

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

12th June 2018

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs.S.L.Grove (Mayor)
A.Biggs
S.Flower
P.J.Mann
Mrs.P.Morrow
M.Parker
Ms.J.Russell
Mrs.S.Shaw
Mrs.N.Thompson

Apologies were given by Cllrs: Mrs.T.Coombs , Mrs.L.Dedden, & Miss.K.Stephens
Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk.
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29/18 Election of Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor M.Parker was proposed, seconded and was duly elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

30/18 Election of Vice Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor Mrs.N.Thompson was proposed, seconded and was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

31/18 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

Councillor S.Flower declared a non pecuniary interest in Agenda item 7 as he sits on the East Dorset Cabinet Committee looking at possible asset transfer to Town and Parish Councils ahead April 2019.

32/18 Clerk's Report.

a) Dorset County Council sent an email regarding changes to numbering of Rights of Way – Horton & Verwood. The discrepancy left over from the parish boundary changes a few years ago, meant that part of Bridleway 32, Horton was transferred into Verwood. As the continuation of the path was already Bridleway 39 Verwood they have simply renumbered it as part of BR39. The statements have been updated accordingly and are attached to the email which was copied to all members. This was noted.

b) The Clerk reported that she had agreed with East Dorset District Council to provide postal cards in the event of an election due to the vacancy on the Town Council.

33/18 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budgets for April 2018 were copied to all members and no issues were raised.

34/18 Report from the Internal Auditor.

The report from the Internal Auditor was copied to all members and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the report be accepted.

35/18 To approve and accept the Annual Return of the Audit for the year ended 31st March 2018.

The Annual Return was copied to all members and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Annual Return be approved. It will be resolved at the next Full Town Council meeting and signed by the Mayor and Responsible Financial Officer.

36/18 Community Asset Transfers.

Information, which had been sent by Christchurch and East Dorset District Council, had been copied to all members regarding Community Asset Transfers. The District Council were offering a meeting to discuss which assets, if any, the Town Council would be interested in taking over. Discussion took place regarding the assets being offered and ones that were not, finances, woodlands, toilets and car parks. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman, who would be attending a meeting to discuss an update on Potterne Park, would add this item to the meeting and if any member has any questions for this meeting to inform the Town Clerk. This would be an agenda item at the next F & G P Committee where all the assets would be discussed.

Information was given on land in Bay Close and Evergreen Close which was looked after by the District Council but were not on the list. A question was asked about the ownership of Broadmead Road and information was given that Land Registry had stated who owned the land. Further information would be sought by the District Councillor who would report back.

37/18 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.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.54p.m.

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Chairman