



Minutes of **Wimborne Minster Town Council** meeting **28 November 2023 at 7pm**,  
in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne Minster, Dorset BH21 1LT.

**Present:** Town Councillors (Cllrs): S Bartlett, C Butter, J Hart, 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: none.

<b>FC/2023/074</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs C Chedgy, L Hinks and M Hopkins (all non-business). Cllr Butter proposed to accept the apologies, seconded by Cllr Morgan, all in favour. <b>Resolved apologies for absence from Cllrs Chedgy, L Hinks and Hopkins were accepted.</b>
<b>FC/2023/075</b>	<b>Declarations of interest and dispensations</b> Cllr Bartlett declared a non-pecuniary interest (member of Dorset Council)..
<b>FC/2023/076</b>	<b>Public Participation</b> None.
<b>FC/2023/077</b>	<b>Updates, announcements and reports</b> The Town Mayor provided a verbal summary of four events recently attended (see appendix 1) and thanked councillors for collecting donations towards her charities. Cllr Bartlett, as the Dorset Council ward member, confirmed the pedestrian crossing at Stone Lane was progressing, traffic calming measures at Station Terrace were being implemented, and a strategic review of market towns across Dorset was being undertaken. Cllr Wheeler, the representative for 1069 Squadron Air Training Corps, confirmed the unit had moved back into their refurbished accommodation and had donated a fridge to the food kitchen at the Allendale Centre. Cllr Hart confirmed the first meeting of the School Council had been very successful and two further term meetings were to take place next year. Cllr Morgan, as the representative for Wimborne BID, reported a recent meeting had gone well and the Town Council were due to receive a community grant application from the English Civic War Society for an event next year in the town. Cllr Roberts, as the representative for Wimborne in Bloom, reported some planters had been left empty until the New Year's Eve event had taken place. Cllr Butter, as the representative for Walford Mill Education Trust, reported the AGM was taking place next week.

	The Town Mayor, as the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council Association's representative, reported the AGM had taken place last week.
<b>FC/2023/078</b>	<b>Minutes of Wimborne Minster Town Council meeting 31 October 2023</b> Cllr Hart proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting on 31 October 2023 as correct record to be signed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Wheeler, six in favour, two abstentions. <b>Resolved: the minutes of the meeting on 31 October 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</b>
<b>FC/2023/079</b>	<b>Actions from previous meetings</b> The two actions from the previous meeting (town square bookings and Dorset Year of Culture) were deferred.
<b>FC/2023/080</b>	<b>Minutes, notes and recommendations from committees and working groups</b> The draft minutes and notes for the Recreation Leisure and Buildings Committee 7 November, Finance and Governance Committee 7 November, HR Committee 8 November, Community Events and Liaison Committee 8 November, Planning and Environment Committee 14 November and Cemetery JMC 20 November were noted.
<b>FC/2023/081</b>	<b>Recommendations from Committees and/or Working Groups</b> The recommendations from the Finance and Governance Committee were considered. Cllr Butter proposed to accept and adopt the recommendation from the Committee to purchase a projector, projector screen and meeting 'Owl' to facilitate hybrid meetings at a cost of £2,197 plus installation costs, seconded by Cllr Richmond, all in favour. <b>Resolved: the recommendations from the Finance and Governance Committee to purchase a projector, projector screen and meeting 'Owl' to facilitate hybrid meetings at a cost of £2,197 plus installation costs were accepted and approved.</b>
<b>FC/2023/082</b>	<b>Freeman badges</b> The Town Mayor and Town Clerk provided background information on the current Freeman badges. Cllr Bartlett proposed to accept and approve the quote from Fattorini's at a cost of £269.17 each and order three, seconded by Cllr Butter, seven in favour and one abstention. <b>Resolved: the quote from Fattorini's for the Freeman badge at a cost of £269.17 each and order of three was accepted and approved.</b>
<b>FC/2023/083</b>	<b>Forthcoming meetings and close of meeting</b> The forthcoming meetings were noted and the Town Mayor closed the meeting at 19.28pm.

Signature of Chairman: .....

Date: .....

#### Appendix 1 – Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor engagements 1 to 28 November 2023

11 November The Town Mayor attended Wimborne in Bloom's Charity Fair at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne Minster.  
The Town Mayor attended the Minster Green and laid a wreath on the War Memorial at 11am.

- 12 November The Town Mayor attended the Remembrance Day Parade and Service in Wimborne Minster.  
The Town Mayor and Lt Col Ben Psaila (Chief of Staff HQ, Defence Signal School in Blandford) signed the Armed Forces Covenant at the Town Hall witnessed by the High Sheriff Mr Colin Weston MBE JP and His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Dorset Mr Angus Campell.
- 19 November The Town Mayor and escort, Cllr Butter, attended Verwood Civic Day.
- 25 November The Town Mayor attended the Town Council's Christmas lights switch on event, watched the performances, switched on the lights with four young riders of Green Cottage Riding for the Disabled, and joined the Militia on the Minster Green for the musket firing display.

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