

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL** held on **TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020 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 C A Chedgy
Cllr L C Hinks
Cllr M J Hopkins
Cllr D J March
Cllr W J Richmond
Cllr M Roe

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Cllr K F Webb – Deputy Town Mayor & Vice-Chairman of the Council

Cllr D Burt
Cllr C L Butter
Cllr A E Roberts
Cllr F Shirley
Cllr M R Tidd
Cllr S Wheeler

Dorset Cllr J Dover
Dorset Cllr D Morgan
Dorset Cllr Maria Roe

OFFICERS PRESENT

Town Clerk
Administration Officer

Questions from the Public

Mr M Lunt thanked the Town Council for putting its climate and bio-diversity plan on its website and for the progress report.

He also mentioned the Wilding Wimborne Project and an initial meeting that would take place on 21 January 2020 and asked whether a councillor would be able to attend.

The Chairman responded that he hoped a councillor would be able to attend and asked Mr Lunt to email details to the Town Council office.

Q. Mr A White asked whether any further information was available on the proposed new cycle route from Leigh Common to the Town.

The Chairman responded that nothing further was known at this stage.

Q. Mr White commented that the condition of many of the streets in Wimborne was poor and that cleaning of streets/footpaths and gullies no longer appeared to be happening on a regular basis.

The Chairman replied that he was aware that there were issues and requested that Mr White provide the Town Clerk with a list of the roads causing concern.

178 **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2019**

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

179 **EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2019**

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

180 **CONFIRMATION OF PERSONNEL, POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2019**

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

181 **CONFIRMATION OF RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 NOVEMBER 2019**

Referring to Minute 154 (Recreation Grounds Inspection Report) Cllr March requested that it be noted that at this meeting she had informed the Committee that the top of the Woodland Walk area had been thinned out in April 2013.

She also mentioned that the Minutes did not record that the Committee had agreed to leave one wildflower area fallow with the other being dug over, as a trial, to see which bed performed better.

Cllr Richmond commented that since the meeting professional advice had been received from Dorset Council advising that the bed to be left should be cut and collected (which had been done) and the other one re-sown in March. He hoped that the Committee would continue to benefit from professional advice in the future.

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

182 **CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2019.**

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

183 **CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2019**

Referring to the recommendation contained in Minute 166 (Highland Park Estate Amenity Areas), the Town Clerk asked that the Council consider deferring a decision on this matter until he had clarified whether there would be unintended consequences if raised with Dorset Council.

RESOLVED

- a) that a decision on Minute 166 be deferred pending further enquiries by the Town Clerk;
- b) that the remaining Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

184 **CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2019**

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

185 **LOCAL ELECTRICITY BILL**

The Town Clerk submitted a letter from Power for People a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix A** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

In the letter the organiser of Power to the People had asked that the Council support, and lobby Parliament for, a Local Electricity Bill,

The Climate Change Task & Finish Group had recommended to Council that it supports the Bill.

The Chairman was concerned that out of the 9,000 Local Councils in England only 27 had supported the Bill so far, even though it appeared that the campaign had been running for some time.

RESOLVED that a decision on this matter be deferred until further research had been carried out as to why so few Local Councils had supported it.

186 **CLIMATE CHANGE TASK & FINISH GROUP - PROGRAMME
PROGRESS REPORT**

Cllr K F Webb submitted for information a progress report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as **Appendix B** to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

187 **DORSET COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr S K Bartlett reported that at a recent informal meeting he had briefed those Members present about Dorset Council's Five-Year Corporate Plan. If those Members who had been unable to attend wished to be informed about it, he would be happy to discuss it with them.

Cllr Maria Roe – see **Appendix C** to these Minutes.

188 **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT**

Town Mayor's Engagements – See **Appendix D** to these Minutes.

189 **TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Wimborne Valognes Twinning Association – Cllr L C Hinks reported that the AGM of the Association would be held on 7 February 2020. The French Twinners would be visiting Wimborne the weekend of the Folk Festival and the Association hoped that a Civic Reception could be arranged.

Wimborne BID – Cllr C A Chedgy – see **Appendix E** to these Minutes.

Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee – Cllr C A Chedgy – see **Appendix E** to these Minutes.

The meeting closed at 7.57 pm

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

Dear Mr Hewitt,

I am writing to ask that you please join 27 Parish, Town and Community Councils that have already resolved to support the Local Electricity Bill.

The Bill, if made law, would empower local communities to sell locally generated clean energy directly to local customers by establishing a statutory Right to Local Supply. This is currently impossible because of the huge setup and running costs involved in doing so.

The ultimate result of this would be:

1. Local communities and businesses could buy their electricity from a local energy company.
2. Building more local renewable energy would be financially viable.
3. Communities would benefit from the revenues that new local energy supply companies would generate, such as more local skilled jobs, energy efficiency schemes and investment in local facilities.

Could you please help by doing the following?

1. Ask Wimborne Minster Town Council to support the Local Electricity Bill. A suggested resolution is further below.

2. Sign up to the campaign as an individual, which you can do here:
www.powerforpeople.org.uk/sign-up

Please reply if you would like a more detailed briefing or to ask anything about the Bill or our campaign for it.

Kind regards

Steve

Director

Power for People

www.powerforpeople.org.uk

See a copy of the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Local-Electricity-Bill.pdf>

See a list of the cross-party group of 115 MPs supporting the Bill here:

<https://powerforpeople.org.uk/local-electricity-bill-supportive-mps/>

The Councils supporting the Bill are:

Barwell Parish Council, Bideford Town Council, Blackawton Parish Council, Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council, Braemar Community Council, Chesham Town Council, Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Dittisham Parish Council, Great Boughton Parish Council, Hales & Heckingham Parish Council, Humberston Parish Council, Langford & Ulting Parish Council, Langton Matravers Parish Council, Mungrisdale Parish Council, Newbald Parish Council, Newton and Noss Parish Council, Sandwick Community Council, Scrooby Parish Council, Shrewsbury Town Council, St David's City Council, Studley Parish Council, Sutton St. James Parish Council, Taffs Well Community Council, Tattenhall & District Parish Council, Trotton with Chithurst Parish Council and Worlingworth Parish Council

Council Draft Resolution

That Wimborne Minster Town Council

1) notes that the Local Electricity Bill

- aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable

electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,

- if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and therefore empower councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- would result in councils or community organisations that set up local renewable electricity companies receiving revenues that could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities

II) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs during the 2017-19 Parliamentary session; and

III) further resolves to write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

CE Task and Finish Group Programme

Appendix B

PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

Date 3rd December 2019

Programme Manager	Cllr Kelly Webb
Update Number:	1
RAG* Status	A

***Choose;**

R-Red Off track, high risks, low action, error etc.
A-Amber May go off track, risks emerging, need action to correct
G-Green On track, no concerns, all actions on time and budget.

1. Progress Overview

- Low Carbon Dorset have completed a site visit and their report is imminent.
- Project Stream Plan for Waste and Recycling complete.
- Programme Plan updated to reflect new actions and completed activity.
- Website page created for all documents from this page to report progress to the public.
- 3 Task and Finish group meetings have taken place (managing one per month).
- Cllr Webb has started writing related policies (those that relate to internal usage of consumables and with regards to relationships with contractors and suppliers).
- Research completed on a number of streams relating to the stream actions.
- Asset documentation has been provided by the office.
- Energy cost figures have been provided by the office.
- The Town Clerk has received a number of contractors to site to gain quotations for works suggested verbally by Low Carbon Dorset (to try to get ahead of time for when the report arrives).

RAGs

Bldgs	Bio & Land	Plant & Mach	W & Recycling	Stakeholders
A	R	Not provided	G	Not started

2. Key events/milestones/other achievements in this period

- Project Stream Leaders were appointed at last meeting and have been working on their streams since last meeting.
- Visit by Low Carbon Dorset.

3. Status Report (detail any Issues, Risks and mitigating actions – if status R or A)

Briefly detail reasons behind RAG rating. If R or A, explain corrective action to get back on track.

1. The overall programme is rated Amber in December due to lack of knowledge at Programme level with regards to the absence of some key documents from all streams. No Project Stream plans have been submitted (except Waste and Recycling), only one TOR has been submitted and there is a RAG report missing.

If project plans are not produced, it is extremely high risk that actions will not be planned and therefore not executed.

TORs are essential too so that all Projects stay to their subject matter and do not stray onto other streams.

Mitigating action – all Project Stream leaders have been offered support meetings with Cllr Webb in order to get documents in order – suggest this takes place early January to ensure the programme gets back on track.

2. Two PSLs have advised severely limited personal time to work on the project

Mitigating action – suggest PSLs use their support cllr to take on some of the tasks.

4. Next Period (key action(s))

To have all Project plans and TORs complete and RAG reports submitted on time.

To have first draft of related policies.

To have Low Carbon Dorset report.

To have quotes from suppliers relating to report recommendations.

Report to Wimborne Town Council
by Councillor Maria Roe
Date: 6/1/2020

Wimborne Town Football Club is due to move to a new football ground off the Leigh Road at Parmiter which is being developed by Wyatt Homes. The original S.106 agreement made in 2018 imposed a number of conditions and obligations on the developer which had to be complied with before the development on the Cuthbury site commenced. One requirement was that the new football ground at Parmiter had to be completed before the development of the site began at the Cuthbury to ensure a smooth transition for the club.

I discovered at the beginning of December that this situation has changed significantly. A Deed of Variation was entered into on 4th December 2019 which allows the commencement of development and the occupation of 20 rented affordable housing before the Parmiter football ground is completed. The developer remains obliged to evidence progress with the new ground, but there appears to be no other obligation apart from the open market units (shared ownership) cannot be occupied until the replacement football ground facilities have been provided.

The reason being given is that there has been a delay to the development of the Cuthbury site due to public objection to the footpath diversion order. This in turn, has hindered the delivery of the affordable units to replace substandard accommodation owned by Aster at Cuthbury Close.

Wimborne Town Football club currently hold a lease which it has been told will not be renewed and the club must leave Cuthbury by the end of April. The developer hopes to have the football pitch completed by August. This means that there will be a period of time when the club has nowhere to play football.

MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

6th November 2019 – 7th January 2020

- 07.11.19 Wimborne Academy Trust – The Mayor attended the community leader event focusing on developments of a community plan at Queen Elizabeth's School
- 08.11.19 628 NATO Medals Parade – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the service at The Minster, the Medals presentation and then onto the Royal British Legion for a buffet lunch
- 09.11.19 Wimborne In Bloom Charities Fair – The Mayor attended and opened the annual charities fair while the Mayoress ran a stall
- 10.11.19 Royal British Legion (Wimborne) Remembrance Day Parade – The Mayor attended the service, laid a wreath. This was then followed by a parade to The Legion Clubhouse
- 11.11.19 Armistice Day Commemoration – The Mayor & Mayoress took part in the commemoration on the Minster Green at the War Memorial. There was a short ceremony and two minutes silence and a laying of one wreath
- 13.11.19 Royal British Legion – The Mayor attended and gave out the Poppy Appeal Awards with John Raymond
- 15.11.19 Colehill Parish Council Chairman's Reception – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the reception at the Colehill Memorial Hall
- 16.11.19 Ochsenfurt Twinning – The Mayor & Mayoress attended a dinner at Allendale House, Castleman Suite
- 17.11.19 Ochsenfurt Twinning – The Mayor & Mayoress attended a service held in The Minster
- 21.11.19 Dacombe Cinema & Smart Home Event – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the event and the Mayor opened the evening with cutting of the ribbon
- 21.11.19 East Dorset Scouts District Presentation Evening – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the evening held at Ferndown Middle School
- 23.11.19 Christmas Lights – The Mayor & Mayoress hosted the "Switching on of the Christmas Lights" in The Square. A full day of entertainment and music leading up to the finale of this year's winners of the Christmas Card competition from St John's CE First School. During the day collections were made in aid of the Mayor's charities.
- 27.11.19 Wimborne Green Festival – The Mayor attended the "thank you" evening and gave a message of support and presented cheques to the charities
- 29.11.19 Dorset Federation of Women's Institutes – The Mayor & Mayoress attended Carol Festival held at The Minster
- 01.12.19 Verwood Town Council - The Mayor & Mayoress attended the Christmas Reception commencing at the Town Council Chambers then onto a Reception at The Hub
- 03.12.19 Wimborne United Reformed Church - The Mayor & Mayoress helped with decorating of the tree for the Tree Festival

- 05.12.19 Christmas at Walford Mill – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the late-night shopping event. The evening also had pop-up makers demonstrating
- 06.12.19 Chickerell Town Council Christmas Carol Evening – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the evening at Willowbed Hall
- 07.12.19 Wimborne Choral Society – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the concert which featured Vivaldi Gloria and Karl Jenkins The Armed Man
- 07.12.19 Rotary Club Great Santa Fun Run – The Mayor started the Fun Run off from Allenbourn Middle School
- 08.12.19 Portland Town Council – The Mayor & Mayoress attended a Christmas Carol Service at the Easton Methodist Church
- 11.12.19 St John’s CE First School – The Mayor & Mayoress attended a school Christmas play called the “Inn-spectors” performed by the children
- 14.12.19 Save the Children Parade – The Mayor & Mayoress took part in the annual parade which commenced from Cobham’s, Brook Road
- 17.12.19 Dorset Police – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the Christmas Carol Service held at The Minster to celebrate the coming of Christmas
- 19.12.19 Academy Committee – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the Annual Presentation Event held at Queen Elizabeth’s School
- 20.12.19 Carols in the Cornmarket – The Mayor & Mayoress took part in the carols. The Mayor also quoted a bible reading and actively collected for his various Mayoral charities
- 21.12.19 Collection for Charities – The Mayor & Mayoress with the help of town councillors and their guide and scout collected monies in The Square for the Mayoral charities
- 22.12.19 Gillingham Town Council – The Mayor & Mayoress attended the civic carol service, which was held at the Parish Church, St Mary the Virgin
- 22.12.19 Wareham Town Council – The Mayor attended the carol service which was held at The Priory Church of Lady St Mary
- 31.12.19 New Year’s Eve – The Mayor & Mayoress welcomed in the New Year from the Kings Head balcony and addressed the crowd in the Town at midnight

BID

Tammy Sleet has been employed as BID manager to replace Simon Thomas. She was the manager prior to Simon Thomas and the Board is pleased to see her return.

There is debriefing meeting tomorrow evening for the levy payers regarding the Small Business Saturday and Christmas generally.

Joint Cemetery Committee

Regrettably The Chairman, Cllr Barry Roberts resigned as a Councillor and the remaining CPC representative was not able to commit to the role of Chairman. Therefore as Vice Chairman I was appointed Chairman in November 2019, and Cllr Steve Broad from Pamphill and Shapwick was appointed Vice Chair.

Cllr Susan Cowshill has also had to take a 6 month sabbatical. We therefore have 2 new members from CPC in place namely Cllrs Bride and Morawiec.

The finances are on budget as at December and in October the 6 monthly audit report disclosed no issues.

The budget has been done for next year and requests a 3% increase from the constituent Councils.

In addition to the usual maintenance work has been done to provide for a further children's area as the existing one is full. Fencing has been erected and the area softened.

The cemetery clerk is liaising with the 3 clerks of the constituent councils about VE day celebrations in 2020.

Citizens Advice

Nothing to report