

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

10<sup>th</sup> July 2018

PRESENT Councillors: M.Parker (Chairman)  
A.Biggs  
Mrs.L.Dedden  
S.Flower  
P.J.Mann  
Ms.J.Russell  
Miss.K.Stephens

Apologies were given by Cllrs: Mrs.T.Coombs, Mrs.S.L.Grove, Mrs.P.Morrow, Mrs.S.Shaw & Mrs.N.Thompson

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk.

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64/18 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

Councillor S.Flower declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda item 3 as he sits on the East Dorset Cabinet Committee looking at possible asset transfers to Town and Parish Councils ahead of April 2019.

65/18 Clerk's Report.

a) New Forest District Local Plan 2016-2036. An email has been sent regarding the proposed submission document which was copied to all members. The consultation period is from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> August. This was noted.

66/18 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budgets for May & June 2018 were copied to all members and no issues were raised.

67/18 Community Asset Transfers.

Minute 36/18 refers. Discussion took place regarding: the deadline of 13<sup>th</sup> July to show an interest in assets has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> July; that all the items on the asset transfer list should be discussed individually; the three play areas which the Town Council had already agreed to take over; that there was not enough information with regards to financial implications regarding the Guide and Scout Hut land and the toilets on Ferrett Green. The Clerk was asked to ask EDDC for the information on any financial implications regarding the Guide Hut and Scout Hut land and the toilets prior to Full Town Council and this would be an agenda item at Full Council. The Clerk was also asked to seek clarification on the ownership of Charlotte's Place play area land.

68/18 Local Government Boundary Commission- Electoral arrangements.

Information was circulated to all members from the Local Government Boundary Commission and from the Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils. Discussion took place on: that the draft arrangements were no different to what the EDDC put forward; concern was raised regarding the changes to Three Legged Cross; draft recommendations for Verwood Town Council wards. It was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Verwood Town Council support

- i) the new Dorset Authority Verwood ward but state their concern on the anomaly of Three Legged Cross in an adjoining ward which loses community cohesion and identity to the parish.
- ii) that Verwood Town support the draft recommendations for the Verwood Town Council Wards.

69/18 Replacing wet pour at Ebblake Close, Kiln Way & Crane Close Play Areas.

These are the three play areas, which members have agreed to take over from the District Council. One of the issues raised by our play inspector was the state of the wet pour at all three areas. The District Council has asked if we would consider contributing half of the cost which is £6,600 (£3,300). After discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council pay £3,300 towards the new wet pour for the three play areas and that it come out of the Play Area Repair and Replacement Fund.

70/18 Town Plan Fund.

A report has been circulated to all members regarding the balance of the Town Plan Fund and information had been received regarding the need for new nets and posts for the tennis courts at Potterne Park which would cost £3,100. Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Town Plan Fund be used to leave a legacy by supporting this project and funding the replacement nets and posts. Any small surplus remaining should then be put into the Town Enhancements fund.

71/18 Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils.

Members were asked to approve the annual subscription to the DAPTC which this year will be £1,360.34 for 2018/19, this excludes the Local Council Review Magazine. It was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Verwood Town Council approve the annual subscription to the DAPTC.

72/18 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

The inspection of the Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces and the Cemetery had been carried out. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

73/18 Other reports and matters for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that the Chairman would be attending a meeting to discuss a Business Improvement Development (BID) proposition for Ebblake and or Ebblake & Woolsbridge Industrial Estates.
- b) Information was given that Councillors Ms.Russell and M.Hudson would be attending the East Dorset Local Plan Review 'Options' Consultation briefing on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 2pm at Wimborne.
- c) It was stated how good the new WW1 seats looked on Ferrett Green.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

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Chairman