

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the TOWN COUNCIL via video link held on
FRIDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2021 at 10.00 am

MEMBERS PRESENT VIA VIDEO LINK

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 C A Chedgy
Cllr L C Hinks
Cllr M J Hopkins
Cllr D J March
Cllr A E Roberts
Cllr F Shirley
Cllr S Wheeler

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Cllr C L Butter
Cllr W J Richmond
Cllr M R Tidd

OFFICERS PRESENT VIA VIDEO LINK

Town Clerk
Administration Officer

369 **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2020**

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

370 **EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2020**

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

371 **EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2021**

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

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- 372 **EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2021**
- RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed as a correct record.
- 373 **EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2021**
- RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed as a correct record.
- 374 **CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 DECEMBER 2020**
- RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.
- 375 **CONFIRMATION OF PERSONNEL, POLICY & STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JANUARY 2021**
- RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.
- 376 **CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 JANUARY 2021**
- RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.
- 377 **CONFIRMATION OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2021**
- RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.
- 378 **CONFIRMATION OF RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 FEBRUARY 2021**
- RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.
- 379 **CONFIRMATION OF RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2021**
- RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and adopted.

380 **CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL’S REPORT**

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

Cllr Webb asked whether the Town Council would be consulted on the governance review and Cllr Bartlett confirmed that it would.

381 **DORSET COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

Cllr S K Bartlett - see **Appendix B** to these Minutes.

382 **TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES’ REPORTS**

Wimborne Ochsenfurt Twinning Association – Cllr A E Roberts reported that the Association had suspended fees this year as no events were able to take place.

ATC 1069 Squadron – Cllr S Wheeler reported that the Squadron had seen a drop in attendance at its Zoom meetings but hoped to receive guidance from the Dorset Youth Association and RAF about fully reopening in April 2021. The Squadron was struggling to generate funds and he was assisting the Treasurer in completing a funding application. He would arrange to discuss it with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Resources Committee.

Allendale Community Centre Management Committee – Cllr D J March reported that she had resigned from the Committee as she was now a Trustee. The Town Clerk would contact Members to obtain nominations for a replacement. Cllr A E Roberts, who was the reserve representative, confirmed that she would be happy to stand if no other Member was interested in the position.

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

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

The meeting closed at 10.24 am.

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

WIMBORNE MINSTER TOWN COUNCIL – CHAIRMAN’S REPORT 26/2/2021

- 1) GOVERNANCE REVIEW. There will be a governance review across the Dorset Council area and the 156 Town and Parish Council areas will be considered to see what changes may be implemented. This could include joining parishes together or separating some parishes that have in the intervening years increased in size making them more viable. There will be a consultation exercise and the period in which this will take place will be from its start date in July 2021 until its conclusion in July 2022. The last time the curtilage of the parish of Wimborne Minster changed was in 2012.
- 2) ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Holly has passed her CiLCA exams and has her certificate and accreditation for Clerks in Local Government and I am sure you will all join me in congratulating her on this achievement. You will remember that our Administration Officer Shelagh achieved her CiLCA qualification a little while ago, so it is very good news that we have two additionally qualified clerks on the Town Council staff now.
- 3) Norman Payne. It is with great sadness Members that I must report the sad passing of Norman Payne the former chairman of the Valognes Twinning Association.
- 4) Could I please ask Cllr Diann March, who I think knew Norman better than any of us, to say a few words in memory of Norman.
- 5) Would any other Members like to say anything in memory of Norman Payne?

Cllr Shane Bartlett
Chairman of the Town Council

DORSET COUNCIL REPORT 26/2/2021.

- 1) **DORSET COUNCIL BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX.** There will be an increase of 1.997% on the council tax and also to levy 2.995% (3%) as the social care precept. Dorset Council have front loaded their uptake on the social care precept that could be spread over two years and have elected to take the 3% in the first year rather than spread it over the two years. This will bring an increase to a Band D property and will provide a Council Tax income for a Band D of £1779.39p.
Dorset Council is confident it has provided a balanced budget in order to protect front line services while Dorset Council continues to lobby Government for a fairer funding deal for Dorset.
- 2) **THE CITIES TRANSFORMATION FUND.** Dorset and BCP joint local transport plan is progressing with the development of new walk and cycle ways along Leigh Road and Wimborne Road with the reconfiguration of the Leigh Road and Brook Road traffic light junction. This is thought to be the first project nationally started using this fund, principally due to the advanced procurement policies that Dorset Council has in place to deliver a time critical funded project.
- 3) **DORSET COUNCILS CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY POLICY** is finally coming to fruition and is due before the overview and scrutiny committees before progressing to Cabinet for approval.
- 4) **DORSET COUNCIL CARBON EMISSIONS REDUCTION GRANT.** Dorset Council has been successful in acquiring approximately £19 million pounds of Government funding to reduce the heating and lighting cost for its estate buildings, this will bring about savings and contribute to a reduction in carbon emissions in Dorset as part of the Government's national targets.
- 5) **DORSET ASSOCIATION OF TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS** is working on new methods of working and conducting its meetings in the future, embracing digital technology with webinars and virtual meetings rather than face to face meetings. Work is also being done around the area committee structures which may see change in the future. Training and consultation programs will be strengthened and a closer approach and way of partnership working with Dorset Council and Town and Parish Councils in the future.

Cllr Shane Bartlett,
Ward Member for Wimborne Minster,
Dorset Council,

Wimborne Cemetery Joint Management Committee

Cllr Tidd has resigned from the Joint Committee and Cllr Hinks has been appointed.

Covid 19 means that sadly the Cemetery currently has a high number of internments.

The Committee has been and continues to consider a 5 year memorial repair program. Quotes are being obtained for repair work and the public who are responsible for repairs will be able to join in this scheme as well, if they so wish. The Committee's view is that if the persons responsible cannot be contacted, then the Cemetery should fund the repairs. Further information will be given to the 3 councils about this.

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Nothing to report this time.

BID

The BID was elected to continue for another 5 years and planning for the future is already well underway.

The BID organised a virtual pancake Race and the Council sponsored a prize for the children's category.

A virtual "Discover Wimborne" is being organised.

The BID was unaware of the free parking dates proposed so I referred them to the minutes of our meeting.

Cllrs Hinks and I have spoken to the BID about the draft Local Plan and understand the BID is considering its response.

Cllr Chedgy
26 February 2021