

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2008 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EAST STREET, WAREHAM AT 7.00 P.M.**

**Present: Councillor M. Russell (Town Mayor); Councillor Mrs. A. Tighe: (Deputy Town Mayor); Councillors D. Budd; Mrs. D. Cleaton; D. Critchley; K. Critchley; Mrs. S. Elmes; K. Green; E. Osmond; Mrs. A. Selby; Mrs. M. Wainwright.**

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

**Members of the public 6 – Press 1.**

**21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Mrs. P. Bowyer-Davis, Burns, Miss Cotton, Mrs. Turner and Williams.

**22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**23. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2008**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 were confirmed after the following amendments –

Present: add Mrs. S Elmes and Mrs. C. Turner.  
Page 3 – line 20 – delete 10000 inset 1000  
Page 5 – line 6 – after majority insert could possibly  
Page 5 – line 20 - insert K. Critchley and Mrs. S. Elmes  
Page 7 – renumber 17. 18. 19. to 18. 19. 20.

**24. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**25. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mr. Brett Spiller, a representative from Purbeck Environmental Action Team (PEAT) based in Purbeck wishing to promote environmental wellbeing and supporting world wide schemes such as “Ban the Bag”. The Team was trying to

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promote environmental awareness in Wareham, although Purbeck based, and was proposing to hold an “in town without my car day” on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2008. He hoped that Councillors would support this event and then answered questions raised.

Councillor Budd suggested that this item be placed on the next Agenda for the Amenities Committee for further discussion.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Spiller for his presentation.

Mr. K. Randall, 39 Worgret Road, Wareham asked whether the Council would be making a statement regarding the costs incurred by the investigations by the external Auditor.

The Chairman reported that all the information regarding this issue was well and truly minuted and that any member of the public interested in this issue could read these details in Wareham Library or obtain a copy from the Town Clerk.

Mr. Randall also asked when the Agenda for the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee Meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 had been posted on the Notice Boards. The Town Clerk advised Mr. Randall he would investigate and advise him separately.

## **26. TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

None.

## **27. TO ANSWER MEMBERS QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

None.

## **28. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor reported that he had attended a meeting of the NSPCC at Poundbury, Dorchester, attended The Quay Inn, Wareham to welcome Portsmouth Footballers and staff together with the FA Cup and a fundraising Coffee Morning and Bazaar for the Mayor's Charity, attended the Mayor of Poole's Civic Service and hosted the Town Council's Civic Service on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

He also attended the Civic Day at Shaftesbury, a Garden Party held by the High Sheriff of Dorset and celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Carey Hall at an anniversary cream tea, and a Civic Blessing at Ferndown.

**29. TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) Human Resources Panel – 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2008

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

- (b) Planning and Transport Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

- (c) Policy, Resources and Finance Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 and 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2008

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

- (d) Wareham in Bloom Committee – 11th June, 2008

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

On a proposal by Councillor Critchley and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Elmes at 7.35 p.m. Council suspended Standing Orders to take a question from the public with reference to Wareham in Bloom.

Mr. K. Randall reported that he had received a telephone call from the Rempstone Estate Office requesting him to cut the grass at the Pound under this year's Wareham in Bloom initiative.. When he arrived at the Pound the grass had already been cut. He asked if there was any further maintenance to be carried out and Councillor Osmond responded that the vegetation and brambles under the west wall by Belle Vue needed removing.

On a proposal by Councillor Critchley and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Elmes the Council Meeting recommenced at 7.37 p.m.

- (e) Amenities Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2008

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

- (f) Museum Committee AGM 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 and Museum Committee 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2008

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

### **30. REPORTS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

#### **District Councillor**

Councillor Critchley reported that he had attended 2 District Council meetings since the last Town Council Meeting. He had 2 items to report from the 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 meeting, one being the review of taxi fares in the area as a result of the increasing fuel prices and secondly with effect from that meeting, Policy Group meetings were now open to the press and public.

24<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 saw a special meeting of the District Council to agree the internal audit annual report, the annual governance statement and the statement accounts for the year 2007/2008.

#### **County Councillor**

Councillor Budd reported that he had been on a study tour to Somerset and Shropshire County Councils in connection with their waste partnership and as a Member of the Dorset Waste Management Panel. Both Counties had an integral waste collection and disposal service replacing the usual District collection and County disposal model. The Somerset partnership was countrywide and it is estimated that the joint savings would be in the order of £1.5 million per year.

New legislation allows Councils to join together to form Waste Authorities and the Dorset Authorities through the Waste Management Panel had at the Government's invitation submitted an expression of interest in forming such an authority. This would help develop plans but would not commit the Council at this stage. This had a very interesting project linked to the Pathfinder initiative which had the potential to make big savings in a service where costs were rising rapidly.

#### **Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Councillor Mrs. Wainwright reported on the impact that increasing fuel costs were having on the volunteer sector which provided a much needed service to the community. Volunteers could claim up to 40p per mile for fuel and wear and tear but with the price of fuel at a record level she recommended lobbying the local Members of Parliament, Annette Brooke and Jim Knight to put pressure on the Government. Councillor Mrs. Wainwright requested the Town Clerk to write a letter expressing the Town Council's views.

Councillor Mrs. Cleaton reported that she had attended the DAD Wareham Branch Annual General Meeting and reported that they desperately needed volunteer drivers for the minibus. If anyone could help please would they speak to her or the Chairman, Martin Adams.

Councillor D. Critchley reported on the progress of the Carnival Committee on readiness for the carnival. It was reported that the Echo had advertised the incorrect date for the procession.

### **31. MEMBERSHIP OF THE MUSEUM COMMITTEE**

Councillor Mrs. S. Elmes declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in this item, as both she and her husband received a small income from books sold in the Museum.

Councillor Mrs. S. Elmes left the Chamber at 7.50 p.m.

Members were requested to consider appointing a second Member to the Museum Committee. After a discussion it was –

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs. D. Cleaton be appointed as second Member to the Museum Committee .

### **32. APPOINTMENT OF CURATORIAL ADVISER TO WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL**

Members were 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 2008/2009.

**RESOLVED** that Mr. David Tucker be appointed as Curatorial Adviser for the Civic Year 2008/2009

### **33. MUSEUM TERMS OF REFERENCE**

After a discussion it was –

**RESOLVED** that the Museum Terms of Reference be referred to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for further consideration.

Councillor Mrs. Elmes returned to the Chamber at 7.55 p.m.

### **34. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2008/2009**

Members were requested to consider appointing a representative for the Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLJAC) – formerly the National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee).

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Mrs. S. Elmes be appointed as the Town Council's representative on the Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London Adjudication Joint Committee (PATROLJAC).

Members requested that an item be placed on the next Agenda for the appointment of a representative for both the DAPTC Larger Councils and PACT.

### **35. ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Annual Report for the Civic Year 2007/2008.

The Town Clerk referred to the report as being a solid record of achievement by Wareham Town Council over the last year. It was intended to place it on the Council's website – [www.wareham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.wareham-tc.gov.uk) – to be in the public domain.

**RESOLVED** that the Annual Report to Council for the Civic Year 2007/2008 be Noted with satisfaction.

The Mayor thanked the Town Clerk and Staff for their input to this report.

### **36. ASSET REGISTER**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Town Council's Asset Register for 2007/2008.

**RESOLVED** that the Asset Register 2007/2008 be Noted.

### **37. STANDING ORDERS WORKING PARTY**

Members were requested to appoint a Standing Orders Working Party.

**RESOLVED** that the Chairmen of the three Standing Committees together with the Mayor and Town Clerk be appointed to the Standing Orders Working Party and that the first meeting be scheduled for September 2008.

### **38. PUBLIC TOILETS IN WAREHAM**

Members had been circulated with a copy of a letter received from the Chief Executive, Purbeck District Council relating to the public toilets on The Quay, Wareham in response to a letter from the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk read a letter received from Mr. Bill Davidson, Environmental Services Officer at Purbeck District Council, providing further information. After a discussion it was -

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**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk arrange a meeting with Mr. Davidson, Councillors Budd and Critchley to discuss the problems with regard to the public toilets in Wareham.

**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 dated 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008 was handed to and acknowledged by each member of the Council.

**RESOLVED** that the report of up to date expenditure and income against budget and accounts dated 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2008 and current payments totalling £35,497.38 be approved.

**40. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT**

The Mayor reported on the forthcoming Carnival and the flying of flags from the Town Hall building. It was agreed on this occasion to fly all relevant flags and for this item to be referred to the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee to determine a Flag Flying Policy.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.