

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

21st May 2019

PRESENT Councillors:

Mrs.T.Coombs
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Flower
M.Parker
Ms.J.Russell
P.Smith
M.Thorpe

Apologies were given by Cllrs: A.Biggs , Mrs.L.Clark, P.Mann, Mrs.P.Morrow & Mrs.S.Grove

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

Public:

27/19 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.

28/19 Election of Vice Chairman.

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

29/19 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

30/19 Clerk's Report.

a) **DAPTC Training.** The Clerk reported that further training opportunities had been sent to all members. The Assistant Clerk would be attending the Planning training and New Clerks training. This was noted.

b) **Verwood in Bloom.** Information was given on the Verwood in Bloom competition and members were asked to take flyers and if they saw a lovely front garden to put it through the door. This was noted.

c) **Dorset Council Highways.** An email was received that maintenance on The Kingfishers road will be taking place from 11th June and 12th June between the hours of 9.00 and 1600, but the road will be open overnight and at weekends. This was noted.

31/19 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for April would be available once the audit papers had been completed.

32/19 Representatives on other bodies.

Members were asked to approve the following changes to the representatives on other bodies:

Verwood Age Concern. Due to the timing of the meetings Councillor Ms.Salmon will be unable to attend the meetings, therefore Councillor Mrs.L.Clark is happy to become the representative.

Verwood Memorial Hall. Councillor A.Biggs has been asked to become a Trustee of the Memorial Hall and feels that he cannot be the Town Council's representative, therefore Councillor Mrs.Bhose is happy to take on the role of representing the Town Council. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the above changes are approved.

33/19 SLCC Membership for the Assistant Town Clerk.

Members were asked to consider agreeing to pay the membership fee to the Society of Local Council Clerks for the Assistant Town Clerk. This will benefit the Council and the Assistant Town Clerk as she will be able to receive help regarding the Introduction to Local Council Management (ILCA) and then follow on to the Certificate in Local Council Management (CiLCA) and be able to network with other officers. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Assistant Town Clerks Membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks be paid by the Town Council.

34/19 Process and questions for co-option to the Town Council.

Members had received a copy of questions asked at previous co-options and a draft form for applicants to fill in. Discussion took place regarding; the co-option process and amendments to the application form; tailoring questions at the interview; adding a line regarding commitment to the council. After discussion The Clerk was asked to carry out the amendments and send out to all members for approval. In the event of any applications being received for the co-option the application forms will be discussed at the next F & G P Committee. A suggestion was made that a new councillor appear on Forest FM giving their impressions of becoming a town councillor.

35/19 Double yellow lines Lake Road, Verwood.

A letter has been received from the Cranborne Practice P.P.G asking for consideration to be given to extend the double yellow lines opposite the Doctors Surgery on Lake Road.

Discussion took place regarding the parking of vehicles opposite the Doctors Surgery and the problems that this causes, namely for the bus entering Lake Road from Newtown Road and visibility issues for the residents. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Dorset Council be asked to extend the existing double yellow lines opposite the Surgery to match the existing line on the opposite side of the road and to request that enforcement action be carried out on a regular basis.

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36/19 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

The inspections of the Cemetery and Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces had been carried out. The Clerk would arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

37/19 Items of Report or Future Agenda Items.

a) A request was made for a future agenda item to discuss if the Town Council would be willing to pay for the Local Action Group to use The Hub for their bi-monthly meetings. Dorset Council will be asked if they are prepared to waive the payment and how other similar groups were funded.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.09p.m.

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Chairman