



Minutes of **Wimborne Minster Town Council** meeting on **29 October 2024** 7pm  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne Minster, Dorset BH21 1LT.

### **Present**

Town Councillors: J Billington, C Brown, D Burt, W Chakawhata, J Hart (Town Mayor), L Hector, B Jaggs, R Nash, A Roberts, C Ryan, I Sandy and D Trim.  
Officers: L Harrison (Town Clerk).  
Public: One (Dorset Ward Councillor D Morgan).

### **FC/2024/100 Town Mayor's welcome**

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, reminded everyone present the meeting was being recorded and confirmed anyone addressing the meeting did not have to stand. The Town Mayor also thanked everyone for supporting recent fundraising events.

### **FC/2024/101 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors S Bartlett (business), J Morgan (non-business), B Richmond (non-business) and S Wheeler (business). Councillor Jaggs proposed to accept apologies, seconded by Councillor Billington, all in favour. **Resolved.**  
Apologies were also received and noted from Dorset Ward Councillors J Atwal and A Todd, and the representative from Dorset Police.

### **FC/2024/102 Declarations of interest and dispensations**

The following councillors declared non-pecuniary interests: Chakawhata (member of Dorset Council), Brown (Town Crier and member of Wimborne Militia) and Jaggs (relatives worked for Dorset Police and Dorset Council).

### **FC/2024/103 Public participation**

None

### **FC/2024/104 Updates and reports**

Dorset Councillor Morgan reported meetings were ongoing to address resident speeding concerns around Cranbourne Road, a consultation was taking place regarding the proposed 20mph speed limit at Burts Hill / Cranborne Road, a local developer had agreed to fund a cycleway but the installation timing or location had not been confirmed to date, Dorset Council was in the process of working on a draft budget for 2025 2026, and gritting routes / resources were in place for winter (684 miles of routes, 100 staff and 25 new vehicles).

Councillor Chakawhata, as a Dorset Council ward member, confirmed he was also liaising with residents regarding speeding concerns in Cranbourne Road.

The Town Mayor reported he had attended several civic and fundraising events (see appendix 1) and thanked the Town Council's Civic Events and Liaison Officer for his work and support. The Town Mayor also confirmed a Scout Cadet had been appointed and reminded everyone present of the forthcoming School Council meeting on 12 November.

Councillor Roberts, as the representative for St Margaret's and Stone Charity, reported attending a recent bi-annual meeting and confirmed the recent tenant noise issues had been resolved.

Councillor Roberts, as the representative for Valognes Twinning Association, reported the recent Encore Hello Bonjour event had been well attended.



Councillor Hector, as the representative of Planet Wimborne, reported the Green Festival event had gone well and confirmed she was securing volunteers for a speed watch initiative.

Councillor Sandy, as one of the representatives for Citizens Advice, reported he had attended a recent Citizens Advice meeting and had arranged to visit to find out more about their work. He also congratulated the Valognes Twinning Association on their recent Encore Hello Bonjour event.

Councillor Brown, as the representative for Walford Mill Education Trust, had supported recent artists events as the Town Crier.

Councillors who had attended a recent CCTV visit agreed it had been a useful and worthwhile event.

#### **FC/2024/105 Full Council minutes 24 September and 14 May 2024**

Councillor Nash proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting on 24 September as a correct record to be signed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Hector, all in favour. **Resolved.**

Councillor Chakawhata proposed to approve the amended Full Council minutes of 14 May 2024 (inclusion of the loss of General Power of Competence status), seconded by Councillor Roberts, seven in favour and five abstentions. **Resolved.**

#### **FC/2024/106 Committee minutes and working group notes**

The following Committee minutes and working group notes were noted: Recreation Leisure and Buildings Committee 1 October, Planning and Environment Committee 8 October, Finance and Governance Committee 15 October and Community Engagement and Liaison Committee 22 October.

#### **FC/2024/107 Recommendations for Council's Standing Committees**

The recommendations from the Community Events and Liaison Committee meeting on 22 October (to submit an expression of interest for Dorset Town of Culture 2026 and adopt the two telephone boxes in the Town Square at a cost of £2) were discussed. Councillor Billington proposed the Town Council submit an Expression of Interest for Dorset Town of Culture 2026, seconded by Councillor Ryan, eight in favour, three against and one abstention. **Resolved.**

Councillor Burt proposed not to adopt the two tele[phone boxes. No seconder. Motion failed. It was agreed to defer the adoption of the two telephone boxes until further research was undertaken to establish the cost of maintaining them over an annual period was confirmed.

#### **FC/2024/108 Review of committee membership**

Councillor Brown agreed to come off the Finance and Governance and Planning and Environment Committee, Councillors Billington and Ryan off the Finance and Governance meetings, and Councillor Ryan off the HR and Recreation Leisure and Buildings Committee's. It was agreed Councillors Burt would go onto the Finance and Governance Committee, and Councillor Jaggs onto the Recreation Leisure and Buildings Committee. It was agreed the updated committee memberships would be circulated by email and Councillor Roberts reminded councillors that they were able to attend all meetings as a member of the public.

#### **FC/2024/109 Wimborne Cemetery**

The activity report from 1 April to 30 September 2024 was noted.

The feedback from the Town Council's entry for Cemetery of the Year Award was noted and the Cemetery Manager thanked for all her hard work in applying for the award and assessing the feedback.

The break-in and theft of equipment at the Cemetery Workshop on 5 October was noted.

The request from Dorset Council to review the current cyclist signage at the Cemetery site was discussed. Councillor Billington proposed to accept the recommendations from the Cemetery Manager (removing the 'cyclists dismount' signs and replace with new signage "considerate cycling welcomed"), seconded by Councillor Sandy, eleven in favour, one against. **Resolved.**



**FC/2024/110 Exempt Business**

Councillor Nash proposed to go into exempt business due to the confidential nature of the agenda item to be discussed (legal transfer of land), seconded by Councillor Jaggs, all in favour. **Resolved.** Dorset Ward Council Morgan left the meeting.

**FC/2024/111 Legal transfer of Parmiter Drive allotments**

Councillor Roberts proposed to approve and sign the TP1 Land transfer document and Deed of Covenant for Parmiter Drive allotments, seconded by Councillor Chakawhata, eleven in favour, one abstention. **Resolved.** The Town Mayor confirmed the meeting resumed out of Exempt Business.

**FC/2024/112 Councillor Brown's Wimborne Fire Station motion**

Councillors were provided with annual incident statistical information attended by Wimborne Fire Station over the last five years and background information on Wimborne Fire Station's on-call status and appliances. Councillor Brown proposed the Town Council was to formally register its concern at the proposed loss of a fire tender unit from Wimborne Fire Station at a point in time when the town was expanding in population given the number of times Wimborne Fire tenders were called out to cover the East Dorset area for a multitude of reasons and the implication of the reduction in service in terms of increased risk of potential harm, serious injury and loss of life to residents and visitors as well as putting the fire service personnel in greater danger. Seconded by Councillor Hart, all in favour. **Resolved.**

**FC/2024/113 Future meetings, motions and close of meeting**

Future meetings were noted. The following motions suggested for the next Full Council meeting: a review of CCTV provision including adding an additional camera at Hanham Road underpass, and revisit youth service provision.  
The meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Signature of Chairman: .....

Date: ..... 26/11/2024

**Appendix 1 - Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor engagements from 24 September to 29 October 2024**

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| 27 September | The Town Mayor and Mayoress, Mrs Barbara Hart, attended the Chief Scout Award presentation evening at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wimborne Scout HQ, Riverside Industrial Park in Wimborne Minster.  |
| 2 October    | The Town Mayor attended a public relations event to publicise the new wayfinding signs located throughout town as organised by Wimborne Business Improvement District.   |
| 10 October   | The Town Mayor attended the Planet Wimborne children's illustrated poetry prize giving competition in Wimborne Library.  |
| 12 October   | The Town Mayor and Mayoress, Mrs Barbara Hart, attended a Breast Cancer Awareness event at the Wimborne Minster.<br>The Town Mayor, accompanied by the Town Crier Chris Brown, opened the Planet Wimborne Green Festival on the Minster Green. |
| 15 October   | The Town Mayor and Mayoress, Mrs Barbara Hart, attended a Royal Voluntary Service presentation at Hyacinth Care Home in Wimborne Minster.  |
| 16 October   | The Town Mayor attended the REACH open day at the Community Learning and #resource Centre in Wimborne Minster.   |
| 21 October   | The Town Mayor and Mayoress, Mrs Barbara Hart, attended the Town Mayor's Big Quiz at the Allendale Centre raising funds for the mayor's charities (Planet Wimborne and Friends of Victoria Hospital).  |
| 24 October   | The Town Mayor, Mayoress Mrs Barbara Hart and Town Crier Chris Brown attended the Valognes Twinning Association's "Encore Hello Bonjour" event at the Allendale Centre in Wimborne Minster.  |
| 26 October   | The Town Mayor and Mayoress, Mrs Barbara Hart, attended the Poppy Launch Appeal in Wimborne Minster.   |
| 28 October   | The Town Mayor and Mayoress, Mrs Barbara Hart, attended the Dorset Legal Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Blandford Forum.  |

