minutes.

List of engagements - see **Appendix C** to these Minutes.

231 **TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee – Cllr Mrs S A Cook reported that Beatrice Dopita of the River Allen Bat Roost project would be carrying out an escorted bat walk on 4 May 2016 at 8.30 pm at the Cemetery. This was by way of a thank you for the donation of bat boxes which had been put up in the Cemetery. All Members were invited to attend.

Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils – Cllr Mrs D J March – Minutes of Eastern Area Committee held on 12 April 2016 and Towns and Larger Parishes Committee held on 15 April 2016 - available to see in the Members' Box.

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The Planet Management Committee – Cllr Mrs S A Bell reported that nothing more had been heard about the future of the Planet.

Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre – Cllr Mrs K F Webb reported that the building plans were now on schedule and that there was no longer a threat of legal action.

Wimborne Valognes Twinning Association – Cllrs Mrs D J March – **Appendix D.**

Wimborne Ochsenfurt Twinning Association – Cllr Mrs A E Roberts reported that the German twinningers were visiting the Town at the end of May and that a civic reception would be held at the Town Hall on Saturday, 28 May 2016.

Wimborne Ochsenfurt Twinning Association – Cllr Mrs A E Roberts reported that the recent AGM had been attended by about 40 people and had been a success.

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

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR WIMBORNE MINSTER
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 3rd MAY 2016

Update on proposals for changes to governance in Dorset

I thought it right to have this as a standing item with my reports to Council so that members are aware of developments around the proposals.

Devolution is gathering pace across the UK with local government considering what powers they can have devolved across services such as infrastructure, housing, and skills. In the budget announcements the Chancellor announced “by the end of this Parliament, 100% of local government resources will come from local government – raised locally, spent locally, invested locally”. In Dorset we have been considering what additional powers we require to meet our challenges and help the economy prosper. We have started discussions across Dorset with the support of KPMG.

Following EDDC’s successful motion last month calling for the decision made in December 2015 not to take any part in discussions around changes in governance in the county to be rescinded, all leaders and chief executives are now involved in debating the whole question of where we are likely to be in 3 years’ time. Business cases are being prepared and finalised proposals must be lodged with the Secretary of State in January 2017 for any implementation in 2019 as suggested.

A reminder of what the main cases are around as favoured options agreed by county council in March 2016 are:-

Option 1

One authority covering all of shire Dorset and Christchurch, with Bournemouth and Poole joining (a two unitary model). Towns and parishes to be given more power to deliver more local services appropriate for them.

Option 2

One authority covering all of shire Dorset to exclude Christchurch who would join with Bournemouth and Poole (also a two unitary model). Towns and parishes to have additional powers as in 1 above.

In reality this could mean that we would see an overarching combined authority pan Dorset (as already signed up by all nine councils) to deal with high level strategic items such as Transport, Planning, Economy and Growth across the whole of the county, whilst the statutory functions such as Adult and Children's services, Highways and Education for example are delivered by two unitary councils. Then town and parish councils should be given more powers to deliver local services that are appropriate to their communities in a greater way than they can at present i.e. local planning decisions. Until a business case is made it is difficult to put any figures in place, but as general principle common sense says that surely having two HR departments instead of nine, two legal services instead of nine, and so on..... (If we end up with a two unitary county that is!).

Changes in recycling/waste collections

I think all members have been advised of this, but just to reaffirm that from this summer, collections in Wimborne will change. The DWP will be writing directly to all affected households, clearly explaining their new collection dates (and transitional arrangements) well before the new rounds come into effect. They will run a wider communications campaign from mid-May, informing residents and asking them to look out for the letters detailing the changes. They will also provide online support with dedicated webpages on Dorset For You, which will remain updated throughout the period of activity.

New Wimborne First School

This is to update you with recent developments concerning the new Wimborne First School project.

It has emerged through discussions and correspondence with Bloor Homes that their development programme has slipped due to various issues such as final land acquisition negotiations, planning submissions and related condition approvals. The result of this is that it appears unlikely that Bloor will be able to provide the county council with a fully serviced site and access road until late 2017 or possibly even into 2018. Once the site is available we will need approximately 12 months to build the new school.

County is meanwhile continuing to develop our design proposals so that we are ready to submit a planning application at the appropriate time, which we hope this will be later this year.

The Headteacher and Chair of Governors of the existing first School have been informed.

Highway verge clutter

I have been working with Wimborne BID and our Community Highways Officer to try and find ways to reduce some of the verge clutter, particularly signage, at the top of Brook Road and also in Stone Lane. After obtaining costings for professional signage at these sites, a letter was sent to all the businesses in those two locations explaining reasons and asking for financial support. I understand from the BID chairman that the initial response has been positive. I will update members of progress.

County Cllr Robin Cook

May 3rd 2016

Mayor's Report – 3 May 2016

On 23 March there was the BID renewal launch at Deans Court at which Ian Faulkner spoke extremely well and I hope we all appreciate how critical the BID's renewal is to the wellbeing and economy of the town.

The 5 April saw the Annual Town Meeting with questions from the public.

I was pleased to hear at the opening of the Bowling Club's season that the green is thought to be among the best within the League so well done to the groundstaff.

The 12 April was the Lyme Regis Civic Day which is always a wonderful event.

The Allendale Centre on the 15th launched their over 50s Lunch Club and it was very well attended.

The 17 April saw my own Civic Service. This saw all the visiting mayors attending in full regalia, together with the Chairman of the District Council, standard bearers, dignitaries and the militia with fife and drums, parading through the town to The Minster as befitting this historic town of East Dorset. It seemed to come as quite a surprise to the public in The Square and High Street. Rev Robert Jones gave the thought provoking service that I wanted and the return to the Allendale Centre was a huge success so thank you to all involved in the planning and help you gave on the day. Tracey and I were taken aback and humbled by the extremely good turnout of dignitaries and public.

The Queen's birthday afternoon tea celebrations with our residents and the selling of roses on The Square on St Georges Day both went well.

Finally I attended the East Dorset District Council Civic Service hosted by my good friend Cllr Steve Lugg, Chairman of EDDC.

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS
23 MARCH 2016 – 3 MAY 2016

- 23.03.16 Wimborne BID – The Mayor attended Wimborne BID's Business Plan launch held at Deans Court.
- 01.04.16 Sherborne Town Council – The Mayor & Mayoress attended a Civic Event which included a guided tour of Sherborne Castle.
- 08.04.16 Dorchester Town Council – The Deputy Mayor and her Escort represented the Mayor & Mayoress at Dorchester's Civic Day which included a tour of the Keep Military Museum.
- 09.04.16 Wimborne Bowls Club – The Mayor & Mayoress and the Deputy Mayor and her Escort attended the Opening Day at the Bowls Club and the Mayor bowled the first wood of the season.
- 12.04.16 Lyme Regis Town Council – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the Civic Day in Lyme Regis which included a talk on the Jurassic Coast.
- 14.04.16 The Priest's House Museum – The Mayor & Mayoress attended a private viewing of the exhibition 'Scenes of Wimborne & East Dorset' and 'Dress to Impress'.
- 15.04.16 Wimborne & District Community Association – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the launch of an over 50s Lunch Club held at the Allendale Centre.
- 16.04.16 Buskers Bash for Cash – The Mayor attended the evening event held at the Allendale Centre.
- 17.04.16 The Mayor & Mayoress held a Civic Service in The Minster attended by HM Deputy Lieutenant for Dorset, the High Sheriff of Dorset, civic dignitaries from the county and representatives from organisations the Mayor & Mayoress had met during their civic year.
- 18.04.16 Poole Borough Council – the Mayor & Mayoress attending the Civic Day held in Poole which included a tour of the RNLI college.
- 18.04.16 Friends of Wimborne Library – The Deputy Mayor attended a meeting at Wimborne Library and presented a cheque from the Town Council to facilitate publicity for this proposed group.
- 21.04.16 The Mayor & Mayoress hosted a commemorative tea party at the Royal British Legion to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday.

- 23.04.16 St George's Day – The Mayor, in celebration of St George's Day, sold roses in The Square in aid of the Mayor's Charities and the Militia.
- 24.04.16 Sturminster Newton Town Council – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the Civic Service held at St Mary's Church in Sturminster Newton.
- 27.04.16 Sorrell's Catering – The Mayor attended an Open Day at the new premises of Sorrell's in Stone Lane.
- 27.04.16 1777 – The Mayor & Mayoress attended a launch Dinner & Sleepover at The Olive Branch/1777.
- 28.04.16 Wimborne Cricket Club – The Mayor & Mayoress and Deputy Mayor and her Escort attended the opening match of the Wimborne Girls' Cricket Team at The Leaze.
- 29.04.16 West Dorset District Council – The Deputy Mayor and her Escort represented the Mayor & Mayoress at the Civic Day.
- 01.05.16 East Dorset District Council – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the Civic Service held at St Mary's Church, Ferndown.

WIMBORNE-VALOGNES TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Report of the Committee Meeting held on Friday 8th April 2016

Treasurer's Report:

Bank balances at 31st March totalled £4664.61.

Membership Report:

Presently stands at 114.

Recent Events:

Annual General Meeting Friday 5th February was well attended and Jo Bussell of Brittany Ferries had given an interesting talk following the AGM.

Location. Location Wednesday 2nd March – an illustrated talk of a tour of Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire by John Lewis.

Poisson d'avril Friday 1st April,

Forthcoming Events:

The French Visit, Saturday/Sunday 14th/15th May

Saturday morning Civic Reception at Wimborne Minster Town Hall: it was thought that a 11.00am start was too late given that the Mayor needed to be away at 11.45 so it was agreed to see if this could be changed to 10.30 am.

The Sunday activity was also discussed and a number of options examined. It was agreed that the Swanage Railway was the most attractive, ahead of a gathering at Mottisfont Abbey.

Arrangements were well advanced for the Saturday evening dinner at Horton and Chalbury Village Hall. Sorrells had provided extensive lists of menu options.

Wimborne Minster Folk Festival, Sunday 12th June

It was hoped to have a stall again this year.

Mid-Summer Barbecue, Saturday 16th July

It was agreed that a cost of £9.50 per head should apply.

Newsletter:

The April edition will be produced a.s.a.p.

Any other business:

An invitation has been received to attend the Town Council's Civic Service to be held in the Minster on Sunday 17th April commencing at 3pm. The President stated that he would be attending and would welcome other members to accompany him.

The President also referred to the recent death of his father following which he was likely to sell his Broadstone property and move permanently to France. With this in mind he saw it likely that he would be standing down from the Presidency at the 2017 AGM

Next Meeting:

Monday 20th June at 7.30 pm

**Attended by Cllr Mrs Diann March
Wimborne Minster Town Council Representative**



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Town Centre Liaison Group

Appendix E

Date: 6th April 2016

Time: 12 Noon

Venue: Town Hall

Attendees:	• Ian Faulkner (BID)	• Laurence Hewitt (WMTC)
	• Sue Maunder (CoT)	• David Phelps (CoT)
	• Sandra Bond (CoT)	• Tammy Sleet (BID)
	• Terry Wheeler (WMTC-Chairman)	• Robin Cook (WMTC)
	• Pat Hymers (WMTC)	• Sue Cook (WMTC)
Apologies:	• Chris Slocock (BID)	• Linda Tazziman (CoT)
	• Jenny Brown (CoT)	

Item	Item	Action to
1.	<p>Matters Arising: TS has amended the website and booking form to include the Square booking cleaning charge. No date on when the cabinet is happening – LH to chase.</p>	LH
2.	<p>Christmas Update: Feedback from the Annual Town Meeting suggests that a number of Residents felt the Gugge band at Christmas played too long and too late for a mid-week evening. A suggestion was made to try crowd funding to pay for the lights. The group felt that this would only be of benefit to businesses in areas where there are currently no lights. TS gave a presentation about the Christmas strategy and agreed to update the group again later in the year.</p>	



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3.	<p>BID Renewal: 70 people attended the BID Renewal Business Plan Launch event. It received good write-ups in local press. Presentations of the plan are ongoing until the ballot opens. Attendance to the presentations is "patchy" but it was agreed that they were important. The notice of ballot will go out in the next few days. The ballot opens 22nd April and closes 5pm 19th May. The BID hopes to have the result by Friday 20th and will make an official announcement on Monday 23rd. The feedback seems positive for a successful renewal. The group were asked to inform the BID if they thought particular levy payers would benefit from a personal visit from Ian.</p>	
4.	<p>Sealing the Square: A test has been done and all parties are happy with slip resistance and colour. We are waiting for Barclays to do work and for BT to install a broadband cabinet before booking the work to be completed.</p>	
5.	<p>Square Sign: The EDDC Conservation Officer would prefer to have a flat sign replacing one of the WiB planters rather than the vertical CoT design. The group felt there were good reasons to have a vertical sign and liked the CoT design. WMTC to discuss the possibility of using "permitted development rights" to put in the CoT designed sign.</p>	LH
6.	<p>DCC are carrying out consultation about on street advertising in Dorchester. The BID feels that the DCC guidance on A-boards is good. RC will report back on the results in Dorchester.</p>	RC

Meeting closed at: 12:45pm

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th May 2016