

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2017** at **7.30 pm** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Mrs S A Cook - Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council
Cllr T F Wheeler - Deputy Town Mayor & Vice-Chairman of the Council

Cllr S K Bartlett (also present as District Councillor)
Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Cllr J Burden
Cllr R D Cook (also present as County Councillor)
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Cllr Mrs K F Webb

ALSO PRESENT

District Cllr D Morgan
District Cllr D G L Packer

NOT PRESENT AND APOLOGIES GIVEN

Cllr P H Bartlett
Cllr Ms C L Butter
Cllr L G Harvey
Cllr R P Nunn

173 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Question 1 from Mr M Tidd:

At the last WMTC meeting Cllr March has asked me for a written reply regarding her ceasing to be a member of the WCJMC where she says that I say she was "sacked". I have also used the word "removed", "dismissed" and "ceased to be a member". Perhaps Cllr March would say what word she would use to explain how she ceased to be a member of the committee in 2013 and was prohibited from serving on the WCJMC as detailed in the Constitution and Instrument for the Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee? I gather that Cllrs March and Roberts voted against the revised constitution. (Minute 158) Would the Cllrs like to go on record and explain why?

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Question 2 from Mr M Tidd:

Regarding the precept for 2017/18 I see that we are to have an increase of about 11% for a Band D property. I am grateful for the reply in the minutes but not reassured that the Town Council is acting in the best interests of residents. Can the Town Council assure residents that Wimborne will not be used as bankers for the County or District councils in order to avoid triggering a referendum on tax increases? Perhaps the WMTC web page and Facebook page could be used to gauge residents' reaction and a press release issued to get the debate started?

In response to Question 1 Cllr Mrs March responded to say that this was still an ongoing legal matter and until it was completed she was not prepared to say anything.

In response to Question 2, Cllr Wheeler responded that the Town Council was having to make financial provision for services which from April 2017 would no longer be undertaken by the County Council, otherwise the Town would suffer.

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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2016

Referring to Minute 149 Cllr Mrs D J March asked when she would get an apology from Cllr S K Bartlett. Cllr S K Bartlett responded to say that as this was an on-going legal matter he was unable to respond as it was prejudicial information.

The Chairman stated that the Town Council meeting was not an appropriate place to discuss this matter and that Cllr Mrs D J March should circulate the letter she had written to Cllr S K Bartlett to the Council outside of the meeting.

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

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CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2016

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

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CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2017

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

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177 **CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2017**

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

178 **CONFIRMATION OF RECREATION & LEISURE
COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2017**

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

179 **TAX BASE 2017/18**

The Town Clerk reported that the revised tax base for 2017/18 had been received from the District Council and was 2918, an increase of 41 band 'D' equivalents over that for 2016/17. This would result in an increase of Band 'D' Council Tax for 2017/18 of £12.38 (from £108.42 to £120.80).

180 **DORSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

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

181 **EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr S K Bartlett reported in length on the circumstances surrounding the District Council's decision not to support the proposed change to two unitary authorities in Dorset. He had voted for change and felt that the District Council had disadvantaged itself as it would probably be excluded from involvement in detailed negotiations with those authorities that had voted for change. Cllr D G L Packer and Cllr D Morgan also gave their views on the matter.

Cllr Morgan also reported that he had been trying to establish who owned the footpath between Church House and The Minster and was making progress.

182 **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

See **Appendix B** to these Minutes.

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

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TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

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

Cllr Wheeler also reported that he had stood down as a director of the BID and as a trustee of Wimborne in Bloom.

Wimborne Valognes Twinning Association – Cllr Mrs D J March – see **Appendix E** to these Minutes.

Vision Wimborne – Cllr Mrs P A Hymers reported that she was disappointed that the suggestion of a flagpole in The Square had not been supported by the BID. Cllr Mrs K F Webb reported that this had been included in the projects for future discussion as part of the spending and resources review but Members had not assigned it a high priority in the overall picture. The Town Council would be asked for its views at a future meeting but the final decision would rest with Dorset County Council.

Folk Festival – Mrs P A Hymers reported that a meeting had been held last Friday for West Street traders but no one had attended.

Cllr Mrs D J March whose husband traded in West Street had not been aware of the meeting. Another meeting would be arranged if it was thought to be worthwhile.

Wimborne Ochsenfurt Twinning Association – Cllr Mrs A E Roberts – see **Appendix F** to these Minutes.

The Planet – Cllr Mrs S A Bell – see **Appendix G** to these Minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT
WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
31st JANUARY 2017

Update on proposals for changes to governance in Dorset

All nine local authorities in Dorset are having special meetings to decide what option they want to see for governance in Dorset from 2019 onwards. To date six meetings have taken place, five of which have voted overwhelmingly for a change to two unitaries, those being Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch as one with the remainder of the county as the second.

Dorset County Council's full council last Thursday vote was 30 for the recommendations and 11 against with cross party support in favour.

The remaining three are meeting this evening, they are Bournemouth, Christchurch and Purbeck. I will pass on the detail about EDDC's result from last night and let my district colleagues report on that.

The next step is for those that have supported the proposals to put a submission for the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in February to consider and he is likely to give an indication of the direction of travel by April this year.

The Dept for Communities and Local Government have stated that they want to see a broad level of consensus around any proposals made. Ideally they would like to see a submission from all nine councils, even if one or more of those councils disagree. An important point to note is that the Secretary of State has the power to impose a solution, provided that at least one local authority consents.

DCC Council Tax

The county council's budget setting meeting is on 16th February. This will include, of course, setting the level of council tax for 2017/18. At the time of writing this the proposal under consideration is for a flat increase of 1.99%, plus an increase as allowed by central government to be ring fenced for adult social care. The figure suggested for this coming year is 3%. If agreed it would equate to £1.21 per week extra on a band D property. The item is on the cabinet agenda for consideration tomorrow.

The police will be deciding theirs on Friday this week, whilst the fire and rescue service meets on the 9th February.

New TRO's in the town

I have been advised that the long awaited TRO's implementation has been delayed owing to the fact that objections have been received to some of them. If the objectors cannot be persuaded to lift their objections then the matter will have to go before the Regulatory Committee, and that could be a long time before they are heard.

Just as a reminder these orders are

- Change to traffic flows in East Boro
- Removal of remaining 'waiting restrictions' in part of East Street

- Additional waiting restrictions at the top of St John's Hill and Cranfield Avenue area
- Additional waiting restrictions adjacent to Flight Refuelling car park entrance in Brook Road

Police Station & Magistrates Court

I can confirm that this site is for sale and bids will be considered in due course. The police are considering moving to the old Pippins building, which if confirmed will assure their continuing presence here which is good news.

Dorset awarded £2m to make a difference to vulnerable children and families

Dorset is one of only three areas in the country to have been awarded a share of a £7m Government fund to transform services for children and families.

Dorset County Council has been awarded £1.995m from the Department of Education's Children's Social Care Innovation Programme for its Reinvigorating Social Work training and development programme. The project aims to 'get it right for first time' for children and young people in Dorset by investing in developing social workers so they can focus more on making a difference to children and families early on.

The scheme was successfully piloted with a small group of social workers last year and the funding means the county council will now roll it out across its children's social care workforce over the next two years.

Reinvigorating Social Work is a targeted programme of learning, development and support aimed at empowering social workers. It promotes a model of social work practice based on building relationships and improving outcomes for children and families.

**County Councillor
Robin Cook
January 31st 2017**

Town Mayor's Report Tuesday 30th January 2017.

It has been eight weeks since the last full council meeting, which actually seems longer to me, probably because of the Christmas and New Year breaks in between.

I have attended fourteen engagements in all, but having the "Queen's cough" unfortunately resulted in us missing some of the carol services we had been invited to. My thanks as usual to Robin and Cllr Terry Wheeler for their support.

One of the first festive engagements that Robin and I attended was at St. John's First School, and their Christmas play, which was so entertaining! Based on Strictly Come Dancing, it was hilarious, but very clever, because they still managed to put over the traditional Christmas story.

Carols **NOT** in the Cornmarket was also a very successful and enjoyable evening. Those of you who were there will recall that it poured with rain, so the Rector very kindly invited us to conduct the carols in the Minster. This resulted in a total of more than six hundred people, including many children and four dogs all piling in! For me, this captured the true atmosphere of a family event.

The Rector and I joined forces again on New Year's Eve, from the balcony of The King's Head to welcome in 2017.

In the first week of January, members were invited to attend a briefing regarding the Cuthbury Development, by James Brightman from EDDC, which I think we all found extremely useful.

I also attended a briefing of the Local Government Review at Furzehill which was delivered very clearly by David MacIntosh, and again a helpful explanation.

Last Friday, Robin and I were invited to a Holocaust Memorial service in the Minster, which was a truly moving occasion. It was good to see Q E School involved, keeping the memory in the minds of the young, which is very important.

Sadly, since we last met here, Cllr Harvey has been unwell, and unable to carry out his usual duties as Chairman of Recreation and Leisure, thank you to Cllr Bell for stepping in as Vice-Chair. I'm sure we all send our best wishes to Harv and Minna.

Sue Cook
31st January 2017

**MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS
7 DECEMBER 2016 – 31 JANUARY 2017**

- 07.12.16 St John's CE First School – The Mayor and her Escort attended the Nativity play at the school.
- 07.12.16 Wimborne First School – The Mayor and her Escort attended the school's Nativity play at the Tivoli Theatre.
- 09.12.16 Streets Meadow – The Mayor and her Escort attended a Christmas Party for the residents held at Streets Meadow.
- 09.12.16 Ferndown Town Council - The Mayor and her Escort attended a carol service at St Mary's Church, Ferndown.
- 10.12.16 The Priest's House Museum - The Mayor and her Escort attended the annual pudding stir at the Museum.
- 10.12.16 Save the Children Parade - The Mayor and her Escort took part in the Save the Children Parade.
- 12.12.16 QE Annual Carol Service – the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress attended the school's carol service held at The Minster.
- 14.12.16 Christmas Tree Festival at the Wimborne United Reformed Church - The Mayor and her Escort attended the opening of the Festival and decorated a tree.
- 17.12.16 Allendale Community Centre - The Mayor and her Escort attended the children's show at the Community Centre.
- 23.12.16 Carols in the Cornmarket - The Mayor attended this annual event (relocated to The Minster due to inclement weather) and a collection took place for the Mayoral charities.
- 24.12.16 The Mayor collected for her charities in The Square and the Dorset Youth Marching Band were in attendance.
- 25.12.16 Streets Meadow – The Mayor attended Streets Meadow on Christmas Day to meet the residents.
- 30.12.16 Wimborne Railway Society - The Mayor and her Escort attended the annual open day at the United Reformed Church.
- 31.12.16 The Mayor and her Escort hosted a reception at the Town Hall and greeted the New Year from the balcony at The King's Head.

- 21.01.17 1069 Air Cadets Squadron – The Mayor and her Escort attended the 75th Anniversary dinner at the Connaught Hotel in Bournemouth.
- 27.01.17 Holocaust Memorial Service – The Mayor and her Escort attended a memorial service held at The Minster.
- 28.01.17 Dacombe & Renault – The Mayor and her Escort officially opened the new store on Leigh Road.
- 30.01.17 Wimborne in Bloom – The Mayor and her Escort attended the Annual Meeting held at the Town Hall.



WIMBORNE BID Minutes

Town Centre Liaison Group

Date: 7th December 2016

Time: 12 Noon

Venue: Town Hall

Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Faulkner (BID) (chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Hymers (WMTC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurence Hewitt (WMTC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Maunder (CoT)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Bond (CoT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Cook (WMTC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Nunn (WMTC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy Sleet (BID)
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Wheeler (WMTC, Chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Slocock (BID)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Brown (CoT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Phelps (CoT)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Brunt (BID) 	

Item	Item	Action to
1.	Approval of October Minutes: The minutes were approved.	
2.	Matters arising from minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flag Pole in the Square BID board was not in favour. SM to put on CoT December agenda. • TS spoke to Gullivers about Grotto gifts and they were unable to help. • Toilets in Cook Row EDDC are dealing with this. There is no further action at this time. 	SM
3.	Get Ready for Winter Plan Contingency plan for snow is to clear route from Redcotts, through town footways. TS to put on BID website. LH to arrange to put on WMTC Website.	TS LH



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4.	<p>Christmas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Parking Issues with excluded car parks. BID to amend the tower sign. Waitrose and Coop had signs last year to inform customers that these car parks are excluded. TS to investigate. • Lights Damage to Crown Mead lights to be sorted today and is likely to incur a cost. Lights switch on debriefing is 08.12.16. The 2017 switch on is scheduled for 2nd December which was considered late for businesses. The BID requested to have the switch-on brought forward one week to Saturday 25th November. SC to raise at the debrief. • Trees A few issues with lights and businesses not willing to insure but on the whole, very successful. • Events Fun fair was disappointing and something different will be considered for 2017. • Leaflets A few hundred still available. Almost 6000 have been distributed through businesses, at events and at Mannington Heath Farm. • Alpine Bar Will be open from 13th December. A list of refreshments to be served and security measures to be taken has been provided and is available from the BID office. 	<p>TS</p> <p>TS</p> <p>SC</p>
5.	<p>Willow Walk Bridge</p> <p>The new date for completion is 9th December The group agreed that authorities should avoid disruptive works in December.</p>	



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6.	<p>Signage</p> <p>The BID are exploring the possibility of a sign on the wall of WH Smiths to point to Wimborne East.</p> <p>The QE BID Team will be presenting their signage findings to BID board next week.</p> <p>The Prior's Walk signs are to be replaced.</p> <p>Amendments to the West Street sign may require additional planning permission. The BID is finding out information.</p>	

Meeting closed at: 12:35.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th January 2017, 12pm, Town Hall.



WIMBORNE BID Minutes Town Centre Liaison Group

Date: 4th January 2017

Time: 12 Noon

Venue: Town Hall

Attendees:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Wheeler (WMTC, Chair) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian Faulkner (BID)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurence Hewitt (WMTC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Maunder (CoT)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Nunn (WMTC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Cook (WMTC)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy Sleet (BID) 	
Apologies:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandra Bond (CoT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Slocock (BID)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Brunt (BID) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Phelps (CoT)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Brown (CoT) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Hymers (WMTC)

Item	Item	Action to
1.	<p>Matters arising from minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WMTC and CoTC have not yet discussed the flagpole. WMTC will consider when the views of the other organisations are known. SM to take to CoTC. • Get ready for Winter plan has been emailed to levy payers and placed on BID website. • BID arranged signs on toblerones to exclude Waitrose and Co-op from free parking. • The lights switch on day for 2017 has been agreed for 25th November. 	PH/SM

Item	Item	Action to
2.	<p>Christmas Debrief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas lights Good feedback. More lighting was requested; this is not in the WMTC budget for 2017. Some lights had to be removed from the new section in Crown Mead to make repairs. Comments made that the Square looked too dark, but this would not have been the case once the Alpine Bar was open. Timers were changed for lights to come on earlier. • Switch-on Day Events on the Square were a success. • Events Santa – not a financial success but town walks were very well received and created a good atmosphere in the town. • Free parking Worked well despite a few teething problems over Walford Mill. Some people paid for parking despite the posters – could the posters be clearer? • Shop Trees Coming down this week. Increased participation this year. • Road works/car park closures Allenvie tree works, West Street lights, Willow walk bridge. The group agreed that there is a need to coordinate with local authorities to minimise works in December. • New Year's Eve It was unclear who organises the New Year event although the Road Closure is arranged by WMTC. The group agreed that as this is the second year that has caused concern, this event needs to be managed in 2017 particularly cleaning of the events area early on New Year's Day. 	TS



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3.	Café on the Square There were continuous infringements of the "clear" seating days. The group agreed that once sitting out licences are issued; this matter should be passed to EDDC for a letter to be sent to the café.	TS
4.	Costa Refurbishments Concrete slabs are already installed for this purpose - one is inside the Costa seating area, but may not be deep enough. District to come back to Town Clerk about the existing concrete. Also a concern over the archaeological remains under the Square. TS to ask what the other options are. Group agreed in principle for Costa to approach council with this design.	TS

Meeting closed at: 12:38

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 1st February 2017, 12pm, Town Hall.

WIMBORNE-VALOGNES TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Report of the Committee Meeting
held on Monday 18th January 2017

Treasurer's Report

Bank balances at 31st December 2016 totalled £3712.27

Recent Event

Wine Evening, Friday 9 December - a successful evening although some members complained at noise levels. Some were of the opinion that the traditional format was preferable.

Forthcoming Events

Annual General Meeting, Friday 3 February 2017, 7.30pm St Catherine's Church Hall

Mardi Gras Evening, Tuesday 28 February 2017, 7.30 pm St Catherine's Church Hall

Illustrated Talk - Vienna, the Waltz City, Thursday 30 March 2017, 7.30 pm St Catherine's Church Hall

Biennial Visit to Valognes, Friday-Sunday 12-14 May. Participant names being gathered and a number of members have already booked ferry places.

Programme of Events - 2017

Friday 22 July - Mid-Summer Barbecue

Saturday 12 August - Garden Party

Friday 8 December - Wine Evening

It was mentioned that the Wimborne/Ochsenfurt Twinning Association have suggested a joint activity but nothing has been identified to date.

Any other business

The Association are invited to enter a team for the Wimborne in Bloom Wine and Wisdom Quiz Evening to be held at 7.30pm at the Allendale Centre on Friday 3rd March.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.30pm

Attended by Cllr Mrs Diann March
Wimborne Minster Town Council Representative

Report Wimborne Ochsenfurt Twinning Association – 31 January 2017

The stall in the Square for the lighting of the Christmas tree raised just over £700 which will be needed when our twin town visits in 2018.

In July there is a visit to Ochsenfurt – 6 - 10 July 2017. We will probably fly as coach and train are too costly. Any member of the Town Council is welcome to come and to any other events (as corporate members).

The Committee is going to be desperate for members after the AGM as the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are standing down.

All feel events are not well attended, even though we have asked for ideas for events from the members. The AGM is at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 23 February 2017. This also has been moved to an afternoon so that it is in daylight and the majority of our members are retired so we hope this will prove more convenient.

Cllrs Mrs Ann E Roberts
31.01.17

Madam Chairman, Councillors

I am pleased to say we have had our first meeting about the safe place in Wimborne for young people i.e. The Planet. We hope when we engage them they will decide on the new name for themselves.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, 21 February 2017 in the Council Chamber. It was gratifying to welcome previous committee members, new younger ladies who had emailed the website – thank you Kelly – plus the youth workers who had previously worked there.

We are all committed to the revitalisation of this project and will keep you updated of our progress.

Thank you.

Cllr Mrs Sally Bell