

**WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of a **MEETING** of the **TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY**  
**3 SEPTEMBER 2019** 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 K F Webb – Deputy Town Mayor & Vice-Chairman of the**  
**Council**

**Cllr D Burt**  
**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**

**Cllr C L Butter**  
**Cllr C A Chedgy**  
**Dorset Cllr J Dover**  
**Dorset Cllr Maria Roe**

**ALSO PRESENT**

**Dorset Cllr D Morgan**

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

**Town Clerk**  
**Administration Officer**

**Questions from the Public**

Mr White asked whether it was correct that neighbouring authorities could build on land not in their area.

Cllr Bartlett explained that if a principal authority, such as Dorset Council, did not have a five year land supply then that authority was at risk of development being foisted upon them. If a local plan was not in place, then a neighbouring authority might be able to apply to the Government for its surplus housing demand to be met by developing land outside its own boundary on land not covered by a local plan.

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Mr White also asked whether a transport hub would be developed in the Town. Cllr Bartlett responded that this was an on-going project and no decision had yet been made.

95 **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 JULY 2019**

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

96 **CONFIRMATION OF PERSONNEL, POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 AUGUST 2019**

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

97 **CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 AUGUST 2019**

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

98 **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2019**

Upon the motion being put that these Minutes be adopted, Cllr Burt commented that no mention had been made in Minute 93 (Planning Decisions) of the agreement to hold an informal evening meeting to discuss the process of the Town Council's consideration of planning applications. The Chairman of the Committee accepted this omission and the Minutes would be amended accordingly.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting, as amended above, be confirmed and adopted.

99 **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

The Town Clerk referred to the informal meeting of the Town Council held earlier that evening where, following a secret ballot, two of the four candidates for co-option had been selected.

**RESOLVED** that Mike Hopkins and Simon Wheeler be co-opted onto the Town Council with immediate effect with Mr Hopkins being appointed to sit on the Recreation & Leisure and Resources Committees and Mr Wheeler to sit on the Planning & Environment and Recreation & Leisure Committees.

100 **DORSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr D Morgan – Cllr Morgan gave an update on Dorset Council activities including staff appointments, Brexit preparedness and Dorset Council's Corporate Plan.

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Cllr Bartlett – see **Appendix A** to these Minutes.

101 **TOWN MAYOR’S REPORT**

See **Appendix B** to these Minutes

102 **TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

Climate Change - Cllr Shirley reported that she had met with representatives of Royal Dutch Shell to discuss a project to decarbonise heating and cooling at scale that can be replicated throughout Dorset, using ground source heat pumps. This will work towards reducing the cost of installing vertical GSHPs so consumers can benefit from clean, renewable energy, hopefully at a cheaper, more consistent price.

Allendale Centre – Cllr March reported that during August free breakfasts had been available at the Allendale Centre each Wednesday for people in need.

Wimborne Ochsenfurt Twinning Association – Cllr Roberts reported that a delegation from Ochsenfurt would visit Wimborne the weekend of 16/17 November 2019 to celebrate the anniversary of the formation of the Association. The Mayor and Mayoress would be invited to attend the dinner at the Allendale Centre on the evening of 17 November 2019.

Wimborne Valognes Twinning Association – Cllr Hinks reported that she had attended a garden party on 24 August 2019. Future events would be notified via the WVTA Newsletter.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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

**Dorset Council Report – Cllr S K Bartlett**

The new Dorset Council is currently putting together its Corporate Plan, this is something that all upper tier Authorities have in place that gives them a blue print for how they are going to conduct themselves over their elected period.

There continues to be a lot of work in all areas in formulating the new Council, chief among these is the budget where there continues to be concern over the financing of adult social and children's services. The statutory responsibility and funding for these two areas of provision falls solely upon Dorset Council with very little help coming from Westminster. This is an ever increasing cost burden to the local tax payer and while Dorset Council has asked for financial help in terms of a fairer funding deal for Dorset it remains to be seen what help, if any, will come from the Government.

Dorset Council has set up a number of Executive Advisory Panels (EAPs). These are looking into various aspects of responsibilities that Dorset Council have. Among them are ones that are dealing with Climate Change and also one developing a Local Plan for Dorset which will determine where future large housing developments will take place. There is also one about to start looking into partnership working between Dorset Council and Town and Parish Councils. A further EAP is looking at the Dorset economy and how that could be driven to open up additional funding through the LEP for better infrastructure in Dorset such as the historically underfunded road system that we have within the County.

Cllr Shane Bartlett  
3 September 2019

## MAYOR'S REPORT AND LIST OF ENGAGEMENTS

24<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

I would like to thank Cllr Webb for continuing to support me in her role as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

Since the last meeting I have attended the following engagements:

- 27.07.19 Coach & Horses Charity Event – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the charity day at the Coach & Horses Pub in Wimborne, in support of Forest Holme Hospice
- 29.07.19 Wimborne in Bloom – The Mayor welcomed the Regional & National Judges to The Town Hall
- 02.08.19 The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the awards at The Reef Youth & Community Centre, Colehill, where volunteers were recognised for their work
- 24.08.19 Wimborne in Bloom - The Mayor attended and launched "The Duck Race" off the Bridge by River Side Café
- 30.08.19 Wimborne Methodist Church – The Mayor & Mayoress attended a service to welcome the New Superintendent and gave a welcome speech
- 31.08.19 Wimborne RFC (Season Opening) – The Mayor & Mayoress attended Wimborne Rugby Club where The Mayor presented prizes for the patrons draw

Cllr Webb has chaired the first of the Climate Change Task & Finish Groups.