

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 18th APRIL 2011 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EAST STREET, WAREHAM BH20 4NS

Present: Councillors Ms D Adkins, Mrs P Bowyer-Davis, Mr D A Budd, Mrs D R Cleaton (Deputy Town Mayor), , Mr K Critchley, Mrs S D Elmes, Mr K Green, Mrs V Green, Mrs L Kenyon, Mr E L Osmond (Town Mayor), M Russell, Mrs A Selby, Mrs A Tighe, Mrs C Turner,

Officers present: Mr R M Curtis, Town Clerk
Mrs D T Cousins, Administration Officer

WAREHAM CLOCKWINDER - PRESENTATION

Mr Terry Miles, Wareham Town Council's Clockwinder for many years, had recently retired from the post and he gave a short presentation on the clock and his experiences in maintaining it. Following this, the Mayor presented Mr Miles with a gift from all Councillors and staff and a framed certificate in recognition of his 21 years of 'loyal clockwinding service.'

168. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Mr T Williams and Mr D Critchley.

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

170. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES of the Town Council Meeting held on 7th March 2011

The minutes of the meeting of 7th March 2011 were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Mayor.

171. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES of the Town Council Meeting held on 7th March 2011

Councillor Mrs Elmes asked whether a reply had been received from Mr Alford regarding the Wheelwright's plate removal from Trinity Lane. The Town Clerk told the Council he had not yet received a reply or acknowledgement from Mr Alford and he would pursue the matter.

Minute 152 item 102 page 3 Councillor Mrs Selby asked whether quotations had been received for the planters at the Tantinoby Lane site. The Town Clerk was awaiting a quotation from a local tradesman who had so far only given a verbal quotation, in addition to one that had been organised by WDDT's Development Manager. It was suggested that he should obtain more quotations for the planters from local suppliers.

Minute 159 Councillor Ms Adkins reported that the Purbeck School had been approached and were interested in joining in the Jubilee and Anniversary of the Great Fire of Wareham Celebrations 2012. The Mayor advised Councillor Adkins to liaise directly with the Wareham Chamber of Trade regarding the school involvement in the Celebrations.

Minute 166 - Councillor Budd was pleased to report that the two hour short stay parking at St John's Hill car park would remain, following a recent decision made by Dorset County Council.

172. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME

Nil present

173. 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.

Nil Received.

174. TO ANSWER MEMBERS' QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

There were no questions

175. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor announced that the Chairmen of the Town Council committees were invited to the Chairman's Networking meeting at Purbeck District Council at 7pm on Wednesday – date?

176. TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:-

- (a) Planning and Transport – 14th March, 4th April 2011
Councillor Selby presented the minutes of the two meetings and advised the Council that the next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 25th April 2011.
- (b) Policy, Resources and Finance – 28th March 2011
Councillor Mr K Critchley presented the minutes of the meeting and referred to Minute 123 - Date of next Policy, Resources and Finance meeting. This would now be 3rd May 2011 as the meeting scheduled for the 21st April 2011 had been cancelled.
- (c) Human Resources Panel– 9th March 2011 Councillor Mrs Elmes reported that the position of Lengthsman had been appointed and Mr Keith Burt would be joining the Town Council on 3rd May 2011.
- (d) Amenities Committee – 9th March 2011 – Minute 82: Councillor Budd presented the minutes and announced that the decision had been made that the proposed circus could go ahead on the Recreation Ground in September 2011.

177. REPORTS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLORS, COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.**Purbeck District Council**

Councillor K Critchley presented his report – **See Annex A**

Dorset County Council

Councillor Budd presented his report – **See Annex B**

Community Café Project

Councillor Mrs S Elmes presented her report – **See Annex C**

Wareham Development Trust

Councillor Mrs S Elmes presented her report – **See Annex D**

Public Convenience Policy Development Panel

Councillor Mrs S Elmes presented her report – **See Annex E**

Royal British Legion Great Poppy Party Steering Group

Councillor Russell reported that various committees had been contacted regarding the proposed street party and a Poppy Party Account had been opened. The next meeting was scheduled for the 12th May 2011 in the Council Chamber.

Bestwall Allotment Committee

The Mayor had attended a recent Bestwall allotment committee meeting. He reported that they were replacing concrete posts to prevent deer gaining entry on to the allotment site.

Wareham in Bloom Committee

The Mayor reported on progress regarding the new roundabout features at the A351 North Causeway, a Wareham in Bloom project for the town's Britain in Bloom entry in 2011.

178. **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY MEMBERS AND INSTRUCTION TO SIGNATORIES TO SIGN CHEQUES**

A budget report dated 18th April 2011 was scrutinised by Council and a number of cheques were presented for signature in payment of current invoices. It was:

RESOLVED that the budget report be noted and accepted, accounts for payment in the sum of £9716.35 be approved and signatories instructed to sign cheques in payment of this sum.

179. **DORSET LIBRARY SERVICE CONSULTATION**

The Council considered a further consultation on County Council proposals for the Dorset Library Service which had been promulgated as a public consultation for a three month period. It was agreed on a majority vote that that the short questionnaire should be completed at the meeting. As a serving Dorset County Councillor, Councillor Budd abstained from the vote on this occasion.

RESOLVED that the consultation be noted and the completed questionnaire returned to the Dorset Library Service.

180. **NOMINATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR-ELECT**

Council considered the nomination of a Deputy Mayor-Elect, following the deferral of this item at the last Town Council meeting on 7th March 2011.

Councillor Mrs S Elmes proposed Councillor Mr K Green as the Deputy Mayor-Elect and this was seconded by Councillor Mrs V Green. It was then unanimously:

RESOLVED that Councillor Mr K Green be confirmed as Town Deputy Mayor-Elect for Civic Year 2011/2012.

181. **APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLOCKWINDER**

The Council considered the confirmation of Mr Simon Miles as the Council's new appointed Clockwinder in receipt of annual honorarium. Mr Miles had acted as Relief

Clockwinder for many years. It was proposed by Councillor Green, seconded by Councillor Mrs Tighe and:

RESOLVED that Mr Simon Miles be appointed as the Clockwinder for Wareham Town Council with effect from 1st April 2011.

182. **APPOINTMENT OF WAREHAM LENGTHSMAN**

The Council noted the appointment of a Wareham Town Lengthsman, following an agreement reached with Dorset County Council regarding funding arrangements. Mr Keith Burt would join the Town Council on 3rd May 2011 following the advertising of the post and interviews carried out on 8th April by members of the Human Resources Panel and the Town Clerk.

RESOLVED that the appointment of a Wareham Town Lengthsman be noted with satisfaction.

183. **SWANAGE AND WAREHAM RUGBY CLUB – PLANNING PERMISSION TO ERECT GYM/GARAGE**

The Council noted correspondence received from the Chairman of the Rugby Club, Mr S Orchard CBE following an invitation to attend the Council meeting to explain plans for a gym/garage structure to be erected on Town Council owned land leased to the Club. The Council was informed that Mr Orchard was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior engagement and that planning permission had already been granted to the Rugby Club by the District Council. In discussion, it was considered that the Rugby Club should have informed Council of their intentions but that there may be some confusion regarding the procedure for consultation with Wareham Town Council and final approval being granted by the District Council.

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk correspond with the Rugby Club lease-holders over their proposed building plans and to remind them that the Town Council needs to be informed of any proposals for building on Council owned land in the future.

184. **COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2011/2012**

The new Calendar of Meetings was confirmed as recommended at the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee meeting on 28th March 2011. It was

RESOLVED that the Calendar of Meetings be adopted for 2011/2012.

185. **ANY OTHER ITEMS THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT (for report or for the next agenda only)**

The Mayor referred to Councillors Mrs V Green, Mrs P Bowyer-Davis, Mrs A Tighe and Mr T Williams who would not be returning after the local council elections on 5th May 2011. He thanked them for their service with the Town Council and for all the hard work, time and effort they had put in on behalf of the town and community of Wareham.

186. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of next scheduled meeting was noted as: **Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 7.00pm (Annual Council Meeting - Mayor Making)**

**ANNEX A
WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL
DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT 18TH APRIL 2011**

At a meeting of the Planning Board held on the 31st of March, in a packed Furzebrook village hall, Board members refused permission for the Alaska wind farm application at East Stoke on an 8-2 vote.

On the 12th of April at a meeting of full Council a change of policy was approved in order that dog owners are charged an administration fee when a stray dog is seized for the first time and returned to its owner. In the last twelve months the Council had received 76 recorded service requests involving stray dogs.

Environmental Health general manager Bill Davidson will be leaving Purbeck District Council in order to take up a position as Head of Services in the newly formed Dorset Waste Partnership. A decision has been taken not to recruit a new Manager of Environmental Services but to fill this post by reshuffling and restructuring within current senior management.

Peter Aston of Legal and Democratic Services has also announced his retirement after many years service with the Council; his post will be filled by the promotion of Kat Winterbottom who is currently a Democratic Services officer with the Council.

KC.

**ANNEX B
WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL
COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT 18th April 2011**

My report relates wholly to highways and associated matters.

Re-organisation of Highways Service

The Environment Directorate has undertaken a Highways and Business Support Review which will be fully implemented by September.

The former Client, Dorset Works Organisation and Dorset Engineering Consultancy will operate as a single Dorset Highways service. Administration and financial support will be integrated into the Business Support Division; there will be no more internal trading.

The review is intended to improve efficiency, even though some 70 jobs will go and some front line services will be affected.

Repairing Damaged Roads

Dorset has received an additional £2.7 million in Government Grant to repair damage to roads caused by the harsh winter. The money will be spent on additional resurfacing and surface dressing of roads and relaying pavements.

I am informed that the resurfacing of the A351 between Blackhill and Bakers Arms Roundabouts has been re-scheduled for this autumn.

Grass Cutting

Highway grass cutting in urban areas, which I assume includes Wareham, is to be reduced to 9 cuts per year to save money. The Town Clerk has been sent the full details of the grass cutting schedule.

New Speed Signs

Following representations by Annette Brooke MP and Me County Highways have agreed to erect '30 mph roundel/speed camera' signs in both directions on Bere Road which has a problem with vehicles exceeding the speed limit. The law does not permit the erection of 30 mph repeater signs in areas where street lighting is present.

Footpath Lighting

I have obtained some approximate costs of footpath lighting from the County Lighting Engineer. Lights cost about £1,000 each and the cabling to them between £30 - £50 per metre depending on the surface through which it is excavated. Lighting columns need to be at 30 metre centres to be considered for adoption by the County Council

David Budd

ANNEX C
WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL
WAREHAM AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TRUST 24TH MARCH 2011

Report on a meeting of the Board of Wareham and District Development Trust held on Thursday 24th March 2011 at the Rempstone Estate Offices. Cllr Sue Elmes.

Philip Daubeny volunteered to take over the Chair of WDDT after the Annual General Meeting in February.

It was decided at the meeting that the Trust would reduce the number of projects it was trying to action and concentrate on the ones that were easily achieved at the present time.

Trustees reported that the project to supply interpretation boards on the Walls were well advanced. Work on tidying the Town Pound was in hand. We still had first refusal on the Wareham Bears and we are actively seeking a home for them. Negotiations were ongoing with the Rector about the Purbeck Community Café.

At the end of the meeting I raised the subject of WDDT helping with the lighting and the planters at Hauses Field. The Board was in favour of helping to pay for both projects from the earmarked reserves in the Trusts funds and voted to go ahead with the grant.

ANNEX D

WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

PURBECK COMMUNITY CAFÉ COMMITTEE 6TH APRIL 2011

Report on a meeting the Purbeck Community Café Committee held on Wednesday 6th April 2011 at the King's Arms, Wareham.

After the initial experiment of providing a café at the Salt Pig for eight weeks in February and March 2011, it was agreed that the project had been a success. It was decided that the Café would continue in the Salt Pig until the end of June with a two week break for Easter. Over the summer months the Salt Pig will be using the café for their own Bistro and the Youth Café would resume at the beginning of October and carry on until Christmas by which time there is the possibility of the project transferring to a permanent home. There had been a few issues with numbers round the café but these had been resolved by making sure the café closed by eleven o'clock and through discussions between the police and the leaders. The whole idea had been welcomed by the young people and was considered by all concerned to be a success.

Cllr Sue Elmes.

ANNEX E

WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE POLICY DEVELOPMENT PANEL 13TH APRIL 2011

Report on a meeting of the Public Convenience Policy Development Panel at Purbeck District Council, held on 13th April.

I attended this fact finding meeting representing the Town Council along with the Town Clerk. It was decided that negotiations will take place between the Town Council and PDC after the elections and a letter is on its way from PDC regarding these negotiations.

Cllr S Elmes