

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 26TH MAY 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; L. Burns; Mrs. D. Cleaton; Miss M. Cotton; K. Critchley; Mrs. S. Elmes; K. Green; E. Osmond; M.R. Russell and Mrs. A. Selby.

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

Members of the public 2 – press 1.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors D. Critchley, Mrs. Turner and T. Williams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH APRIL, 2009

The Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 7th April, 2009 were confirmed after the following amendment –

Page 56 – line 5 - insert “was” between ‘donation’ and ‘made’.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME – an opportunity of up to 30 minutes 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 the meeting.

None.

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6. 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

7. TO ANSWER MEMBERS QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

8. MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that she had received very good feedback regarding the Mayor Making Ceremony and reception.

She had attended the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Wareham Catholic Women's League, the Civic Service hosted by the Mayor of Poole and attended a meeting of the Wareham Relief in Need and Sickness Charity.

9. TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

(a) Planning and Transport Committee – 27th April, 2009 and 18th May, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Councillor Mrs. Selby drew attention to planning application no. 6/2008/0708 - land at Tantinoby Lane, Wareham - and the Planning and Transport Committee's concerns over the ownership of the land. She was proposing to attend the District Council's Planning Board meeting to speak on this application and was requesting refusal.

After discussion, and on a suggestion by Councillor Osmond to request a deferment due to legal advice being sought by the Town Council, it was agreed that Councillor Selby meet with the Town Clerk to investigate and establish the ownership of the land.

On a proposal by Councillor Russell and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Cleaton it was –

RESOLVED that the Town Council seek legal advice on this matter.

Councillors Budd, K. Critchley and K. Green abstained from voting in recognition of their role as members of the Planning Board of Purbeck District Council.

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(b) Amenities Committee – 15th April, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(c) Wareham in Bloom – 6th May, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted

(d) Human Resources Panel – 7th May, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(e) Policy, Resources and Finances Committee – 11th May, 2009

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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

Dorset County Council

Councillor Osmond reported that Councillor N. Cake had been elected Chairman of the District Council. Councillor Osmond as Vice Chairman and Councillor Budd had been elected Leader of the Council. Members had also been elected to all other District Council Committees.

Purbeck District Council

Councillor Budd reported that he had been advised that the structural repairs between Blackhill and Bakers Arms roundabouts on the A351 at Holton Heath have been delayed for 12 months and that he would report further on this matter at the next Town Council meeting.

Representatives Reports.

Councillor Mrs. S. Elmes reported as a Trustee of Wareham and District Development Trust, that the buyer of the Lifewheels business had pulled out and at the present time no information was available as to its future.

Councillor Mrs. Wainwright reported on the official ceremony for the unveiling of the Guppy Family seat on the South Bank of the River Frome.

She reported that members of the Stoborough Women's Institute had expressed a wish to help Wareham in Bloom in their project for the 'Secret Garden' project

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at the rear of Wareham Library. Funds from their Dorset Lunch had paid for the planting of the flower tubs and Members had agreed to maintain the tubs. Wareham in Bloom was very grateful for their help with this project.

Councillor Wainwright also reported on the Citizens Advice Bureau Trustee meeting and members had been made aware of the alarming increase in demand for their services in such cramped offices. At the present time, six new trainees had resulted in an increase in the number of staff needed at the Bureau which had proved to be very constricting in terms of working space. The Bureau had received additional hours funding to provide phone advice on Wednesdays and three additional appointments on Fridays had commenced at Upton.

She also reported that organisations were being encouraged to help make the empty shops in the town more interesting by using the windows for displays.

Wareham Area Seniors Forum would be discussing Health Matters on Saturday, 13th June, 2009 in the Corn Exchange.

Councillor Wainwright also reported that Emma Stephens – Purbeck Outreach Worker from the Volunteer Centre - attended Wareham Library on Thursdays – 9.30 – 11.30 a.m. 11th and 25th June, 2009.

Councillor Mrs. Tighe, speaking as a member of the Carnival Committee, reported that Carnival would be held from 13th – 19th July, 2009 and that a Fun Run would be held on 17th July, 2009 at the Sports Centre. She also requested on behalf of the Carnival Committee for the Town Council to consider putting up bunting for the Carnival and as to whether the Town Council would sponsor the insurance costs.

Members requested that this item be discussed by the Chairmen of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee and the Amenities Committee together with the Town Clerk and if necessary refer this matter to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee to be held on 10th June, 2009.

11. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

(a) to appoint the following Standing Committees of the Council and to appoint Members to serve on these bodies for the Civic Year 2009/2010

The meeting adjourned at 7.48 p.m to enable special meetings of the committees mentioned above to be held to elect the chairman, vice chairmen and members of those committees. All members were requested to remain in the council chamber during this process. The results of the meetings are as follows:

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Policy, Resources and Finance Committee (9) –

Councillors Mrs. P. Bowyer Davis, D. Budd, K. Critchley, Mrs. Elmes, K. Green, E. Osmond, M. Russell, Mrs. Selby and Mrs. Turner.

Amenities Committee (7)

Councillors Mrs. P. Bowyer-Davis, D. Budd, D. Critchley, K. Critchley, K. Green and Mrs. A. Tighe.

Planning and Transport Committee (7)

Councillors Mrs. D. Cleaton, Miss M. Cotton, Mrs. S. Elmes, Mrs. A. Selby, Mrs. C. Turner, T. Williams and Mrs. M. Wainwright.

Human Resources Panel (5)

Councillors K. Critchley, Mrs. S. Elmes, E. Osmond, Mrs. A. Selby and T. Williams.

(i) To appoint Chairman, Vice Chairman and Members of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee

Policy Resources and Finance Committee

On a proposal by Councillor Mrs. Elmes and seconded by Councillor K. Critchley it was -

RESOLVED that Councillor K. Critchley be appointed Chairman of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

There were no other nominations.

On a proposal by Councillor Budd and seconded by Councillor Osmond it was –

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. S. Elmes be appointed Vice Chairman of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee for the Civic Year 2009/20120.

There were no other nominations.

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Amenities Committee

On a proposal by Councillor K. Critchley and seconded by Councillor Green it was –

RESOLVED that Councillor D. Budd be appointed Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

There were no other nominations.

On a proposal by Councillor Mrs. S. Elmes and seconded by Councillor K. Critchley it was –

RESOLVED that Councillor K. Green be appointed Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

There were no other nominations.

Planning and Transport Committee

On a proposal by Councillor Mrs. D. Cleaton and seconded by Councillor L. Burns it was –

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. A. Selby be appointed Chairman of the Planning and Transport Committee for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

There were no other nominations.

On a proposal by Councillor Mrs. S. Elmes and seconded by Councillor Miss Cotton it was –

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs. D. Cleaton be appointed Vice Chairman of the Planning and Transport Committee for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

There were no other nominations.

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 7.52 P.M.

(b) Re-appointment of Sub Committees, Steering Groups, Panels or Working Parties

Human Resources Panel

On a proposal by Councillor Mrs. Elmes and seconded by Mrs. Selby it was –

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RESOLVED that the current membership of the Human Resources Panel – namely Councillors K. Critchley, Mrs. S. Elmes, E. Osmond, Mrs. A. Selby and T. Williams plus the Town Clerk as Secretary remain for the Civic Year 2009/2010.

Standing Orders Working Party

On a proposal by Councillor K. Critchley and seconded by Councillor Mrs.A. Selby it was –

RESOLVED that the Standing Orders Working Party membership remains the same – Mayor and Chairman of the Three Standing Committees plus the Town Clerk as Secretary.

Premises Working Party

On a proposal by Councillor Green and seconded by Councillor Wainwright it was –

RESOLVED that the Premises Working Party membership remains the same – Chairmen of the Amenities Committee and the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

12. MEMBERSHIP OF MUSEUM COMMITTEE AND WAREHAM IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the Council membership of the Wareham Town Museum Committee and the Wareham in Bloom Committee be as follows –

Wareham Town Museum Councillors Mrs. Tighe and Mrs. Cleaton.

Wareham in Bloom Councillors Mrs. P. Bowyer Davis, E. Osmond and Mrs. M. Wainwright.

13. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2009/2010

After a discussion it was –

RESOLVED that the attached list of Representatives on Outside Bodies for the Civic Year 2009/2010 at Appendix A be approved.

14. TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 26TH JANUARY, 2010 – RE SCHEDULING

Members were requested to consider re-scheduling the full Town Council meeting of 26th January, 2010 in order to meet a recent request by Purbeck

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District Council that all Parish Precepts are submitted by 22nd January, 2010 at the latest.

RESOLVED that the full Town Council meeting scheduled for 26th January, 2010 be rescheduled for 19th January, 2010.

15. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS, ANNUAL STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE AND ASSET REGISTER

Members considered the convening of an extra Town Council meeting on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2009 to receive and approve the following documents: Annual Accounts, Annual Statement of Governance and Asset Register, to meet the legal requirement for these documents to be approved by 30th June, 2009 in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations as amended in 2006.

RESOLVED that members support the request for an additional Town Council meeting on 23rd June, 2009.

15. 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 to date 26th May, 2009 was handed to and acknowledged by each member of the Council and current payments totalling £11,780.13 were considered.

RESOLVED that the report of up to date income and expenditure against budget dated 26th May, 2009 and payments totalling £11,780.13 be approved

16. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT

Councillor Osmond reported on a recent application for grant funding from Viridor, submitted by Swanage and Wareham Rugby Football Club, making no reference to the land in question being owned by Wareham Town Council. Councillor Mrs. Selby clarified that this also occurred when a planning application was made. Members requested that the Town Clerk write to Swanage and Wareham Rugby Club requesting that the Club notify the Town Council, as the land owner, when any applications relating to the land were made.

Councillor K. Critchley thanked Councillor Mrs. Tighe for a very enjoyable Mayor Making Reception.

The meeting closed at 8.36p.m.

Town Mayor.....