

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

11th September 2018

PRESENT Councillors: M.Parker (Chairman)
A.Biggs
Mrs.T.Coombs
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Flower
Mrs.S.L.Grove
P.J.Mann
Mrs.P.Morrow
Ms.J.Russell
Mrs.S.Shaw
Miss.K.Stephens
Mrs.N.Thompson

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk.
Public: 3

97/18 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

Agenda Item 6. Councillor Mrs.S.L.Grove declared a non-pecuniary interest as she is part of the Verwood Community Group and the Verwood and TLX Dementia Community Association and took no part in the vote for Grant Aid.

Agenda Item 6. Mrs.S.Shaw declared a non-pecuniary interest as she is part of the Verwood Community Group and took no part in the vote for Grant Aid.

98/18 Clerk's Report.

a) **New Forest District** (Outside the National Park) Consultation on Supplementary Planning Documents 6th July -30th September. An email had been sent which was copied to all members on 9th July. The consultation period is from 6th July to 30th September. This was noted.

b) **DAPTC** sent a circular about the Shadow Dorset Council's principles for transfer of assets and the DAPTC Chairman's' Statement to the Dorset which was sent on 22nd August 2018. This was noted.

c) **Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan.** Modifications to the Pre-submission Draft Waste Plan. Comments must be made by Monday 15th October 2018. This was noted.

d) **Ms.A.Kay-Tyler** sent an email asking about the possibility of the provision of a footpath adjacent to the B3081 road between Ringwood and Verwood due to safety issues on the road. This had been brought up at the last LAG meeting where it had been discussed. Information was given that Councillor Flower had contacted Hampshire County Council to discuss the issue and was awaiting a response. The Clerk was asked to respond to the email that there is already a footpath in the forest adjacent to the road and that any development of a new path along the B3081 will need to be designed. The issue was being discussed at the next Local Action Group in November.

e) **Christchurch and East Dorset District Council** sent an email regarding a request from a resident to acquire land adjacent to 243 Albion Way. After a short discussion members agreed that they had no objections to the request and the District Council would be notified.

99/18 Monthly Budgets.

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

100/18 Community Asset Transfers.

Minute 36/18 & 67/18 refers. **Christchurch and East Dorset District Council** sent an email regarding the assets request by the Town Council. A recommendation will be put to the District Council that the transfer of all of the assets requested by the Town Council be accepted. The Clerk reported that she had approached a solicitor on behalf of the Town Council, Roger Taylor of Wellers Law Group, who deals with Parish & Town Council issues. Members agreed that Wellers Law Group would be the Town Council's representative and that the Clerk may take the asset transfer forward.

101/18 Business Improvement District (BID) for Ebblake and Woolsbridge Ind. Estates.

Information was copied to all members regarding the above. Mr.K.Poulton, Ferndown & Uddens BID Manager and Mr.J.Philpott, Spire Technology introduced themselves and were happy to answer questions from members. Discussion took place regarding: other grants and contributions; how Ferndown BID worked; involvement by other Town Councils; what percentage from the business rates which would be paid; that a BID ran for five years; monies received from the Town Council would be used to develop a business plan e.g. booklets and invitations would be sent out to local businesses to join in the BID; information was given that it could benefit the whole community; that it may be possible for any funding by the Town Council could be repaid once the BID is successful. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that Verwood Town Council support the proposed BID with the condition that the BID is open for any appropriate commercial area within the parish boundary. Also that The Town Council give £5,000 towards the bid and that a clause be put in the that should the BID be successful that the Town Council funding be repaid.

102/18 WW2 Bombing Decoy at Moors Valley Country Park.

Information was copied to all members about the request by a small group of conservation volunteers at Moors Valley who wish to preserve the bunker tucked away on the 9th green at Moors Valley Country Park Golf Course. They wish to put a fence around the area at a cost of £1,295.50. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that Verwood Town Council support this project and allocate £1,295.50 for the fencing of the bunker.

103/18 Grant Aid

Information was given to all members on Grant Aid applications received. Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the following grant aid for 2018/2019 be allocated:

Age Concern	£2,500
Dorset Mind	£1,000
Music for the Mind	£300
Verwood Community Group	£400
Verwood Concert Brass	£1,000
Verwood & TLX Dementia Friendly Com Assoc.	£300

104/18 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.

105/18 Other reports and matters for future agendas.

- a) It was reported that funding by East Dorset District Verwood West Ward budgets had been put aside to run two single whole day First Aid Training for carers and volunteers at Verwood Fire Station. They would be held on 4th October and 20th November, with priority given to Verwood volunteers
- b) A request was made for more information regarding cycle routes to be publicised. A request would be made to the District Council to ascertain if they had such a map.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45p.m.

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Chairman