



## Wimborne Minster Town Council

Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1LT

Minutes of **Wimborne Minster Town Council** meeting **25 July 2023 at 7pm** in the Council Chamber at Wimborne Minster Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1LT.

**Present:** Town Councillors (Cllrs): S Bartlett, D Burt, C Chedgy, J Hart, L Hinks, D March (Chairman and Town Mayor), J Morgan, B Richmond, A Roberts and S Wheeler (Vice Chairman and Deputy Town Mayor).  
Officers: L Harrison (Town Clerk).  
Members of the public: three.

<b>FC/2023/033</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Apologies were received from Cllr Butter (business) and Cllr Hopkins (non-business). Cllr Chedgy proposed to accept the apologies, seconded by Cllr Hinks, all in favour. <b>Resolved apologies for absence from Cllr Butter and Hopkins were accepted.</b>  Apologies were also received and noted from Dorset Councillor M Roe.
<b>FC/2023/034</b>	<b>Declarations of interest and dispensations</b>  Cllr Bartlett declared a non-pecuniary interest (member of Dorset Council). Cllr Chedgy declared an interest in relation to agenda item 8 (i) (Citizens Advice East Dorset and Purbeck, trustee).
<b>FC/2023/035</b>	<b>Public Participation</b>  Two members of the public addressed Council regarding a matter unrelated to the agenda. The Town Mayor advised the members of the public that their matter could not be discussed as it was not on the agenda. The members of the public continued to address Council and the meeting was adjourned by the Town Mayor. The members of the public left the meeting and the meeting was reconvened.
<b>FC/2023/036</b>	<b>Updates, announcements and reports</b>  The Town Mayor confirmed her report would be circulated as part of the minutes (appendix 1) and provided a verbal summary of the Civic Day that had been attended by 44 people on 14 July. The Town Mayor also updated Council on the work the Wimborne Minster Bunting and Bags Team had

undertaken with their Boomerang Bags project and showed councillors an example of a bag produced by the Team.

Cllr Bartlett provided information on recent Dorset Council Cabinet meetings.

The Town Clerk provided information regarding a recent Dorset Council Town and Parish meeting she had attended. As a result enquiries were underway with Dorset Council to invite an officer from the Planning East team to attend a future Town Council meeting and provide information on Dorset Council's Community Infrastructure Levy system and the town's building developments. The Town Clerk also confirmed she had been interviewed in the recent edition of the Dorset View magazine.

Cllr Chedgy informed Council the Cemetery Joint Management Committee had met and the three constituent councils had agreed exit terms.

The Town Council's representative for the Valognes Twinning Association, Cllr Hinks, confirmed the Association had had a busy few months including: a promotional day at the Folk Festival where new members had joined; evening talks during April, and the annual barbeque on the windiest July day ever. Forthcoming events included the President's picnic at Pamphill in August open to all, the biannual visit 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September at Valognes, and a new "Hello, Bonjour" themed entertainment evening at the Allendale Centre 18<sup>th</sup> October. The next meeting of the Association was confirmed on 24<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllr Hart informed Council of the "Glow Badbury" event at Badbury Rings on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September organised by Wimborne Community Theatre in partnership with the National Trust and confirmed Wimborne Marching Band were attending the event.

The Town Council's representative for Wimborne BID, Cllr Morgan, updated Council regarding recent meetings he had attended. Cllr Morgan confirmed the following: the wayfinding signs project had been approved by Dorset Council and a date was to be confirmed with councillors to view the project; the town centre radios and mast were due to be upgraded; street cleaning issues were being managed, the opportunity of a service level agreement was being researched between the BID Manager and Town Clerk, and the Christmas market project may be extended owing to the success of the last years market.

The Town Council's representative on Dreamboats, Cllr Bartlett, confirmed the Regatta was taking place on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

The Town Council's representative on Wimborne in Bloom, Cllr Roberts, informed councillors that the organisation were looking for a new watering contractor and that displays might be affected.

<p><b>FC/2023/037</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of Wimborne Minster Town Council meetings 25 April and 27 June 2023</b></p> <p>Cllr Chedgy proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting on 25 April 2023 a correct record to be signed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hart, all in favour.</p> <p><b>Resolved: the minutes of the meeting on 25 April 2023 were approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.</b></p> <p>Cllr Bartlett proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting on 27 June 2023 a correct record to be signed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Chedgy, nine in favour, one abstention.</p> <p><b>Resolved: the minutes of the meeting on 27 June 2023 were approved as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman.</b></p>
<p><b>FC/2023/038</b></p>	<p><b>Actions from previous meetings</b></p> <p>The outstanding research regarding the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme was noted.</p> <p>It was agreed to defer the appointment of the representatives on the Fairtrade Steering Group and Museum of East Dorset. Cllr Chedgy proposed Cllr Hart was appointed representative on Planet Wimborne, seconded by Cllr Hinks, all in favour.</p> <p><b>Resolved: Cllr Hart was appointed the representative on Planet Wimborne.</b></p> <p>It was agreed a representative on the Ochsenfurt Twinning Association was not required at this time.</p> <p>The Town Clerk confirmed the lunch club service at St John’s Church was not being withdrawn by the Probation Service.</p> <p>It was agreed to defer the Armed Forces Covenant item.</p> <p>The Council’s Action Plan Working Group was discussed. Cllr Chedgy proposed to continue the work of the Working Group, seconded by Cllr Hart, all in favour.</p> <p><b>Resolved: the work of the Action Plan Working Group was to continue.</b></p>
<p><b>FC/2023/039</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes, notes and recommendations from committees and working groups</b></p> <p>The draft minutes and notes for the Recreation Leisure and Buildings Committee 4 July, Planning and Environment Committee meeting 11 July, Finance and Governance Committee 18 July, Town Liaison Group 30 June and Cemetery Joint Management Committee 10 July were all noted. The draft minutes for the Cemetery Joint Management Committee 24 July were deferred.</p>

<p><b>FC/2023/040</b></p>	<p><b>Recommendations from Committees and/or Working Groups</b></p> <p>The recommendations from the Finance and Governance Committee were considered.</p> <p>Cllr Chedgy left the meeting. Cllr Morgan proposed to approve the Community Grant Scheme application from Citizens Advice East Dorset and Purbeck for £8,000, seconded by Cllr Wheeler, all in favour.</p> <p><b>Resolved: the Community Grant Scheme application from Citizens Advice East Dorset and Purbeck for £8,000 was approved.</b></p> <p>Cllr Chedgy returned to the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Chedgy proposed Wimborne Minster Town Council was to open a new business current bank account with Unity Trust Bank and close the two accounts with Nat West, seconded by Cllr Hinks, all in favour.</p> <p><b>Resolved: Wimborne Minster Town Council was to open a new business current bank account with Unity Trust Bank and close the two accounts with Nat West.</b></p> <p>Cllr Chedgy proposed to close Wimborne Minster Town Council's petty cash account, seconded by Cllr Hinks, all in favour.</p> <p><b>Resolved: Wimborne Minster Town Council's petty cash account was closed.</b></p> <p>The request from the Town Liaison Group 30 June 2023 to review the use of the town square by groups, organisations and businesses was discussed. Cllr Wheeler proposed the use of Wimborne Minster town square was to be limited to any group or business to 10 days of the year; any use of the square by a local group or local charity was to be free of charge; any use of the square by a commercial business was to be charged a fee set by Dorset Council, and the use of the square was to be reviewed after one year.</p> <p><b>Resolved: the use of Wimborne Minster town square was to be limited to any group or business to 10 days of the year; any use of the square by a local group or local charity was to be free of charge; any use of the square by a commercial business was to be charged a fee set by Dorset Council, and the use of the square was to be reviewed after one year.</b></p>
<p><b>FC/2023/041</b></p>	<p><b>Correspondence, consultations, and forthcoming meetings</b></p> <p>The information regarding the D Day 80 year Anniversary on 6 June 2024 was noted. It was agreed to book the Town Square for the event.</p> <p>The request from Wimborne BID regarding four free parking days were considered. Cllr Chedgy proposed Wimborne Minster Town Council apply to Dorset Council for free parking days on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, seconded by Cllr Hinks, eight on favour, two abstentions.</p>

	<p><b>Resolved: Wimborne Minster Town Council was to apply to Dorset Council for free parking days on Saturday 18th and 25th November and Friday 1st December.</b></p> <p>The Dorset Council's Proposed Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order consultation was discussed. The Town Clerk and Cllrs Chedgy, Roberts and Mach declared their family pet dogs were walked in Redcotts Recreation Ground. Cllr Chedgy proposed Wimborne Minster Town Council responded to Dorset Council's Proposed Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order consultation in a manner that mirrored Wimborne Minster Town Council's previous responses to the original order, seconded by Cllr Wheeler, eight in favour, two abstentions.</p> <p><b>Resolved: Wimborne Minster Town Council was to respond to Dorset Council's Proposed Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Order consultation in a manner that mirrored Wimborne Minster Town Council's previous responses to the original order.</b></p> <p>Dorset Council's Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy Consultation was discussed. Cllr Richmond proposed the Town Clerk and Town Mayor responded to the consultation, seconded by Cllr Burt, all in favour.</p> <p><b>Resolved: the Town Clerk and Town Mayor were to respond to Dorset Council's Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy Consultation on behalf of Wimborne Minster Town Council.</b></p>
<p><b>FC/2023/042</b></p>	<p><b>Close of meeting</b> The meeting was closed at 8.43pm.</p>

Signature of Chairman: .....

Date: .....

**Appendix 1 – Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor engagements 10 May to 25 July 2023**

- 10 May - the Town Mayor and Escort, Cllr C Butter, attended the Mayor of Weymouth Town Council, Cllr A Weaving's, Civic Day.
- 13 May – the Town Mayor and Escort, Cllr C Butter, attended Salisbury City Council Mayor Making (the new City Mayor, Cllr A Hoque, is the first Muslim Mayor and 762<sup>nd</sup> Mayor of the City).
- 14 May – the Town Mayor, accompanied by Cllrs C Butter, A Roberts, S Bartlett and Mrs Tracy Bartlett, attended the Communion Service in the Minster Church of St Cuthburga and was publicly welcomed as the new Mayor by the Reverend Canon A Rowland, Rector of Wimborne Minster.
- 16 May – the Town Mayor attended the official opening of the refurbished radiology department of Victoria Hospital, Wimborne Minster (ribbon cut by Mr Harry Redknapp).
- 20 May - in the morning the Town Mayor attended Wimborne in Bloom's coffee morning event and in the evening attended the Minster Church of St Cuthburga Inaugural Recital for the newly rebuilt organ.

- 30 May – the Town Mayor attended St John’s Lunch Club for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of club member.
- 1 June - the Town Mayor attended a coffee morning in aid of the Riding for the Disabled (one of the town Mayor’s charities).
- 7 June – the Town Mayor attended the Dorset National Farmers Union Countryside Day at Warren Hill Farm in Puddletown.
- 9 June – the Town Mayor attended and opened a volunteer fayre held at Wimborne Community Centre.
- 10 June - in the afternoon the Town Mayor led the Folk Festival procession escorted by the Town Crier and Wimborne Militia and afterwards, also accompanied Mr A (MBE) and Mrs C Oliver, attended Wimborne Community Centre for a 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion of the Upper Sixth Form at Corfe Hills School,
- 25 June – the Town Mayor and Escort, Mr J March, attended the Civic Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication held by the Mayor of Christchurch, Cllr V Charrett, in Christchurch Priory.
- 25 June - the Deputy Mayor attended the Civic Service of the Mayor of Wareham, Cllr C Turner, at The Priory Church of Lady St Mary.
- 1 July – the Town Mayor attended the Civic Day of the Mayor of Chickerell, Cllr M Jolliffe, including visiting the Chickerell Steam and Vintage Show.
- 2 July – the Town Mayor attended the Annual Civic Service of the Mayor of Yeovil, Cllr A Kendall.
- 4 July – the Town Mayor attended the official ‘Advice Bus’ launch by East Dorset and Purbeck Citizens Advice.
- 13 July – the Town Mayor attended a tea party for the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of a town resident held at Wimborne Model Town.
- 14 July – the Town Mayor and Escort, Cllr C Butter, held a civic walkabout in the afternoon visiting the Museum of East Dorset, the Minster Church of St Cuthburga and Wimborne Model Town where a cream tea was served. The event was attended by 44 people including the High Sheriff of Dorset and his wife, the Vice Chairman of East Dorset and his wife, sixteen mayors or deputies and their escorts, Freeman and Town Crier Mr C Brown, Freeman Mr A (MBE) and Mrs C Oliver, and Freeman Mrs P Hymers.
- 21 July – the Town Mayor and Escort, Cllr Butter, attended the Civic Day of the Town Mayor of Shaftsbury, Cllr V Edwyn-Jones.
- 22 July - the Town Mayor attended the Museum of East Dorset summer fete and opened the event.
- 24 July – the Town Mayor attended Wimborne War on Waste Boomerang Bag presentation to local shops held at the Town Hall.

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