

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

8th September 2020

This meeting was a video conference call.

PRESENT Councillors: M. Parker (Chairman)
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Flower
Mrs.S.Grove
P.Mann
Mrs.P.Morrow
Ms. J.Russell
M.Thorpe

Apologies from Cllrs: A.Biggs & Mrs.T.Coombs

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs.J.Sebire, Assistant Town Clerk.

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342/19 Co-option to Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Cllr S.Gibson was co-opted onto the Finance & General Purposes Committee for the duration of the meeting.

343/19 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

344/19 Clerk's Report.

- a) A request has been received from a resident for consideration to be given to having double yellow lines on a part of Acorn Way, Verwood. A photograph of the site was copied to all members. After discussion took place the Clerk was asked to respond that the Town Council could not support the request as it would not meet the criteria.
- b) Verwood Memorial Hall Trust wrote enclosing their Annual Report and Accounts for 2019-2020 which can be viewed at the Town Council Offices. This was noted.

345/19 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for April, May, June, July and August 2020 were circulated and no issues raised.

346/19 Crossing on Manor Road.

A request has been made by several residents regarding a crossing on Manor Road, near the Scout/Guide Hut, and a petition has been started. The Clerk has asked Dorset Council to investigate the site again. The last time this was carried out it did not meet the criteria. Discussion took place which included information on a site visit by Dorset Councillors, the criteria required, zebra crossings and setting up a Working Party to look at Highway issues. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that a Working Party be set up to look at Highway issues and that Councillors, S Flower, S Gibson, M Parker and Ms J Russell serve on the Working Party.

347/19 Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Dorset Council for Potterne Park.

A draft SLA between the Town Council and Dorset Council, regarding Potterne Park and the toilets was copied to all Members. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the draft SLA is accepted. The Clerk will liaise with Dorset Council to get the agreement signed.

348/19 Grant Aid applications.

Applications for Grant Aid were sent to all members. Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the following Grant Aid be allocated: -

Verwood Community Group	400
Verwood Concert Brass	1,000
Verwood & Three Legged Cross Dementia	
Friendly Community Association	300
Verwood Pantomime Society	2,000

349/19 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

The inspection of the Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces and the Cemetery had taken place and no issues had been raised.

350/19 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) Information was given on the Three Legged Cross Village Hall and that they had received Covid-19 money, that Mr.P.Turnham is standing down as an officer of the committee but will stay on as a member. Concern was raised that the committee was very small and that no younger people were joining.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.33p.m.

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Chairman