

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 7TH JULY, 2009 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EAST STREET, WAREHAM AT 7.00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Mrs. A. Tighe (Town Mayor); Councillor E. Osmond (Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors Mrs. P. Bowyer Davis; D. Budd; Mrs. D. Cleaton; Miss M. Cotton; Mrs. S. Elmes; K. Green; M. Russell; Mrs. A. Selby; Mrs C. Turner; Mrs. M. Wainwright and T. Williams.

Officers in attendance – Mr. R. Curtis, Town Clerk and Mrs. A. Dominy, Admin Assistant.

Members of the public 1.

23. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME – an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues of concern or interest, ask a question or make a statement. *This item is also an opportunity, in accordance with paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct, for any Member to speak who has a prejudicial interest on a matter to be considered at this meeting.* Public participation time shall not exceed **30 minutes** for full Town Council meetings and any speaker shall not exceed **3 minutes**.

Mrs. M. Gomes Maria requested to make a statement regarding Agenda Item 11.

Councillor Budd suggested that Agenda Item 11 should be held in Private Session and that Mrs. Gomes Maria make her statement before entering into Private Session. This was agreed by Council.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors L. Burns, D. Critchley, and K. Critchley.

Councillor Russell brought up a point of order under Standing Orders 2.3 – regarding Agenda item 6 - to receive petitions and delegation.

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

26. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26TH MAY, 2009 AND 23RD JUNE, 2009

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 26th May, 2009 were confirmed after the following amendments –

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Page 1 – line 7 – delete M.R. Russell insert M. Russell.

Page 3 – Minute 10 – transpose Dorset County Council and Purbeck District Council's representative's reports.

Page 5 – Minute 11 – line 17 – delete Critchley insert Green.

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 23rd June, 2009 were confirmed after the following amendments –

Page 9 – line 3 – delete WAST insert EAST.

Page 9 – Minute 17 – add Mrs. S. Elmes.

27. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

28. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS – to receive any petitions from members of the public, or from Councillors on behalf of their local community members, and any delegations from members of the public.

None.

29. TO ANSWER MEMBERS QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

Councillor Mrs. Elmes requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Manager and Staff of the Co-Op in North Street, Wareham for the way they had coped with a heavy extra workload during the temporary closure of the former Somerfields Supermarket and looked after the people of Wareham over the last 2 months. This had been greatly appreciated. Council agreed to this request.

30. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that she had attended the Annual General Meeting of the Wareham and Isle of Purbeck District Scout Council at Bowling Green Wood, the handing over of the Rex Cinema to the new Trustees and a social afternoon hosted by the High Sheriff of Dorset. She had also attended the 'Fly a Flag for our Armed Forces' ceremony at Purbeck District Council.

She had also attended the licensing of The Reverend Andrew Bowerman as Priest in Charge of Wareham

Together with Councillor Osmond and the Town Clerk she had met with the Manager of the new Sainsbury's Store who had agreed to purchase a new seat to commemorate the opening of the store, replacing two old seats in the Rempstone Centre, in partnership with Wareham in Bloom.

The Mayor had also attended the Blue Pool to commemorate the Armed Forces Day and the Citizens Advice Bureau Garden Party.

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She had also opened the new Sainsbury's Store and attended the Dorset County Scouts Council's showcase of Scouting and Annual General Meeting at Buddens Farm.

The Mayor also reported that she had attended 4 Carnival Committee meetings.

The Mayor also reported on the resignation from the Council of Councillor Miss M. Cotton with effect from 1st August 2009 due to her impending relocation to Lincolnshire.

Councillor Osmond thanked Councillor Cotton for her contribution to the Town Council and all Town Councillors gave their best wishes for the future.

31. TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) Planning and Transport Committee – 8th June, 2009 and 29th June, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Councillor Mrs. Selby thanked Councillor Budd for all his hard work with regard to planning application 2/2008/0780 – Tantinoby Lane, Wareham. The Planning Board had refused this application and if it went to appeal it was noted that Councillor Budd had kindly agreed to attend in person.

- (b) Museum Committee – 9th June, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (c) Amenities Committee – 10th June, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted

- (d) Human Resources Panel – 12th June, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (e) Policy, Resources and Finances Committee – 15th June, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

- (f) Wareham in Bloom – 17th June, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

32. REPORTS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

District Council

Councillor Osmond reported that the District Council had now withdrawn the transport infrastructure development contribution ('bedroom tax').

Dorset County Council

Councillor Budd recalled that at the May meeting of the Town Council he reported that structural repairs between Blackhill and Bakers Arms Roundabouts scheduled for April had been deferred until autumn following a review. He was very concerned to learn that the works had been removed from the 2009/2010 Structural Maintenance Programme and may be undertaken in 2010/2011 following a re-assessment.

He had emailed the appropriate officer pointing out that he had informed both Wareham Town Council and Wareham St. Martin Parish Council at their meetings after Christmas that the work had already been delayed from April until autumn 2009. The following explanation was received – 'following a further inspection of the road there were concerns that the road surface had deteriorated to such an extent that it would no longer take a surface dressing which had a life of between 5 and 10 years. It is now proposed to replace the existing surface with a new surface course that will have a life of 15 – 20 years if not longer. It is also proposed to replace the waterproof membrane just south of Bakers Arms as it is coming to the end of its design life before resurfacing and to carry out drainage works, the extent of which is currently unknown.

The work involved has increased from a week and 2 days to at least 4 weeks with the probable need for a road closure for some of the resurfacing work. Taking all these new problems into consideration it is proposed to allow a sensible lead in time to ensure all the works are completed together to minimise disruption, rather than carry out some work this financial year, with more following a year or so later.'

Councillor Budd also reported on the Purbeck review of School Provision. The County Council was being recommended to approve in principle a change to a 2 tier system on the grounds that this would remove the significant majority of surplus places and ensure a viable and sustainable school system across the Purbeck area.

Locally the Northmoor Park area would now exclusively be part of Lady St. Mary First School catchment area. The Sandford Primary School would feed into the Lytchett Minster School and it was yet to be determined whether Bere Regis would also feed into Lytchett Minster or the Purbeck School and there was to be further consultation in Wool and Swanage.

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Representatives on outside bodies

Councillor Mrs. Cleaton thanked Councillor Osmond for attending the Coffee Morning organised by the Wareham Branch of the Dorset Association for the Disabled held in the Corn Exchange and for drawing the raffle. Over £200.00 was raised.

Councillor Mrs. Elmes, as a trustee of Wareham and District Development Trust, reported that Mr. B. Richardson had purchased Lifewheels. She also reported that the Trust had taken over the land at St. Edwards Church and would prepare this land in readiness for Wareham in Bloom next year.

She also reported that it was intended to revive the Wareham Community Partnership and make progress on the possibility of a drop in centre for Wareham.

Councillor Mrs. Wainwright reported that she had attended a meeting of Dorset Age Partnership and the Wareham Area Seniors Forum and a topic of discussion was "Council tax – is it fair?"

33. APPOINTMENT OF CURATORIAL ADVISOR TO WAREHAM TOWN MUSEUM

Members had been requested to consider the recommendation of the Annual General Meeting of the Museum Committee that Mr. David Tucker be appointed as Curatorial Advisor for the Civic Year 2009/2010. After a discussion it was -

RESOLVED that Mr. David Tucker be appointed as Curatorial Advisor for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

34. MUSEUM ACCREDITATION SCHEME – TO ADOPT ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSAL POLICY

Members had been requested to consider the recommendation of the Museum Committee meeting of 9th June, 2009 that the Acquisitions and Disposal Policy be formally adopted by full Council.

RESOLVED that Wareham Town Council formally adopts the Wareham Town Museum Acquisitions and Disposal Policy.

35. ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL

Members had been circulated with copies of the Wareham Town Council Annual Report for the Civic Year 2008/2009.

RESOLVED that the Wareham Town Council Annual Report for the Civic Year 2008/2009 be accepted after the following amendments (a) page 8 line 1 - insert Chair/Vice Chair of Policy and Resources Committee and (b) page 12 line 1 – insert 18.

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The Town Clerk requested that any further amendments be forwarded to him before publication on the website in 2 weeks time.

36. FUTURE SCHOOL PROVISION IN THE PURBECK AREA

Members had been circulated with correspondence from Dorset County Council regarding the Future Schools Provision in the Purbeck Area. The Town Clerk advised that the document was 43 pages in length and was available for view after the meeting or available on the Dorset for You website. Councillor Budd confirmed that this item would be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, 8th July, 2009 and that the meeting was open to the public. Councillor Osmond stated that Purbeck District Council and Wareham Town Council were consultees only. After a discussion it was -

RESOLVED that the contents of the letter be noted.

37. WAREHAM IN BLOOM TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Terms of Reference for the Wareham in Bloom Committee. After a discussion it was –

RESOLVED that after the following amendments (a) no. 5 to insert after Committee “shall have no automatic membership on the Committee and therefore no voting rights. (b) no. 9 to insert after 4 members “must be present in order to allow business to be conducted”; and (c) no. 17 line 5 delete (b) and insert (c).- the Terms of Reference for the Wareham in Bloom Committee be agreed.

38. CONFIRMATION OF AUTHORISED SIGNATURES – NATIONAL SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

After a discussion it was –

RESOLVED that the named persons – Councillors Mrs. A. Tighe, E. Osmond, K. Critchley, D. Budd and Mrs. A. Selby (Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairmen of Standing Committees) be authorised as signatories of the National Savings Investment Account in accordance with banking regulations.

39. REPORT OF UP TO DATE EXPENDITURE AND INCOME AGAINST BUDGET AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY MEMBERS AND PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

A copy of the up to date consolidated income and expenditure account showing transactions date 7th June, 2009 was handed to and acknowledged by each member of the Council and current payments totalling £11,780.13 be approved.

RESOLVED that the report of up to date expenditure and income against budget and accounts dated 7th June, 2009 totalling £11,598.71 be approved

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40. WAREHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL – CONTINGENCY PLAN

Members had been circulated with a report outlining a contingency plan for the Wareham Music Festival to relocate the element of an event on The Quay to Howards Lane Car Park should a temporary road closure of part of South Street not be possible on Saturday, 5th September, 2009.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and approval given for the use of Howards Lane car park should a temporary road closure not be possible on Saturday 5th September 2009.

The Town Clerk, as Secretary to the Wareham Music Festival Committee, and Councillor Mrs. A. Selby as a member of the Saturday Street Market Steering Group declared a personal interest in this item

41. TOWN HALL CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM UPGRADE

Members had been circulated with a report prepared by the Town Clerk regarding the upgrading of the heating system at the Town Hall. After a discussion it was –

RESOLVED that a) Wareham Town Council approves an upgrade of the Town Hall heating system and b) following the recommendations in my report to Wareham Town Council borrow £10,000.00 from the Public Works Loan Board for a period of 5 years to upgrade the existing heating system at the Town Hall.

42. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE MAYOR DEEMED URGENT

Date of next meeting – 4th August, 2009.

43. REQUEST FOR HONORARY TOWNSMAN

Members had been circulated with a copy of correspondence requesting that a local resident be made an Honorary Townsman.

Councillor E. Osmond declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct, since the proposed recipient was a close personal acquaintance, and left the Chamber during the discussion of this item.

Councillor Mrs. Elmes declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in this item as a member of the Wareham Conches Society but remained in the Council Chamber during the discussion of this item.

Councillor Mrs Selby declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in this item as a representative of the Town Council on the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Harbin and Pitt Charity but remained in the Council Chamber during the discussion of this item.

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Councillor Mrs. D. Cleaton declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in this item as a former member of the Harbin and Pitt Charity but remained in the Council Chamber during the discussion of this item

Councillor Mrs. Wainwright declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in this item as a Trustee of the Citizens Advice Bureau but remained on the Council Chamber during the discussion of this item.

Councillor M. Russell declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in this item as a member of the same political party as the person nominated but remained in the Council Chamber during the discussion of this item.

Councillor Mrs. P. Bowyer-Davis declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in this item as having served on various Committees with the nominated person but remained in the Council Chamber during the discussion of the item.

Mrs. Gomes Maria reported to Council on the reasons for her nomination of a local resident to be made an Honorary Townsman of Wareham, in recognition of his outstanding dedication and service to the town.

Mrs. Gomes Maria left the meeting.

Following discussion, it was:-

RESOLVED that under Section 100 (a) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and Press be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting on the grounds that the item of business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 A of the said Act.

Following discussion and on a proposal by Councillor M. Russell, seconded by Councillor Mrs. S. Elmes it was –

RESOLVED that Mr. Charles Patterson be made an Honorary Townsman of Wareham.

The meeting closed at 9.19 p.m.

..... Town Mayor

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PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT
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Members had been circulated with correspondence requesting that Mr. Charles Patterson be made an Honorary Townsman in recognition of outstanding dedication and service to the town of Wareham.

Following discussion and on a proposal by Councillor M. Russell, seconded by Mrs. S. Elmes, it was –

RESOLVED that Mr. Charles Patterson be made an Honorary Townsman of Wareham.

A recorded vote was requested. –

FOR	Councillors Mrs. Tighe, M. Russell, Mrs Wainwright, Mrs. S. Elmes, Mrs. P. Bowyer Davis and Mrs. C. Turner
AGAINST	None
ABSTENTIONS	Councillors D. Budd, Mrs. D. Cleaton, Miss M. Cotton, K. Green, Mrs. A. Selby and T. Williams.

The meeting closed at 9.19 p.m.

..... Town Mayor