



**Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee** meeting held on **Tuesday 16 July 2024 at 7pm** in the Committee Room, Wimborne Minster Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne Minster, Dorset, BH21 1LT.

**Present**

Town Councillors: S Bartlett, J Hart, B Richmond, A Roberts and S Wheeler (Chairman).  
Officers: KR Brooks (Deputy Town Clerk).  
Members of the public: Three.

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| PEC/2024/014 | <b>Apologies for absence.</b><br>There were no apologies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| PEC/2024/015 | <b>Public Participation.</b><br>It was agreed to move item 8 forward to the next item of business to facilitate the presence of three members of the public (residents in Birchdale Road). The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed the request for adverse possession had been submitted to Dorset Council with the correct post code. The members of the public asked if the request was successful and how would the land be used. Councillor Wheeler confirmed members of public would be updated once Dorset Council had responded to the Town Council's request. The three members of the public were thanked for attending and left the meeting.                                                                                                                   |
| PEC/2024/016 | <b>Declarations of interest and dispensations.</b><br>Councillor Bartlett declared a non-pecuniary interest (Dorset Council Ward Councillor) and did not vote in relation to minute reference PEC/2024/018.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| PEC/2024/017 | <b>Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meetings on 18 June 2024.</b><br>Councillor Hart proposed the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on the 18 June be agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Richmond, all in favour.<br><b>Resolved: the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on the 18 June 2024 were agreed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and were signed by the Chairman with one amendment.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| PEC/2024/018 | <b>Planning applications for consideration.</b><br>(i) P/VOC/2024/03379 (Leigh Road). Councillor Wheeler proposed to object – Wimborne Minster Town Council was not clear what conditions have been changed. However, the Town Council notes that any alterations to this development, especially the landscaping, must use native species within Wimborne Minster to avoid invasive species. Access and parking should also be a prerequisite for the site, given its proximity to residents and a new school, both of which could lead to congestion at busy times. Seconded by Councillor Hart, four in favour.<br><b>Resolved objection - Wimborne Minster Town Council notes that any alterations to this development, especially the landscaping, must</b> |

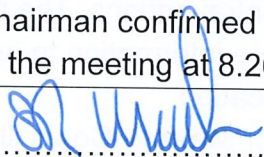
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- (ii) Licensing (Majestic Wine, 7 West Borough). Councillor Wheeler proposed to object - Wimborne Minster Town Council have been requested to consider a licence application for Majestic Wines that proposes to sell alcohol until 11 PM. The Town Council notes other Majestic Wines stores generally close by 8 PM, with a few exceptions extending to 9 PM at the latest. Given this, the Town Council were unclear why a later closing time had been requested. Concerns allowing sales until 11 PM could lead to increased anti-social behaviour, street drinking, and litter, particularly in a predominantly residential area and suggested the licence be brought in line with the standard closing times of other Majestic Wines stores, ideally no later than 8 PM. Seconded by Councillor Hart, four in favour,  
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- (iii) P/TRT/2024/03399 (Land adjacent to Pastures Place and Thresher Way). Councillor Roberts proposed to object – Wimborne Minster Town Council noted there was no reason to fell the trees, Wimborne Minster were committed to growing its tree canopy, this action would severely damage that coverage, for the sake of convenience. The felling of healthy trees was against the Governments Trees and Woodland Strategy (TAWS). Seconded by Councillor Wheeler, four in favour.  
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- (iv) P/HOU/2024/03532 (31 Grove Road) Councillor Hart proposed no objection, seconded by Councillor Roberts, four in favour.  
**Resolved: no objection.**
- (v) P/TRC/2024/03646 (18 King Street). Councillor Richmond proposed to object - The Government had set out a Trees and Woodlands Strategy (TAWS), Wimborne Minster Town Council, were committed to following this lead. There were no definitive reason for felling these trees; the removal appears to be for convenience rather than due to an arborist's

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|              | <p>recommendation. TAWS emphasises the importance of preserving mature trees. The reasons stated in the application for felling seemed beyond resolution through remedial tree maintenance. The provision of replacement trees of 2-3 metres does not adequately compensate for the loss of habitats. The reduction of the tree canopy by felling these trees was contrary to the council's goals of increasing the mature tree canopy in the townscape, which benefits all residents. The Government's TAWS underscores the critical role mature trees play in the environment. The Town Council strongly object to this application and urge all stakeholders to be mindful of TAWS and the collective responsibility to enhance and preserve the tree canopy for the benefit of current and future residents. Seconded by Councillor Roberts, four in favour.</p> <p><b>Resolved: objection - The Town Council strongly object to this application and urge all stakeholders to be mindful of TAWS and the collective responsibility to enhance and preserve the tree canopy for the benefit of current and future residents.</b></p> <p>(vi) Licencing (Butchers Dog, East Street) - Wimborne Minster Town Council had been requested to comment on the licensing for the sale of alcohol at the Butchers Dog, Dorset Police requested a review and submitted a detailed report of license contraventions. The item was deferred so the Committee could gather more information to be recorded on a retrospective planning application.</p> <p>(vii) P/HOU/2024/03296 (1 Ensor Mews) - Councillor Wheeler proposed no objection, seconded by Councillor Hart, four in favour.</p> <p><b>Resolved: no objection.</b></p> |
| PEC/2024/019 | <p><b>Application responses submitted between meetings as per the Committee's Terms of Reference.</b></p> <p>The Committee noted the retrospective responses to Sitting Out Licence, Sonder Coffee, 48 East Street (no objection), P/HOU/2024/03088 (no objection), P/HOU/2024/03117 (no objection), P/LBC/2024/03300 (no objection), P/MPO/2024/03488 (no objection), Sitting Out Licence, The White Hart, 6 Corn Market (objection)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PEC/2024/020 | <p><b>Dorset Tree Strategy.</b></p> <p>Councillor Wheeler discussed the need for increased tree coverage in the town and to work within Dorset Councils Trees and Woodland Strategy (TAWS). It was agreed the Deputy Town Clerk would send a letter to Dorset Council endorsing the Trees and Woodland Strategy, emphasising the Town Councils contribution to broader biodiversity goals and best practices and to arrange a future meeting.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| PEC/2024/021 | <p><b>Correspondence and meetings relevant to the Committee's Terms of Reference.</b></p> <p>Correspondence from a resident regarding overgrown hedges and poor parking, which was creating problems on Cemetery Road, was considered. It was agreed the Deputy Town Clerk was to confirm with Dorset Council dates planned hedge trims and pass onto the resident.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|                     | <p>The Committee considered a request from a resident regarding placing a pedestrian crossing in the Square on the corner near the Costa's Coffee shop. The Committee did not support this and noted pedestrian and driver awareness were factors that could cause hazards for all.</p> <p>An email was received from a resident complaining about the high speeds on the B3078 Cranborne Road and the hazards to pedestrians, particularly school children and the requirement for a pedestrian crossing. Councillor Bartlett confirmed Dorset Council were investigating the requirement for a crossing and it was agreed the Deputy Town Clerk would get an update Dorset Council.</p> <p>The Committee considered a request from resident about the excessive speeds of vehicles on Avenue Road and what was to be done about curtailing it. The Committee discussed the situation and agreed the Deputy Town Clerk was to contact Dorset Council and ask for any driver awareness literature to be used as a strategy to educate and raise awareness of drivers speeding. The Committee discussed the Dorset Council proposed footway schemes in the town and requested if Dorset Council could alter their plan to avoid the felling of one tree as the Committee felt it was unnecessary,</p> |
| <b>PEC/2024/022</b> | <p><b>Date of next meeting and close of meeting.</b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed the date of the next meeting as 13 August 2024 and closed the meeting at 8.26pm.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

Signature of Chairman: Date: 13/08/2024