



Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on 9 August 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

Members Present: Councillors M Russell (Mayor), C Turner (Deputy Mayor), D Budd, D Cleaton, M Cotton, K Critchley, B Dean, B Ezzard, H Goodinge, K Green, V Green, M Humphries, S Kemp, L Kirk

Officers present: N Gray, Town Clerk, K Noble, Deputy Town Clerk

228. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Gover and Dorset Councillor Holloway.

229. Declarations of interest

Councillor Critchley declared a pecuniary interest in regard to the Purbeck Radio item.

230. Public participation time

There were two members of the public present.

231. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council held on 28 June 2022 were presented by the Mayor.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

232. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Item 120 – The consultation response had been sent and circulated to Members.

Item 121 – The response from Dorset Council regarding the street cleaner was as follows: ‘In reference to the cleansing operative in Wareham, we have reviewed the previous arrangement and believe that a 5 day a week presence in Wareham is not necessary. We will have an operative into the town on Monday/Wednesday and Friday to carry out litter picking and hand brushing.

The litter bins would continue to be emptied daily as they are now.

In regard to the request for weekend street cleaning from the Town Council we have not previously provided any weekend cleansing and the majority of weekend cleansing is voluntary overtime by the operatives, so this would come at additional cost to provide another member of staff in Wareham.

I am not sure but potentially the Town Council may wish to fund this in the same way that additional litter bins are a charged for service’.

It was agreed that this would be considered further at a Policy, Resources and Finance Committee meeting.

Item 121 – The following response had been received from Aster regarding the garages at Moreton’s: ‘Aster has every intention of providing new garages on the

site in questions, as soon as it is viable to do so. Unfortunately, when our sub-contractors originally surveyed the existing structures, prior to repairing and refurbishing them, they discovered that the extent of subsidence beneath the garages was too great to safely rebuild on top. Our plans for the block were put on hold pending an affordable solution, but that solution has become increasingly elusive as a result of Covid 19, current price rises, and staff and materials shortages withing the construction industry.

I hope we will be able to revisit the site before the end of the current financial year, with a view to budgeting for work in the next and will certainly consider the inclusion of EVC points in any replacement garages.'

Item 122 – The working group had met, and a report would be provided at the next Council meeting.

233. Reports by Dorset Councillors and representatives on outside bodies

Dorset Councillor Ezzard presented her report, which was appended to these minutes.

234. Payments for outstanding creditors

The Town Clerk presented a list of payments for approval.

Resolved that payments in the sum of £35,388.29 (£27,786.27 BACS and £7,602.02 Direct Debit) be approved, as appended to these minutes.

235. To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may wish to place before the Council

The Mayor had no items to raise.

236. Reports from committees and sub-groups

The following minutes of the Committee were presented by the Committee Chairs:

a) Amenities Committee – 27 July 2022 (unconfirmed)

The Chair confirmed an extraordinary meeting took place on 5 August to finalise the contracts for the play area designs. Some amendments were made to the designs to incorporate public comments, following the consultation on Saturday 30 July. It is anticipated the works would commence in the autumn.

b) Museum Committee – 29 June 2033 (unconfirmed)

The Museum had received accreditation and the Council's congratulations were to be passed on.

c) Personnel Committee – 19 July 2022 (confirmed)

d) Planning and Transport Committee – 13 July 2022 (unconfirmed)

The speeding issue had been referred to Wareham St Martin Parish Council.

e) Policy, Resources and Finance (unconfirmed)

The Consort regalia would be referred back to the next Policy, Resources and Finance Committee meeting, due to insufficient funds being available in the budget.

A query was raised regarding the payment to Suez and it was confirmed this was for the commercial waste collection.

A response from Dorset Council was still awaited regarding the Travellers Policy.

Resolved that the Minutes from the Council Committee meetings be received.

237. Tour of Britain

Several roads had been resurfaced. Members were disappointed that notification had not been received earlier.

A lengthy discussion took place and possible options.

Resolved the Mayor and Town Crier, along with other available Members, to attend the event. The Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of Policy, Resources and Finance Committee, to purchase a generic banner if necessary.

238. Town Hall Flag

Resolved that the appropriate officer investigates methods and costs of preventing flags from wrapping around the Town Hall flag poles and reports back to the Amenities Committee at the earliest opportunity. The cost of this proposal to be met from budget code 3100/7 - Town Hall Equipment & Building Maintenance.

239. Connegar Lane car park

Dorset Council were prepared to discuss with the Burial Committee the possibility of relinquishing the lease for the car park.

Resolved a working group of the Chair of Policy, Resources and Finance, Chair and Vice Chair of Amenities Committee were appointed to meet with representatives from the Joint Burial Committee and to report back to a future Council meeting.

240. Motion from Councillor Kemp

Councillor Kemp gave some background information regarding the motion to write to the owner of The Priory to request the tree over the river is coppiced in the autumn. It was confirmed the trees are not within Wareham Parish.

Resolved that the Town Clerk writes to the Parish Clerk of Arne Parish Council and send a copy to Wareham District Development Trust.

241. Wareham Folk Festival free parking request

A request had been received asking for support for free parking on Saturday 17 September.

Resolved that the request was not supported.

242. Siting of coffee van outside the Granary on the Quay

Dorset Council had received a request to install a coffee pod at The Quay.

Resolved that the Council object to the request, as it is out of keeping.

243. Letter of support for Purbeck Coast Radio

(Councillor Critchley left the meeting whilst this item was considered)

Purbeck Coast were hoping to extend the radio coverage to include Wareham and were making the required application and requested a letter of support from the Town Council.

Resolved a letter of support would be provided.

244. Jurassic Fibre Broadband roll out

Following a presentation to the Amenities Committee, Members considered the request from Jurassic Fibre to enter a lease arrangement for a parcel of land to site an “Exchange Cabin” or “Pop Site”.

Resolved that the offer is not accepted as a suitable site is not available.

245. Motion to revoke a resolution

Six Members signed a motion to reconsider the decision made at Council on 24 May 2022 to pay for an external company to undertake the road closure for the Remembrance Parade.

After much discussion the motion was withdrawn. Options for next year’s parade will be considered at Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

246. Any other items the Mayor deems urgent

Cllr Critchley thanked the outgoing Deputy Clerk for all her hard work and dedication during her time at Wareham Town Council and wished her all the very best for the future.

247. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Town Council was scheduled to be held at **7pm on 20 September 2022.**

Mayor..... Date.....

Cllr Beryl Ezzard DC Report Wareham Town Council August 2022

Dorset Council (DC)

The next Full Council Meeting will be on Thursday 20 October at 6.30pm, the last DC Cabinet Meeting on 26 July included updates to the School Transport Policy, and DC Plan Priorities with Purbeck Local Plan and Modern Slavery Transparency Statements. The retaining stone wall at St Martins on the Walls Church has been inspected by DC in July, with a report awaited – there has been an on-going monitoring of this wall – as it has shown cracks for over 5 years.

A new Dorset Care Company is being set up as a trading company with DC the only shareholder, that will start operating in October. This means that all the Dorset area assets and Staff will transfer from Tricuro by end of September.

Former Middle School Site & Playing Fields

On Saturday 13 August from 10 – 3 pm on the Wareham Quay DC/CCG are holding a public engagement event to show an update on the “Gateway” Scheme and of the replacement Medical Centre. Ryan & I hope to be on hand to assist as we did with the “Sofa Hearing Session” last Saturday, with Cllr Laura Beddow (nee Miller) Cabinet Member for Communities (Waste Partnership, Libraries and Licencing). The results of the recent Playing Fields Survey will also be displayed.

Round Britain Cycle Race – Coming to Dorset on Saturday 10 September

The 114 cycles will be arriving in Wareham via Corfe Road Stoborough from 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm with a rolling roadblock. Sprint Time trials will take place around Wareham’s Roads. There is currently overnight 8 pm to 6 am DC highways activity around Stoborough & Wareham to resurface the road from Stoborough across the causeway into South Street and then from the Traffic Lights, West Street and Worgret Road to Purbeck School Roundabout. Come out and cheer them on and wave a flag...

Covid Update in DC Area

The Office of National Stats (ONS) data is not issuing Covid-19 County numbers, currently, although Covid is still prevalent, however the Covid Patients in all pan Dorset hospitals as of 8 August is 101; this is a decrease from 121 on 1 August. We urge residents to remain cautious in public places especially with summer events increasing.

£150 Council Tax Rebate

To confirm any claimants left outstanding beyond 30th September will get the £150 rebate credited to their Council Tax Invoice. Be aware of scammers who may take advantage by Telephoning residents, The DC will contact you by letter only.

Cost of Living Support

Dorset Council is working close with Dorset Citizens advice to offer advice and support during these uncertain times. See the link to access the DC website www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help

You can also Telephone Citizens advice in Wareham on 0800 144 8848.

Also working with Citizens Advice, there will be Government support to families on Benefits and those living with Fuel Poverty (at least 10% of income being paid to on Energy Bill with less than £10,000 savings), this October of up to £1,200. Every household will get £400 credit from their Energy Supplier. Winter fuel payments from Dept of Work & Pensions (DWP) will be increased for State Pension residents to £500 who live alone, with over 80’s £600. The Wareham Youth Centre (PYCF) are running activities and lunch for those children in August on Free School Meals.

Wareham Station Level Crossing/New Pedestrian Cycleway

The Phase 1 is still awaiting completion due to materials not being available and Contractor Staff holidays. Vehicle data on speed and numbers are being monitored and collated for future evidence, to help reduce the speed limits on A351 Sandford Road/towards Saxon Roundabout. Northmoor Way speed data indicates that a reduction to 20 mph may be possible with the awaited DC Speed Policy.

Wareham Tourist Information Centre

Not Just Sundaes (NJS) have established the interim Tourist Information area within their Café. Negotiations for a permanent setting is ongoing for the Tourist Information in the Town Hall.

Cordite Way: Footpath 30

The 6-week period to 8 July for any final Objections saw an DC internal Health & Safety query put forward. Whilst this is being addressed and with DC staff on leave it is frustrating to await further delay in commencing the clearing and making the Right of Way accessible. Jade-Aden’s offer of replacing the bridge has been a very welcome gesture, although the abutments/footings will have to be funded.

Dorset Cllrs Monthly Advice Surgeries: These are on-going in the library.

Ryan-Third Tuesday every month at 5-6.30pm

Beryl-Second Friday every month 10.15 -12 noon.

Payments List - Meeting Date 09.08.22

Inv.

Date	Ref No.	Payee	Amount	Details
30.06.22	27789	Wm Pond Wareham	140.21	General repairs & maintenance
07.07.22	51558	Cobblers SSE Scottish	101.70	Trophies for Town Crier competition
11.07.22	211865359/0027	Hydro	27.73	Unit 2 electricity usage 14.06.22 to 08.07.22
15.07.22	AHGTC22	AHGTC	30.00	2022/23 Town Crier subscription
19.07.22	7	Kaffs Coffee Pot	270.00	Lunch for Town Crier competition
01.04.22	125337	Clarity Copies	91.94	Copier charges for March 2022
15.07.22	1666	JA Construction	3753.73	Replacement doors for Quay toilets
15.07.22	0493117	Loomis	319.97	Monthly service contract - August 2022
27.07.22	July22DCPF	DC Pension Fund	4588.72	July 2022 pension contributions
20.07.22	1283476363	Trade UK	28.46	Sealant, remover, glue gun
27.07.22	July22HMRC	HMRC	4445.86	July 2022 PAYE & NIC contributions
29.07.22	Jul-22	Salaries	12384.02	July 2022 salaries
26.07.22	70035	Hurn Recycling	120.00	10 confidential waste bags
27.07.22	131395	R U Secure	132.00	CCTV maintenance
29.07.22	136728	Clarity Copies	83.89	Copier charges for July 2022
01.08.22	18014	Rejuvenate	612.96	Monthly software support
31.07.22	17889	Rejuvenate	91.19	Laptop battery and installation
22.03.22	13	SLCC	416.40	Town Clerk job advert
24.07.22	GB24LFEZHAEUI	Amazon	9.90	Bleach
26.07.22	GB25CXEAUC	Amazon	-9.90	Credit bleach
22.07.22	2022-368578	Amazon	36.50	Wonderwipes
24.07.22	GB24LN3EMAEUI	Amazon	30.00	Limescale remover & bathroom cleaner
22.07.22	2022-7903	Amazon	27.74	Floor cleaner
21.07.22	1283813866	Trade UK	53.25	Recreation ground maintenance
	Total BACS		27786.27	

Direct Debits & Card payments

13.06.22	374015017	Lloyds	7.85	Bank charges 10.05.22 to 09.06.22
23.07.22	31871336/0012	SSE	42.04	Town Hall gas 01.06.22 to 30.06.22
01.07.22	530-6-2022	Just Park	129.50	Commission on telephone parking - June 2022
25.06.22	223118277	Waterlogic	96.41	Water cooler hire, water, June 2022
02.07.22	967205	Bonline	46.97	CCTV Town Hall & Museum July 2022
17.07.22	9003565521	Fuel Card Preservation	84.26	Van diesel
20.07.22	448850	Equip	10.14	Insect window trap – Museum
20.07.22	343116	Harrowden Turf	57.85	Water retaining gel
20.07.22	77903 20411	SSE SWALEC	347.86	Quay toilets electric 22.04.22 to 19.07.22
20.07.22	51826 48314	SSE SWALEC	53.97	Pavilion electric 22.04.22 to 19.07.22 Howards Lane toilets electric 22.04.22 to 19.07.22
20.07.22	07970 30413	SSE SWALEC	166.35	
20.07.22	22897 20415	SSE SWALEC	1340.71	Town Hall electric 22.04.22 to 19.07.22
21.07.22	5810	Post Office	3.35	Postage on scroll
22.07.22	989893	Bonline	46.97	CCTV Town Hall & Museum August 2022
24.07.22	9003600613	Fuel Card	166.43	Van diesel
25.07.22	223164650	Waterlogic	40.24	Water cooler hire, water, July 2022
25.07.22	PW508598	PWLB	2201.79	Loan repayment re Mill Lane roof
26.07.22	1411	Adobe	15.17	Acrobat Pro

01.08.22	961510801	Water2Business	42.00	Pavilion water usage August 2022
01.08.22	2697290001	Water2Business	117.50	Howards Lane toilets water usage August 2022
01.08.22	0962000001	Water2Business	53.50	Town Hall water usage August 2022
01.08.22	2688769801	Water2Business	425.00	Quay toilets water usage August 2022
01.08.22	840002567	Dorset Council	150.00	Museum rates August 2022
01.08.22	840002647	Dorset Council	936.00	Town Hall rates August 2022
01.08.22	840002576	Dorset Council	948.00	Howards Lane car park rates August 2022
02.08.22	15296833	O2	32.16	Mobile 'phone ...065
19.08.22	10340490	ICO	40.00	Annual renewal re Data Protection
	Total DDRs Payable		7602.02	
		Total Payments	35388.29	