



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

You are invited to attend
Wimborne Minster School Council Meeting
Tuesday 11 June 2024 3.45pm
at the above address.

L. Harrison (Town Clerk/RFO), Wimborne Minster Town Council, 23 May 2024.

Participants are asked to note that in the exercise of their functions they must take note of the following: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend this meeting; however please note this is not a formal Town Council meeting as per Local Government Act 1972 and photographs, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of this meeting by any means must be agreed at the time of the meeting with parents, teachers and the Town Clerk in line with personal data legislation.

Any person who may find difficulty in access to the meeting through disability is asked to advise the Town Clerk as detailed above at least 24 hours before the meeting so that every effort may be made to provide access.

Refreshments will be made available for participants.

Agenda

1. Welcome from the Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Wheeler.
2. Apologies for absence - please can participants give any apologies by email or telephone by 1pm on the day of the meeting.
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the previous Wimborne Minster School Council meeting held on 12 March 2024 (appendix 1 below).
4. Update from the Town Council:
 - adoption of the Town Council's Strategic Plan on 30 April specifically priority TC/03/01 to support youth activities <https://www.wimborne.gov.uk/your-council/council-priorities/>
 - results of the town / parish / county council elections 2 May
5. Discuss the option of creating a School Council Steering Group with the aim of planning forthcoming meetings and electing three representatives onto the Group.
6. Debate on local youth services.
7. Agree motions for the next School Council meeting (12 November).
8. Presentation to the winners of the School Council poster competition by Heather Lowe from Planet Wimborne.
9. Close of meeting.

Appendix 1 - Minutes of Wimborne Minster School Council meeting on 12 March 2024 at 3.45pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne Minster, Dorset BH21 1LT.

School representatives present:

Corfe Hills – C Wainwright; Dumpton – A Redwood and A Spruch; Hayeswood First – J Craik, M Dawson, E Knott and M Knott; Queen Elizabeth's - G Aldworth, M Bignell and LR Hubbard; St John's First – T Houghton; St Michale's Middle – M Cooper, R Moran and A Sewell; Witchampton First – A Cody, A Edwards and A Hardyman; Wimborne First – E Hay and A Young.

Town Councillors present:

J Hart, B Richmond, and S Wheeler (Town Council Vice Chairman and Deputy Town Mayor).

Town Council Officers:

L Harrison (Town Clerk) and K Brooks (Deputy Town Clerk).

Members of the public present:

Eight parents and teachers and two representatives from Planet Wimborne (L Bunting and S Wise).

WMSC /2023/08	<p>Introduction</p> <p>Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves. Cllrs Hart and Wheeler thanked everyone for attending the meeting and explained the format of the agenda for the meeting.</p>
WMSC /2023/09	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Cllrs D March (the Town Mayor) and C Chedgy.</p>
WMSC /2023/10	<p>Minutes of the School Council on 21 November 2022</p> <p>The minutes were noted with one amendment.</p>
WMSC /2023/11	<p>Items and actions from the last meeting.</p> <p>School representatives were asked to come up with ideas around how the Town Council could help young people have a voice and take part in decisions that shaped the future of Wimborne Minster. The following ideas were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create an email account for the School Council representatives to access with ideas • undertake school trips to visit areas/buildings and undertake volunteer work • comment boxes / letter boxes in various locations throughout the town for positive and negative comments • run mini campaigns • tutor times that included an opportunity to comment on youth issues and share information about youth activities in the town • a voting board centrally located for ideas and then identify the top three for discussion <p>School representatives were asked to discuss ideas for a poster that encouraged bin use, no littering and recycling. The following ideas were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prizes to encourage creation of posters in schools • encourage larger shops to introduce a reward system for litter that was returned by the public (e.g. issue stamps on a card resulting in a % discount on items bought) • instal bins that were clearly and consistently marked for recycling in terms of signage and colour (e.g. red, blue and green) throughout the town • encourage schools to undertake litter picks in the town • posters should be brightly coloured, content linked to bins in town and placed in areas where there was a lot of footfall • highlight areas where there was a lot of litter to be collected • educate people about what to do with their litter • aim posters at older children and the litter they create (e.g. tins)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> miss a lesson to go and do a litter pick <p>School representatives were asked to discuss activities, locations and facilities for a youth service in Wimborne Minster. The following ideas were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> any location for a youth service should be in housing area where families live need to make younger people feel safer install shelters for when it's raining have a building like the Reef that had different activities for different age groups, a tuck shop, was affordable (e.g. £2) and was eco-friendly needed inside and outside places with refreshments somewhere in the town square for regular activities (e.g. football, skating, basketball) access to consoles, pool tables, and watch movies more clothes shops for children and young people
WMSC /2023/12	<p>Presentation from representative from Planet Wimborne</p> <p>Planet Wimborne representatives provided information about the green and environmental work the various umbrella organisations under Planet Wimborne do in the town. School representative took part in a group activity to rank organisations in order of importance in terms of the work they did in the town. The following top activities were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> re use in terms of the Repair Café, food waste and Boomerang Bags re-learn by continuing to educate and send the same message campaigns encouraging recycling, litter picks, plastic free use and water refill stations – could water fountains be installed in the town? get children involved in outside activities and garden clubs to learn about nature especially if they came from a home that didn't have access to a garden <p>The representatives from Planet Wimborne were thanked for attending.</p>
WMSC /2023/13	<p>Motions for debate</p> <p>Cllr Hart and the Town Clerk provided information on the Town Council's current draft Strategic Plan consultation and attendees were encouraged to take copies of the consultation home, discuss with their families and submit comments on line.</p> <p>Cllr Hart asked school representatives to discuss the motion that the Town Council believed climate change was being very well addressed in many areas in Wimborne Minster. After a discussion in groups the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> representatives on the School Council were unaware of the work Planet Wimborne did and felt it needed more publicity especially for children and young people promote less use of petrol / diesel cars and more use of buses and e-bikes stop housing being built on Green Belt land because it reversed climate action think of incentives and fun activities that encouraged participation in green activities like a reward app for litter picks. <p>Cllr Hart proposed the Town Council was doing very well in relation to addressing climate change in Wimborne Minster. Cllr Wheeler proposed an amendment to the proposal: the Town Council was doing well in relation to addressing climate change in Wimborne Minster but there was much more to do. All in favour.</p> <p>Resolved: the Town Council was doing well in relation to addressing climate change in Wimborne Minster but there was much more to do.</p> <p>Cllr Wheeler asked the school representatives to ask their families and friends to think about what items they wanted the Town Council to consider and debate at the next School Council meeting.</p>
WMSC /2023/14	<p>Close of meeting</p> <p>Cllrs Wheeler and Hart thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 16.50pm.</p>