

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

25th September 2018

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

Apologies from Cllrs: Mrs.T.B.Coombs, Mrs.L.Dedden, S.Gibson
S.Hazel, M.Parker & Miss.K.Stephens

In attendance:- Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk.
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115/18 Declaration of Interests.
None.

116/18 Minutes of the Meetings held 24th July 2018 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

117/18 Policing.
A report was circulated to all members which included information on: crime figures.
A question regarding the figures should be emailed to the Clerk.

118/18 Clerk's Report.
a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted.
b) It was reported that Councillor S.Bhose had resigned from the Town Council. After discussion it was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the vacancy would not be filled until the elections in May 2019.
c) **PFK Accountants & Business Advisers** have completed their review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for Verwood Town Council for the year ended 31st March 2018. No issues were raised.

119/18 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held 8th & 29th August & 19th September 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

120/18 The Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held 11th September 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

121/18 The Report of the Amenities Committee meeting held 11th September 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

122/18 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: Civic days at Wareham, West Dorset, Portland and Christchurch; presenting the Mayor's Scout with his sash; the re-opening of the Verwood Memorial Hall; at Sherborne where the Rifles were given the Freedom of Sherborne; the Salvation Army Solent Band concert.

123/18 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

- a) **Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association.** A written report was circulated to all members which included information on the visit by twinningers from Leiderbach who were in Verwood from 7th to the 10th September.
- b) **DAPTC Larger Parish and Town Councils.** A written report was copied to all members regarding the last meeting where matters discussed included: Local Government Re-organisation; motions to be submitted to the AGM; reports from other councils.
- c) **Verwood Heathland Heritage Executive Meeting.** Information was given on the last meeting where matters discussed included: thanks given to all that run the heritage centre; finances; Archivist report; the date of the AGM will be confirmed at a later date.
- d) **Local Action Group.** Information was given on the last meeting at which the Chief Constable of Dorset attended to talk about community policing. Discussion also took place regarding the request for a cycle path alongside the B3081.
- e) **Potterne Park Users Group.** Minutes of the last meeting would be circulated as soon as they were available.

124/18 Internet Councillor

No report.

125/18 Press & P.R.

Information was given that a press release would be sent out with information on Remembrance Sunday.

126/18 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Council and District Council Report, Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs & S.Flower. A verbal report was given on work being carried out by the Shadow Council which includes preparing standing orders. In October information will be available regarding the ward boundaries. Some road surfaces have deteriorated which will be looked at.

127/18 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £20,358.92 for August & £13,091.48 for September 2018 were approved for payment.

128/18 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Information was given on a problem for a disabled resident to access Stephens Castle.

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- b) Information was given that an enquiry had been received about the new seats on Ferrett Green and that the Council had been complimented on purchasing them.
- c) Information was given that the Three Legged Cross Community Fund had also supported the Bunker project.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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Mayor