

From the Town Clerk



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Dear Councillor

26 April 2018

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** to be held on **TUESDAY 1 MAY 2018 at 7.30 pm** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER**, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

**COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED TO BRING WITH THEM TO THIS MEETING ANY WRITTEN REPORTS TO COMMITTEES TO WHICH THEY MAY WISH TO REFER.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lawrence Hartley'.

Town Clerk

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Before commencement of the formal agenda, members of the public are invited to ask questions of the Council at the Chairman's discretion.

#### **A G E N D A**

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 To confirm the Minutes of the **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** held on 13 March 2018 (pages 7226, 7227, 7228, 7229, 7230, 7231 & 7232).
- 3 To confirm the Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING** held on 28 March 2018 (page 7236).
- 4 To receive the Minutes of the **RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on 20 March 2018 (pages 7233, 7234 & 7235).
- 5 To receive the Minutes of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on 10 April 2018 (pages 7237, 7238 & 7239).
- 6 To receive the Minutes of the **RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held on 17 April 2018 (page 7240).



- 7                    **WIMBORNE WAR ON WASTE (WWOW) – PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITIES (Min 192 – 30.01.18)**  
To consider a report from Jo Skipp of WWOW and to consider the series of recommendations summarised in the final paragraph including whether to appoint a representative on the Plastic Free Steering Group (copy herewith). Jo will be attending the meeting if Members have any questions.
- 8                    **DORSET COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (if any).**
- 9                    **EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS (if any).**
- 10                  **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 11                  **TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS (if any).**

**LOCALISM ACT 2011 and CODE of CONDUCT**

Members are reminded to comply with those elements of the Localism Act and the Town Council's Code of Conduct in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests.

**GENERAL CONDUCT**

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

Report for Wimborne Town Council on Plastic Free communities

I have signed up as a community leader with Surfers against Sewage Plastic Free Communities. I am a founding member of Wimborne War on Waste and believe this initiative will bring benefits to the town of Wimborne by

- leading by example
- bringing the town and community together into one common aim
- tackling and raising awareness of the issues with single use plastic

Wimborne War on Waste is a voluntary community group set up in January 2017. Over the last year we have raised awareness about the issue of single use plastic through holding awareness days in Wimborne and setting up our stall at local community events. We have been invited to be part of expert panels of speakers several times at showings of the film "A Plastic Ocean" and are regularly asked to write press releases and articles about our campaign and ways people can make a difference. We share positive stories through our active social media and have a following of over 700 people who regularly engage with our work. We were entered into the Waste2zero awards 2017 and were awarded runners up in the following two categories:

Best Waste Prevention Project Award (Non-Food)

Best Waste Project Communication & Stakeholder Engagement

We are a focused and dynamic group. Our ultimate aim is to inspire people to rethink and reduce their use of single use plastic, in particular disposable coffee cups, plastic bottles, straws and bags. We would like Wimborne to be the first town in the UK to become disposable coffee cup free. We work closely with and are supported by Wimborne BID, Dorset Waste Partnership, Litter Free Dorset and Michael Tomlinson MP.

We are increasingly receiving requests to help people set up their own groups based on our model and to assist in schools and community settings with reducing single use plastic use and putting together a more sustainable approach.

Surfers against Sewage have set up a framework, based on the Fair Trade model, to allow communities and towns to achieve Plastic Free status by following and committing to five criteria.

1. **Governance – This would require Wimborne Minster Town Council involvement.** This is where a local council passes a resolution to support the Plastic Free initiative by committing to plastic free alternatives and supporting plastic free initiatives within the constituency.
  - Council to lead by example to remove single use plastic items from their premises
  - Council to encourage plastic free initiatives, promoting the campaign and supporting events
  - A representative of the council to be named and be part of the Plastic Free steering group (see criteria 5)
2. **Local Businesses – At least three single use plastic items removed from local businesses and retailers and replaced with sustainable alternatives.**
  - The target number of businesses are determined by population (10,000-20,000 requires 6 businesses to make changes)

- There are already 4 businesses in the Wimborne area that meet or are close to meeting this target, leaving only 2 more to join to satisfy this criteria
3. Plastic Free Allies – This criteria requires widespread community support for the Plastic Free Initiative
    - 50% of community spaces (community centres, places of worship, libraries etc)
    - 30% of local schools
    - At least one community organisation (i.e. Scouts, Guides, Women’s Institute etc)
  4. Plastic Free Rallies – At least two community events arranged and made open for all to attend, in one calendar year
    - Our first event for this is a litter pick arranged for 5 May 2018 in Wimborne
  5. Steering Group – **This would require Wimborne Town Council involvement.** A local group of stakeholders to meet at least once per year to discuss the progress of the Plastic Free initiative locally, agreeing and setting direction and meeting objectives

I am confident that Wimborne could achieve this status in a relatively short period of time. There is a huge amount of public support and we are experienced in conveying the plastic free message in a positive and engaging way. Wimborne War on Waste would lead this initiative and the positive publicity generated by this would be shared by all parties involved. This is an exciting and very current challenge and I am certain this would be a positive and practical way for the Town Council to show its commitment to the environment and the community.

Just to recap the commitment from the Town council would be:

- to pass a resolution to support the Plastic Free initiative by committing to plastic free alternatives and supporting plastic free initiatives within the constituency (1. Above)
- to encourage plastic free initiatives, promoting the campaign and supporting events
- to have a representative on the Plastic Free steering group ( 5. Above)