

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the ANNUAL MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL held on TUESDAY 14 MAY 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, West Borough, Wimborne Minster.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr K F Webb – Town Mayor & Chairman of the Council  
Cllr S K Bartlett  
Cllr C L Butter  
Cllr C A Chedgy  
Cllr L C Hinks  
Cllr D J March  
Cllr W J Richmond  
Cllr A E Roberts  
Cllr M Roe  
Cllr F Shirley  
Cllr M R Tidd

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT & APOLOGIES GIVEN**

Cllr D Burt  
Cllr J Bury

**OFFICER PRESENT**

Town Clerk

Cllr K F Webb presiding:

**1** **ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL 2019/2020**

Cllr S K Bartlett was proposed and seconded.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr S K Bartlett be elected Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council for the 2019/2020 municipal year.

**2** **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

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

**3** **INCOMING MAYOR'S SPEECH**

See Appendix A to these Minutes.

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4 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL 2019/2020**

Cllr K F Webb was proposed and seconded.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr K F Webb be elected Deputy Town Mayor and Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2019/2020 municipal year.

5 **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES 2019/2020**

**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 2019/2020**

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

7 **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 APRIL 2019**

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

8 **TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019**

The Town Clerk reported for information that 11 of the 12 vacancies in the Town Ward and the 2 vacancies in the East Ward had been filled following the election without the need for a poll and that all Members elected had signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Town Council would consider how the one vacancy in the Town Ward was to be filled in due course.

9 **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

The Town Council was asked to decide its policy on Members' allowances for 2019/20.

**RESOLVED** that no Members' allowances be paid during the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

**10**                    **LOCALISM ACT 2011 – GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

**RESOLVED** that the Town Council, continuing to meet the eligibility criteria, adopts again the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011.

**11**                    **BANK MANDATE**

**RESOLVED:**

- a)        that the signing rules in the current mandate, for the accounts of Wimborne Minster Town Council, be replaced in accordance with account signing rules on the mandate amendment form;
- b)        that the authorised signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts of Wimborne Minster Town Council, be changed in accordance with the authorised signatories shown on the mandate amendment form.

**12**                    **LOCALISM ACT 2011 – DISPENSATIONS FROM SECTION 31(4)**

The Town Clerk reported receipt of applications for Dispensation from Section 31(4) of the Localism Act 2011 from the following Councillors:

S K Bartlett, J J Bury, C L Butter, C A Chedgy  
L C Hinks, D J March, W J Richmond, A E Roberts, M Roe,  
F Shirley, M R Tidd and K F Webb in order to participate in the discussions and decisions relating to the budget and precept for this and subsequent meetings involving those matters until 2 May 2024.

**RESOLVED** that the Dispensations be granted on the basis that, without them the number of persons prohibited by Section 31(4) of the Act from participating in those matters applied for, would be so great a proportion of the Town Council transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business.

**13**                    **OUTGOING MAYOR'S SPEECH**

See Appendix D to these Minutes.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed .....Date.....  
Town Mayor and Chairman of the Council

MAYORAL SPEECH by Cllr SHANE BARTLETT.

14<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

Welcome everyone to this evening's Mayor making ceremony and I am so pleased you could join the Mayoress and me tonight.

I was originally elected on to Wimborne Minster Town Council in May 2011, finishing that four year cycle of the Council as the Town's Deputy Mayor.

On re-election in May 2015 I was voted in as the new Town Mayor for the 2015/2016 civic year. After that election nearly half the membership of the Council were new members. It was therefore my responsibility as Chairman of the Council to welcome the new intake and make them feel comfortable in their new roles and surroundings and give them the confidence to explore within themselves their abilities to be Councillors in Local Government.

You will therefore understand that for me the present situation I find myself in feels something a little akin to deja vu having been here and done it before.

I well remember as a new Councillor in 2011, the trepidation and nervousness I felt. I was catapulted into office having first had a lot to say at an Annual Town Meeting that year as a member of the public.

For you newly-elected inexperienced members of this Council I promise you, you will have my support and understanding and I will, as your Chairman, do all I can to help you as you start your journey in public life.

That journey will not always be an easy one. There will be difficulties, disagreements, frustrations and compromises made along the way. But during that journey we will take together you will experience achievement, pride, enjoyment and the satisfaction that you are part of a Town Council that has to date been credited as being run in a thoroughly professional manner and is held in high esteem by both neighbouring Parish councils as well as upper tier Authorities.

For you all it will not have escaped your notice that our beautiful County of Dorset has been forced into a situation through lack of Government funding to find a new way of administering its needs and the needs of its local population with the resources available.

We have now seen the creation of two Unitary Authorities for the County of Dorset, BCP in the east and for the rest of Dorset, the new Dorset Council.

Looking into the future there will be a lot of work to be done with our new Principal Authority. There will need to be engagement, understanding, partnership working, work practices developed, a culture of trust and bringing about a way of working for the mutual benefit of those residents of Dorset and our parishioners which we all serve.

So you will see and understand that there are exciting times ahead and the journey we are all about to embark on is new to all of us and we will learn together.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Town Clerk and the other office staff, Holly, Shelagh, Genny and Jam, four ladies who I am sure will keep me in order: I know this because Shelagh has already told me so and I'm too frightened to upset them.

I need to take time out to give a special thank you to Pat Hymers, probably the first time Councillor hasn't been put in front of her name as that has now been superseded with Alderman Hymers by the grace of the now dissolved former East Dorset District Council. Pat has been my mentor for the last eight years and I cannot thank her enough.

And finally a massive thank you to the Mayoress, my wife Tracey, to our daughters Sharne and Shanine for their support and patience with me and understanding "it's a bloke thing".

I have an opportunity to highlight some lesser well known charities during my civic year and therefore my charities for the coming year will be:

- 1) NEUROENDOCRINE CANCER NETS ( Steve Lugg)  
"Net Foundation"
- 2) COMBAT STRESS (PTSD)
- 3) ERIC (Children's bowel and bladder charity)
- 4) GOING for BUST (Wimborne Breast Cancer)
- 5) DREAMBOATS (funding for a wheelchair compatible boat)
- 6) Wimborne in Bloom.

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**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2019/2020**

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr D Burt  
Cllr Ms J J Bury  
Cllr Mrs D J March  
Cllr W J Richmond  
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts  
Cllr M Roe  
Cllr Ms F Shirley (Vice-Chairman – elect)  
Cllr M R Tidd (Chairman-elect)  
Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio  
Vice-Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio

**RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Cllr Ms J J Bury  
Cllr Ms C L Butter  
Cllr Mrs C A Chedgy  
Cllr Mrs L C Hinks  
Cllr Mrs D J March  
Cllr W J Richmond (Chairman Elect)  
Cllr Mrs A E Roberts (Vice-Chairman Elect)  
Vacancy  
Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio  
Vice-Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio

**RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Cllr D Burt  
Cllr Ms C L Butter (Vice- Chairman Elect)  
Cllr Mrs C A Chedgy (Chairman Elect)  
Cllr Mrs L C Hinks  
Cllr M Roe  
Cllr Ms F Shirley  
Cllr M R Tidd  
Vacancy  
Chairman of the Council - Ex-Officio  
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**APPOINTMENTS TO SPECIFIC POSTS AND  
OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS 2019/2020**

Allendale Community Centre Management Committee (reserve)	Cllr Mrs D J March Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Citizens Advice Management Committee	Cllr Mrs C A Chedgy
Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils	Cllr S K Bartlett Cllr Ms C L Butter
Dreamboats	Cllr S K Bartlett
East Dorset Environment Partnership	Cllr Ms F Shirley
Fairtrade Steering Group	Cllr Mrs K F Webb
Partners & Communities Together (PACT)	Cllr Ms C L Butter Cllr M R Tidd
Priest's House Museum and Garden	Cllr Mrs D J March
St Margaret's & Stones Charity (until 2021)	Mrs M Ryan
Town Centre Liaison Group	Cllr D Burt Cllr Mrs D J March Cllr Mrs A E Roberts Cllr Mrs K F Webb
Vision Wimborne	Cllr S K Bartlett
Walford Mill Board of Directors	Cllr Ms C L Butter
Wimborne BID Board	Cllr Mrs C A Chedgy
Wimborne in Bloom	Cllr Ms F Shirley
Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee (until 2024)	Cllr Mrs C A Chedgy Cllr M R Tidd
Wimborne Minster Folk Festival	Cllr M Roe
Wimborne Militia Management Committee	Town Mayor Deputy Town Mayor

Wimborne/Ochsenfurt Twinning Association	Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Wimborne/Valognes Twinning Association	Cllr Mrs L Hinks
Wimborne War on Waste	Cllr Ms F Shirley
Youth Café	Cllr S K Bartlett Cllr Mrs L Hinks
1069 Squadron Air Training Corps Civilian Committee	Cllr D Burt

### **Specific Posts**

Civil Protection representative	Town Mayor
Community Resilience Officer	Town Mayor
Flood Wardens	Cllr W J Richmond Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Rights of Way representative	Cllr Mrs A E Roberts
Tree Warden	Cllr W J Richmond
Public Relations Co-ordinator	Cllr M R Tidd



## Outgoing Mayor's Speech 2018/19

Good evening everyone, has it been a year already? Well – what a year it's been!

Being Town Mayor is an incredible honour and I've done my best to accept as many invitations as possible and to represent this town in other areas of the County.

I've been asked about highlights of the year and it's very difficult to choose with so many events to look back on. Of course Christmas was very special, seeing the town packed with AFC BMTH supporters to get a glimpse of Eddie Howe who previously went to school here at QE.

There are too many events to mention but I think I would say the local community really did justice to the Armistice commemorations in November. The huge number of people that came together that day and filled the streets to watch the parade, was truly wonderful. The Minster's service was packed and later in the evening, many more people came to join the parade behind the Dorset Youth Marching Band, to the Cemetery for the Beacon Lighting event – which again was very memorable. Yes that was the highlight I think!

I have only been a Councillor since 2015 but in that time I have already seen a huge shift in the Council operation, both in terms of staff and how they have had to modernise and expand but also in the Councillors themselves, how we've all had to adjust to meet the significant challenges we are now facing in terms of budgets but also additional responsibilities due to **increased development** around the town and additional **land ownership** on the horizon.

With the injection of yet more new Councillors with renewed enthusiasm and ideas, I think the next few years will see many more positive and exciting steps forward.

**So a few thank yous.**

There are many people to thank for doing so much to support me during this year but I won't turn this into an Oscar speech and keep you here all night! But I absolutely have to mention Anthony Oliver and Chis Brown our Town Crier – and the Militia for always being there and being very encouraging.

I would like to thank those Councillors that have been supportive of the work I have done this year as Chairman, I have felt that there was some genuine teamwork going on this year! And thanks to Cllr Bartlett and his wife Tracy for attending engagements on my behalf when needed.

Many more people have been supportive around the town from individuals to specific groups and organisations and I hope I have thanked them all individually throughout the year.

Next for the incredible support I have had from the office this year, but particularly to our long standing Town Clerk Laurence Hewitt and to my Secretary Shelagh Fuller, I just have a small token of my appreciation here. GIFT

I would also like to thank my Scout and Guide this year, Mathew and Milly,

If I could first ask Milly to come forward please.

And if I could now ask Mathew to come forward.

## Outgoing Mayor's Speech 2018/19

### Charities

The charities I supported this year were East Dorset Heritage Trust (at Allendale House), Wimborne & District Community Association (Allendale Centre) and Julia's House.

We've had some fun fund raising activities this year, including my Christmas Party at the Legion, there many opportunities over the Christmas period to get the tins out and Pat Hymers did a great job with the Dreamboats crowd with a Beetle Drive not so long ago.

Thanks go to the charities themselves for supporting these events and for coming out in the cold to hold collecting tins! I'm pleased now to hand over the cheques which are of for equal amounts of £1301.54 each.

Could I first ask Sarah Evans from Allendale House to come forward please.

Could I now ask Tanya Cripps from the Allendale to come up...

And finally from Julia's House XXXXX.

Thank you again to everyone for their support.

Clr Kelly Webb

14 May 2019