



**DRAFT Minutes of Wimborne Minster School Council meeting 12 November 2024 3.45pm,**  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, 37 West Borough, Wimborne Minster, Dorset BH21 1LT.

**Present:**

School representatives: Corfe Hills – C Wainwright  
 Dumpton – F Jervispring and I Newell  
 Hayeswood First – R Jackson, O Merritt and R Titterington  
 Pamphill First – Z Chione and J Gough  
 Queen Elizabeth – L Hubbard  
 St Johns First – M Hanley  
 Witchampton First – J Ambrose, L Fazey and I Porretta  
 Wimborne First – J Addlington and C Hazel.

Town Councillors (Cllrs): J Billington, C Brown, J Hart (Town Mayor), A Roberts and S Wheeler (Chairman of meeting and Deputy Town Mayor)

Officers: L Harrison (Town Clerk) and K Brooks (Deputy Town Clerk)

Members of the public: 14 (parents, siblings and teachers), a representative from Planet Wimborne (Linda Bunting) and Dorset Youth Service (Mike Bennett).

<b>WMSC/2024/23</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Councillor Hart thanked everyone for attending the meeting and everyone introduced themselves. All the students shared examples of what they liked about their school.
<b>WMSC/2024/24</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were noted from students from Castle Court School.
<b>WMSC/2024/25</b>	<b>Minutes from the previous Schol Council meeting 12 June 2024</b> The minutes were approved.
<b>WMSC/2024/26</b>	<b>Update from the Town Council</b> The Town Clerk confirmed the Council was now up to its full number of councillors (16) and current priorities included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• draft budget for 2025/2026</li> <li>• resurrection of the Climate Actin Working Group and the importance of feedback of School Council on the work of this Group</li> <li>• option of adopting the two phones boxes in the Square and any project ideas for their use from the School Council going forward</li> <li>• expression of interest submission for Dorset's Town of Culture 2026</li> </ul> Councillors Brown and Billington introduced themselves. The Town Mayor provided information on his fundraising activities for his charities (Planet Wimborne and Wimborne Hospital). The representative from Planet Wimborne asked the School Council for event ideas for Earth Day in 2025 and it was agreed this would be discussed at the next School Council meeting (4 February).

	<p>A discussion took place facilitated by the representative from Dorset Youth Service about places students currently met to socialise and ideas about what a youth service should look like in terms of a fun and safe space. Students replied with a variety of ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• climbing wall</li> <li>• outside area for physical activities including trampolining, running track</li> <li>• mud kitchen</li> <li>• indoor activities like bowling, football, basketball</li> <li>• art area</li> <li>• wood work</li> <li>• café for kids</li> </ul> <p>Students were then asked what retail businesses they would like to see in the town. Students replied with a variety of ideas including cafés specifically for children, sports / sweet / kids clothing / toy / Christmas shops, Smiggle, local business like Lush, pharmacy, make up and football shop.</p> <p>Councillor Wheeler proposed Wimborne was a safe place in terms of traffic, seconded by Councillor Hart. Students debated this motion. There was general disagreement, consensus over a number of locations identified as difficult to cross as pedestrians (Julians Bridge, in the Square), and there were no safe pedestrian links between the new housing developments to the town. All this was made worse by traffic jams, road works and narrow pavements especially towards Queen Elizabeth School. There was agreement that cycle routes needed to be joined up, the new 20mph limit in the town was a good thing and local bus services were well used. Comment was also made that drivers did not give wheelchair users enough time to navigate narrow pavements and cross at junctions. Twelve students voted against the motion, two in favour and one abstention. The motion was not carried.</p>
<b>WMSC/2024/27</b>	<p><b>Steering Group</b> The Corfe Hill student and Town Mayor provided feedback on the Steering Group meeting on 4 February.</p>
<b>WMSC/2024/28</b>	<p><b>Ideas for the next School Council meeting</b> included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fundraising / charity events</li> <li>• how to make Wimborne a better place</li> <li>• safety</li> <li>• making walking routes to school safe</li> <li>• how good is the parking in Wimborne</li> <li>• litter</li> <li>• fire safety</li> <li>• planting more trees</li> <li>• more events / celebrations</li> <li>• more sustainable activity</li> <li>• places for children to play music (a stage)</li> </ul>
<b>WMSC/2024/28</b>	<p><b>Close of meeting</b> The Deputy Town Mayor thanked everyone for coming and taking part in the meeting and closed the meeting at 16.55pm.</p>

Signature of Chairman: .....  
Full Council, 12 November 2024

Date: .....  
Chairman's initials: