

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 9 MAY 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 Mrs S A Bell
Cllr S K Bartlett
Cllr J Burden
Cllr Ms C L Butter
Cllr Mrs C A Chedgy
Cllr R D Cook
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr R P Nunn
Cllr W J Richmond
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Cllr Mrs K F Webb
Cllr T F Wheeler

1 **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL 2017/2018**

Cllr T F Wheeler was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED that Cllr T F Wheeler be elected Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the 2017/2018 municipal year.

2 **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr Wheeler 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 2017/2018**

Cllr R D Cook was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED that Cllr R D Cook be elected Deputy Town Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2017/2018 municipal year.

5 **TOWN COUNCIL BI-ELECTIONS**
(Min 200 – 14.03.17)

The Town Clerk reported that following the bi-elections held on 4 May 2017 Cllr Mrs C A Chedgy had been elected to represent the Town Ward and Cllr W J Richmond had been elected to represent the East Ward. Both Members had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6 **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2017/2018**

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

7 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SPECIFIC POSTS AND**
OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2017/2018

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

8 **OUTGOING MAYOR'S SPEECH**

See Appendix D to these Minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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

INCOMING MAYOR'S SPEECH

9TH May 2017/2018

Good evening fellow Councillors, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to start by thanking my fellow councillors for expressing their confidence in me by electing me Town Mayor and Chairman of the Town Council for the mayoral year 2010/11.

In particular, I'd like to thank Councillors Richard Nunn and John Burden for proposing and seconding me and Councillor Sue Cook for having me as her deputy this past year. Sue has worked extremely hard over the past 12 months raising monies for her charities and I'm sure you will agree she & Robin did a fantastic job there. I'd also like to add my congratulations to our two new Councillors Carole Chedgy & Bill Richmond - welcome

I'd also like to thank my wife, Pauline, for allowing me to take this on. Being Mayor is a huge imposition on one's private life and I'm grateful for her willingness to share the challenge.

When I was last elected Mayor I said that my term would be an exciting year in the sense that we were going to see Waitrose opening, the Community Centre at Leigh park being finished and the rebuilding of the shops in the High Street following the fire there.

This year we may finally see the start of three or four large housing developments, which will change the town considerably. Whilst the size of these developments causes us great concerns over the stresses and strains they will put on our infrastructure, in particular our roads and services, these new residents, when they arrive will be part of our town, our community and we should welcome them accordingly and treat them as we would any other resident. It will not be their fault that their home was previously on green belt, or that the road they live in is at the end of what was previously a quiet cul-de-sac. Had this Council been able to choose where these developments were sited things might have been different. We weren't, so we must make the best of it. I mentioned Waitrose earlier. Perhaps the one thing we weren't prepared for when they opened, was the number of national chains that followed them into the town. There has been some comment in the press recently about the need for independent shops in the town. I believe we need both and I am determined that this Council will work with both Wimborne BID and Wimborne Chamber of Trade to make this town a place appealing for all businesses. A thriving business community has to be good for our residents.

This year my charities will be Wimborne in Bloom, Walford Mill Education Trust, The Friends of Victoria Hospital and the National Garden Scheme. I make no apologies for the fact that three of these were my charities in 2010 – they are dear to my heart. But please bear with me while I tell you a little about Walford Mill. It may come as a surprise to some of you to hear that Walford Mill is an educational trust. It is much more than how some perceive it - just an expensive craft shop. It is an organisation still supported by the Arts Council and as

such considered to be of national importance. What is important to me however is what goes on behind the shop front.

Last year the Mill ran 233 workshops with 2262 attendees of which 158 workshops were for children. Children accounted for over half of all attendees. We also had outreach workshops with an estimated attendance of 2,400 people including an estimated 1,500 children. 2 workshops were specifically aimed at people with disabilities, 91 were aimed at Children and Young People. 2 were specifically aimed at older people and 4 targeted Health/Wellbeing. We keep the cost of our children's classes to a minimum to enable families with low incomes and with more than one child to attend.

Creative activities in schools have been drastically cut in recent years but we have continued to develop opportunities for all students to help them with their hand and eye co-ordination and artistic skills. We often collaborate with the Priest's House Museum and currently with the Dorset History Centre developing the Bankes Archive Project from the Kingston Lacy Estate. Last year we ran workshops at Poole Museum, Kingston Lacy and St John's First School. We also ran workshops to engage the public in Wimborne Town Centre this Easter and encouraged the public to make donations for the Food Bank.

We often offer young people at the beginning of their careers an opportunity to show their work alongside more experience makers and have just delivered an exciting project with 4 students from the Arts University Bournemouth, two from the first year Textiles BA course and two from the first year Architecture BA course who have spent a three week residency with us on a collaborative project culminating with them exhibiting their work in our Textile Textures Exhibition. So you can see it's more than just a craft shop.

This year will be the ninth year Pauline & I will have opened our home garden in Walford Close for the National Garden Scheme. There will be four open days this year – the 21st and 31st May and the 7th and 18th June. It would be great if any of you could come along.

In keeping with tradition, it is now my happy duty to present the Wimborne Militia with its new commission the forthcoming year. Could I ask Chris Brown, Town Mayor's Sarjant to please come forward.

In reviving another tradition, I shall be having a Mayor's Scout this year (from 1st Wimborne). This will be Adam Clarke. There will also be a Mayor's Guide and her name is Lucy Harvey. Could I ask Adam & Lucy to please come forward to receive their sashes.

Finally, as I said before in 2010, both Pauline and I were in the guides and scouts both as young people and as leaders and we would like to renew part of the promise we made then, to both the Town and the Council.

'We promise to do our best'.

Thank-you.

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2017/2018

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Cllr J Burden
Cllr Ms C L Butter
Cllr Mrs S A Cook
Cllr R P Nunn (Vice-Chairman Elect)
Cllr Mrs K F Webb (Chairman Elect)
Cllr Mrs C A Chedgy
Cllr W J Richmond
Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio
Vice-Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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

RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE

Cllr S K Bartlett
Cllr Mrs S A Bell (Chairman Elect)
Cllr J Burden
Cllr Mrs S A Cook (Vice-Chairman Elect)
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Cllr Mrs D J March
Cllr R P Nunn
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
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**APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC POSTS AND
OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2017/2018**

Allendale Community Centre Management Committee (observers)	Cllr R P Nunn Cllr J Burden (reserve)
Colehill & Wimborne Youth & Community Centre	Cllr Mrs K F Webb
Citizens Advice Management Committee	Cllr Mrs S A Bell
Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils	Cllr S K Bartlett Cllr Mrs S A Cook
Dorset Cyclists Network	Vacancy
Dreamboats	Cllr S K Bartlett
East Dorset Environment Partnership (formerly Environment Theme Action Group)	Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Fairtrade Steering Group	Cllr Mrs P A Hymers
Partners & Communities Together (PACT)	Cllr Ms C L Butter Cllr Mrs S A Cook
Proposed Youth Café	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 Ms C L Butter
Wimborne BID	Cllr R P Nunn
Wimborne in Bloom	Cllr R P Nunn

Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee (appointment until 2019)	Cllr Mrs S A Cook Cllr R P Nunn
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 Cllrs Mrs S A Cook

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 R P Nunn
Public Relations Co-ordinator	Cllr Mrs K F Webb

Outgoing Mayor's speech Tuesday 9th May 2017

Good evening fellow councillors, guests and residents, welcome.

It is hard to believe that a whole year has gone by since my mayor making, and I was standing here feeling very nervous.

It has been an eventful year, I tried to explain to someone early on how each mayor and chairman is unique in the way they do this job. Of course there are protocols and rules, but apart from that guidance, in many ways, you are on your own, and have to be very conscious that you are a representative of your town. The impression you make is the impression people receive of the town.

Therefore, I have been grateful to the office staff, Shelagh, Genny and Laurence for their invaluable assistance.

We have sadly lost Cllr Henry Bartlett who passed away early this year, and of course, Cllr Leslie Harvey (Harv) who has resigned due to ill health. Both will be very much missed.

The civic engagements have as usual, been many and varied. The wonderful part of this job is meeting so many different people from all walks of life. Highlights have been inspecting the air cadets of 1069 (Flight Refuelling) Wimborne squadron, one of my first engagements, I felt like the Queen walking between the lines of very smartly turned out cadets!

A very moving event was that of the commemoration of one hundred years of the commencement of the Battle of the Somme in July, I was proud to be invited to be involved together with the British Legion.

The Civic Day in September was well attended by dignitaries from all across Dorset and beyond, and it was a pleasure to show them what Wimborne as a town has to offer.

In August, the High Sheriff, Sir Philip Williams held an "at home" with a hog roast etc. Little did we know that some months later when watching Broadchurch we would have a sense of déjà vu, the house featured in the series where the crime took place was Bridehead, Sir Philip's home!

The switch on of the Christmas lights was another extremely successful and enjoyable day, culminating in the mystery celebrity, "Elvis", performing and pressing the switch! The huge crowd certainly had fun, and the now famous photograph of the Militia firing on the Minster Green actually made the Times, no less!

Fund raising has been a challenge as it is for every mayor; Robin and I have tried to ensure that we really do put the fun in fundraising; it isn't all about making money, its making sure people enjoy themselves as well. The final event was the Sheep Run, which entertained the town in an unusual way, and was great fun. Even when the sheep ran off, and the sheepdog was brought in to drive them to their pen, it looked as if it was part of the show. Only a few of us had our hearts in our mouths at that moment, because we knew better!

As a result of the work with Wimborne Dementia Friendly Community, one of my charities, and the Town Council becoming a dementia friendly council, we have now created a connection with New Milton Town Council; the Mayor David Hawkins wants to follow our lead by setting up an allotment project for those living with dementia and their carers. He attended the Civic Service on Sunday, and I very much hope that the bond between our councils will continue.

Being chairman of the Town Council has brought its own challenges, I note a comment that was made by a previous outgoing mayor, in which he said that he was pleased that this council remained non-political, and he hoped it would remain that way. I totally concur with that.

My thanks to my fellow councillors who have supported me, to Terry as my deputy, and of course to Robin as my escort and timekeeper. My thanks, too, to the Militia and Chris Brown for their support. My best wishes to Terry for the forthcoming year.

My congratulations to the very recently elected new councillors, Carol Chedgy and William Richmond, welcome.

And now to the fundraising, my other two charities are the Dorset Youth Marching Band, also the adopted Town Band, and The Priest's House Museum and Garden.

Over the past year, Robin, who gives talks on his life and times at Harrods, and donates his fees to a different charity each year, has passed an amount to me to decide how it should be used.

I have been extremely impressed by two organisations during the civic year, 1069 (Flight Refuelling Wimborne) Squadron air cadets, and Streets Meadow care home. I would therefore like to use part of those funds to make a small donation to each of them.

I am delighted to tell you that the total sum raised this year is £5,663. 06.

I would now like to present the cheques to the representatives of the charities.

Sue Cook