

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

26th June 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.P.Morrow (Mayor)
Councillors Mrs.S.Bhose
A.Biggs
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.T.B.Coombs
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Gibson
Mrs.S.Grove
P.J.Mann
M.Parker
Ms.J.Russell
M.Thorpe

Apologies from Cllrs: S.Flower, M.Hudson, Ms.B.Salmon & P.Smith

In attendance:- Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, Mrs.J.Sebire & Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk, PC Andy Robertson, Major Gia Salarishvili.

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54/19 Declaration of Interests.
None.

55/19 Co-option for one of the vacancies in Dewlands South Ward.
Following the election there were two vacancies on the Town Council. A co-option notice had been advertised and one resident, Miss K.Stephens had applied. Members agreed that the vacancy would be filled by the applicant without an interview. It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that Miss K.Stephens be co-opted onto the Town Council and she duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

56/19 Minutes of the Meeting held 13th & 14th May 2019 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

57/19 Policing.
A report was circulated to all members. A verbal report was given on: crime figures; the increase in criminal damage and the efforts of the Police to combat them; information on staffing; the prevention of two raves, one of which was going to be held in Three Legged Cross. Questions were asked regarding: the crime figures; burglaries from garages; county lines; a large bonfire which had taken place in Three Legged Cross; speeding traffic in Vicarage Road; appreciation of the contact that the Town Council have with the Police.

58/19 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted.
- b) **Pedestrian Crossing** A request has been made for consideration for a pedestrian crossing on Ringwood Road near Parkland Close. The email has been forwarded to all members. This will be an agenda item at the next F & G P meeting.
- c) **Dorset Council** wrote regarding the Dorset Local Plan and the Statement of Community Involvement, asking if the Town Council wishes to continue to be kept up to date with events relating to the Dorset Local Plan. The Clerk responded to the question. There will be a six week consultation on a new Statement of Community Involvement which will begin on Friday 21st June and runs to 2nd August. This will be discussed at the next F & G P meeting.
- d) **Electric Car Chargers in Public Car Parks** an email has been received requesting that electric chargers be installed in the public car parks (Potters Wheel & Potterne Park etc) and that the Town Council support this request. The email was copied to all members. The Clerk was asked to pass on the information to a Dorset Councillor.
- e) **West Moors Parish Council** has organised Councillor training on Wednesday 7th August 9.30am to 4.30pm at a cost of £40 per person. The Assistant Town Clerk will be attending, this has been opened up to the new councillors but there are three spaces left if the new councillors do not wish to go. This was noted.
- f) **Minute 13/19 Code of Conduct.** The Clerk reported that this would be added to the next F & G P in July.
- g) **Recycling Bins in the Town.** An email has been received from the 'Verwoodians on Waste' asking if there could be recycled bins around the town especially near the children's play area and perhaps Potterne. The Clerk was asked to pass on the information to a Dorset Councillor.

59/19 The Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings held 21st May & 11th June 2019 as circulated, were confirmed, adopted and signed.

60/19 The Report of the Amenities Committee meeting held 11th June 2019 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

61/19 The Reports of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 15th May, 29th May and 19th June 2019 as circulated, were confirmed, adopted and signed.

62/19 Annual Return of the Audit for the year ended 31st March 2019.

A copy of the accounts and supporting statements for the year end 31st March 2019 was circulated to all members. The accounts were approved and signed by the Mayor and the Responsible Financial Officer and the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement was completed. It was proposed and seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Responsible Financial Officer sign the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.

63/19 Mayors Charity Account

The two signatories for the Verwood Mayor's Charity Account are Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk and Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk. Mrs.Gaskell is now retiring and Mrs.J.Sebire will be taking on the role of Assistant Town Clerk. Members are asked to approve the change of signatories. It was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that the Town Council approve the change of signatories from Mrs.J.Gaskell to Mrs.J.Sebire.

64/19 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: a presentation for East Dorset District Scouts; a reception by the outgoing Mayor of Bournemouth; Verwood Carnival; a twinning visit by Champtoceaux; the Holocaust Display at Cranborne Middle School; Summer Concert by the Verwood Choral Society; a reception at Sherborne.

65/19 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies

- a) **Verwood Heathland Heritage Trust Executive Committee.** Information was given on the last meeting where matters discussed included: Treasurers report; a report from the Archivist; that a bench will be purchased for outside the centre with plaques commemorating Ray Reeks, Pam Reeks and Ruth Bussey who were all great supporters of the centre.
- b) **DAPTC Larger Parish and Town Council Committee.** Information was given on the last meeting where matters discussed included: Chief Executives report; Dorset Council Update; examples of how Town and Parish Councils can act to improve the environment; items of report from members.
- c) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust Committee.** Information was given that the Town Council representative had met with the committee and that they were looking for an officer to deal with bookings and a treasurer.

66/19 Internet Councillor

No report

67/19 Press & P.R.Councillor

Information was given that a press release had been sent out regarding the recent Verwood in Bloom competition. Members were asked if they had any future events or photos, they advise the Press & P.R. Councillor.

68/19 Reports of the Dorset Council Councillors.

Councillor David Shortell and Councillor Mike Dyer attended the meeting and a verbal report was given regarding: the Dorset Local Plan and the Statement of Community Involvement; Local Digital Champions; Counterfeits Trader.
Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs informed members that she was the Chairman of the Eastern Area Planning Committee of the Dorset Council and that the next meeting will be held at The Hub in Verwood.

69/19 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £137,744.24 for June 2019 were approved for payment.

70/19 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that the next litter pick in Verwood would take place this Saturday morning.
- b) Information was given on the Anti Social Behaviour at Potterne Park affecting the Verwood Football Club. The Dorset Council have agreed to investigate possible funding for a private patrol.
- c) Information was given that a meeting will be held on the St. Gabriels site with residents on Thursday 4th July to give information on the project. Verwood Town Councillors are invited to attend if they so wish.
- d) Information was given on work that will be carried out at the Mannington substation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

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Mayor