

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

15th January 2019

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

Apologies were given by Cllrs: Mrs. S. L. Grove

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

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211/18 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

212/18 Clerk's Report.

- a) The Clerk reported that Morrisons had now given a date for the Town Council to have a stall at the store to encourage people to consider standing for the Town Council. The date will be Friday 8th March. Other parish councils have shown an interest in attending.
- b) Minute 172/18 refers. Simon Hoare MP responded to the letter the Town Council sent regarding police coverage in our area. This was copied to all members. Information was given on the failed merger between Devon and Cornwall with Dorset Police. The Clerk was asked to write a letter thanks to Mr. Hoare for his response.
- c) Information was given that the position of Assistant Town Clerk had now been advertised and interest has been received.

213/18 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for December 2018 were circulated and no issues raised.

214/18 To appoint two members to review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit.

Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that Councillors P. Mann and M. Parker be appointed to review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit.

215/18 Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Mineral Sites Plan – Consultation on Additional Site at Horton Heath.

Discussion took place regarding the consultation and concerns were raised regarding issues which included: high volume of traffic; noise and sound pollution; the unsuitability of the C2; impact on the environment; impact on the Rights of Ways. Members agreed that Councillor S.Flower would put a report together which would be presented at the next Full Council meeting as an agenda item

216/18 To consider replacing the Skier Fitness Equipment in the Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground.

Discussion took place on the piece of equipment and what remedial work had taken place. In principle the Committee agreed that this item should be replaced but asked the Clerk to find out if there was a new design and what the life span of the equipment would be and report back to the next F & G P meeting.

217/18 Estimates for Expenditure for 2019/2020.

A schedule for the ensuing year, which had been copied to all members, had been submitted, the schedule was duly approved and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that a precept of £318,417 be levied in accordance with the requirements of the schedule, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

218/18 Local Government Pension Scheme Discretions Policy.

A draft Discretionary Policy was copied to all members. After discussion took place it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Draft Policy be adopted.

219/18 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

The inspection of the Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces and the Cemetery would be carried out in the next few days. The Clerk would arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

220/18 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) It was reported that the next meeting of the Potterne Park User Group would be on Thursday 17th January at 7.00pm.
- b) Members were asked to consider internet banking and BAC's for payments.
- c) The Clerk was asked to contact CCLA for information on their investments.
- d) Information was given on a meeting between the Town Council and Christchurch and East Dorset District Council regarding Potterne Park which will take place at the end of the month.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05p.m.

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Chairman

