

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

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

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

In attendance:- Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk & Assistant Town Clerk, Mrs.J.Sebire & PC Andy Robertson.

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85/19 Declaration of Interests.

None.

86/19 Minutes of the Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

87/19 Policing.

A report was circulated to all members which included information on crime figures. Details were given on what constitutes 'other crimes'. Morrisons engagement dates would be sent once they have been organised by Andy Robertson. It was reported that one group of burglars were targeting power tools whereas the other break-ins were random.

88/19 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted.
- b) **Rotary Club of Verwood** wrote asking the Town Council if they would be interested in accepting two sturdy 1800mm benches made out of recycled plastic. It was agreed that the town could benefit from the benches and it was suggested that the Clerk investigate and consult with the bus company regarding school pick up sites and a resident who has previously suggested sites.
- c) **Electoral Services, Dorset Council** sent an email that they are carrying out a review of all polling districts, polling places and polling stations in the Dorset Council area. The Council is consulting the Town Council and the public to seek their comments on the suitability of the polling station which they used on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Town Clerk respond that all polling stations were suitably placed both for Verwood and Three Legged Cross.

d) **Min. 35/19 refers Dorset Council** responded to the request to extend the yellow lines in Lake Road, Verwood. It scored 96 on the matrix which is not high enough to be considered for a TRO. The Clerk was asked to contact the resident who had asked for this to be considered.

89/19 The Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

90/19 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

91/19 To consider part funding parking restriction lines at the Emmanuel Campus.  
A request has been made to ask the Town Council to part fund yellow zigzag lines outside the Emmanuel Campus. Parents are parking on the yellow lines and by the roundabout during school drop off and collection times. The current lines are faded and obscured in places so re-painting will occur during the summer holidays but it was suggested that there is a need for yellow zigzag lines on the roundabout. The cost of the zigzags is £2,500 and whilst the school will raise some funds and apply to the solar farm for funds it was suggested that part funding could be provided by the Town Council as the earliest the lines could be placed would be April if funds are not forthcoming. After discussion regarding enforcement and effect of zig zag lines at other school locations it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Town Council would contribute £500 as a goodwill gesture towards the restrictions.

92/19 Youth Centre.

This item is to request that a Working Party of the Town Council be set up to discuss the effectiveness of the transfer of the Youth Centre for Community use. Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that a working party, which would include Councillors Mrs.T.Coombs, Mrs.S.Grove, M.Parker, Mrs.P.Morrow and Ms B Salmon, be set up and would meet during the month of August.

93/19 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**The Mayor** sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: installation of the new Rotary Chairman; the Annual Review of East Dorset Scouts; Ferndown Upper School Graduation Ceremony; Verwood Concert Brass Concert; visited Cherry Tree Nursery.

**The Deputy Mayor** sent a written report on various functions and events he had attended which include: a visit to Home Start; Ferndown Upper School Graduation Ceremony accompanying the Mayor; Ferndown Upper School Art Summer Show; Wareham Civic Service and Parade.

94/19 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies

a) **Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee.** A written report was circulated to members regarding the last meeting which included information on: usage of the airport; baggage handling; corporate and social responsibility; the business park; picking up and dropping off of passengers on the main road. Information was also provided on the equipment and methods of dealing with fire and related incidents at the airport.

b) **DAPTC Eastern Area Committee.** A report was circulated to members regarding the last meeting which included information on: the Chief Executive's report; representation by Dorset Council on DAPTC; the AGM; previous presentations to the Executive Committee; member councils issues; the election of officers; the period allowed on planning comments made by Parish and Town Councils and the resignation of the Area Secretary. The date of the next meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> October and the venue is West Parley.

It was advised that there is a proposal to form a national park from an AONB in Dorset.

Planning are considering putting comments from Town and Parish councils back to 28 days.

c) **Age Concern AGM.** Information was given that Age Concern is still lacking a chairman and would like to hear from anybody keen to take on the role.

d) **Three Legged Cross Forum** Councillors attended the meeting which they were pleased with.

95/19 Internet Councillor

Members agreed that Councillor Miss.K.Stephens would take over the role of one of the Internet Councillor roles in place of Councillor Mrs.S.Bhose

96/19 Press & P.R.Councillor

A report was given that reports from the Deputy Mayor had been passed onto the press.

97/19 Reports of the Dorset Council Councillors.

Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs, Councillor S.Flower & Councillor S.Gibson A report was circulated to all members regarding the Somerley HRC. Information was given on: the impact of the proposal to charge £5 to Verwood; that the Dorset facility at Wimborne was already oversubscribed; the need for a new East Dorset based facility and the cost of a new facility; the suggestion that the eligibility for Dorset should be via postcode rather than a 3 or 5 mile radius; that the Dorset Council would be considering further budget allocation and negotiation with Hampshire County Council at a meeting. Members were also sent a copy of the Dorset Council Leaders Bulletin.

98/19 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £14,109.78 for July 2019 were approved for payment.

99/19 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that the yellow telephone box gifted by Liederbach Town has been donated to the Mobile Home Park for use as a library and will be moved once funding has been agreed.
- b) A request was made for a sign to advertise events and activities for The Hub on land near the Hub.
- c) Information requested regarding a meeting concerning St. Gabriels which had been cancelled. Work has already started and it was asked where finances had come from and if and when a future meeting would take place.
- d) A request for an agenda item regarding a zebra crossing at Oakdene Nursing Home, Three Legged Cross. Information was given that it did not previously meet the criteria.
- e) A request was made for an agenda item to discuss the proposal for a National Park in an existing area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the impact on the non-National Park parts of Dorset.
- f) A question was asked regarding emergency numbers such as for electricity.

100/19 As the Council will be in recess for the month of August, it was proposed, seconded and  
RESOLVED that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor be given power to act.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35p.m.

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Mayor