



DRAFT 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.

Present:

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

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

Members of the public: Eight (parents and teachers) and two representatives from Planet Wimborne (L Bunting and S Wise).

WMSC/2023/08	Introduction 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.
WMSC/2023/09	Apologies for absence Apologies were noted from Cllrs D March (the Town Mayor) and C Chedgy.
WMSC/2023/10	Minutes of the School Council on 21 November 2022 The minutes were noted with one amendment.
WMSC/2023/11	Items and actions from the last meeting. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • create an email account for the School Council that representatives could 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 in the town 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) • 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 that regularly have activities like football, skating, basketball • access to consoles, pool tables, and watch movies • more clothes shops for children and young people
<p>WMSC/2023/12</p>	<p>Presentation from representative from Planet Wimborne</p> <p>Planet Wimborne representatives provided information to the School Council about the green and environmental work the various umbrella organisations under Planet Wimborne did in the town. School representative then 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 and sharing their activities.</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 in the town and it needed to be more widely publicised especially to 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 in the town 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>

Signature of Chairman:

Date:

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