

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

10th September 2019

PRESENT Councillors: M.Parker (Chairman)
A.Biggs
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.T.Coombs
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Flower
P.Mann
Ms.J.Russell
M.Thorpe

Apologies were given by Cllrs: Mrs.S.Grove, Mrs.P.Morrow & P.Smith

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

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109/19 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

Agenda Item 7. Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs declared an interest as she is an Ex officio on the Coach in the Community project and would leave the room whilst discussion took place and took no part in the recommendation.

110/19 Clerk's Report.

a) **Model Financial Regulations**, NALC have now published its updated regulations. It is suggested that two councillors and the Town Clerk meet and go through them. After discussion it was agreed that Councillors M.Parker and M.Thorpe would meet with the Clerk.

b) **Notice Boards, Three Legged Cross**. The Town Council notice board at Three Legged Cross is in need of replacing. The Community Notice Board also needs to be replaced. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to replace the two noticeboards.

c) **Verwood Concert Brass** sent an email asking if the Town Council are planning any events for the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May next year? The Clerk was instructed to contact the Concert Brass to discuss the event.

d) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust** sent a copy of their Annual Report and Accounts for 2018-2019. They can be viewed at the Town Council Office. This was noted.

e) **Resident letter** has been received regarding Potterne Park and the footpath between St. Michael's Road and Manor Road. Discussion took place and it was agreed that more investigation was needed on all rights of way where owners of the land were not known and to contact Dorset Council to consider placing speed humps at Potterne Park in conjunction with the changes in their parking spaces. The Clerk will contact M. Reeks regarding the speed humps.

f) **Co-option to the Town Council** The date for applications has passed and no one has applied. A new notice will be put up.

g) **Verwood Lag** The notes have been forwarded to all members.

111/19 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for July & August 2019 were circulated and no issues were raised.

112/19 Dorset National Park.

A report was circulated to all members on the proposal. After discussion it was agreed that Councillor Flower would find out if a consultation was taking place and who to respond to. It was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council:

1 Write to the MP expressing concern giving reasons stated above

2 Write to all Town and Parish Councils in the former East Dorset District Council area (Eastern Area Committee) and to members of the DAPTC Larger Parishes and Towns Committee outside the proposed Park area explaining concerns and asking them to also write to their MPs, Natural England and Dorset Council (see 3 and 4 below) expressing concern.

3 Write to Natural England (the organisation which will make the recommendation to the Secretary of State) expressing opposition to the formation.

4 Write to Dorset Council expressing concern and opposition to the proposal.

This would be an agenda item at the next Full Town Council meeting.

113/19 CCTV on the Town Council Offices.

Minute 80/19 (a) refers. Discussion took place regarding the siting of a camera on the Town Council Offices but it was felt that this would not serve any purpose. Further discussion took place regarding the CCTV cameras in Potter's Wheel Car Park which needed upgrading. The Clerk was asked to report back to F & G P regarding the coverage of the current CCTV cameras and the view of the Police regarding how effective the coverage is.

114/19 BACs payments.

A report was circulated to all members. Discussion took place regarding the current system of cheques which needs updating to online transactions including bulk payments, faster payments and CHAPS (Clearing House Automated Payments). It was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk and the Finance Assistant set up payments, two councillors would authorise the schedule and one councillor authorise the payments. The schedule of the payments would be checked on a regular basis by the Internal Auditor and presented to the Town Council at Full Town Council as usual. It is suggested that a set date, 20th of each month or if at the weekend the previous Friday, is used as our payment schedule date. Cheques may be issued if a request is made.

115/19 Youth Centre.

Minute 80/19(c) refers. A report was given on the meeting of the Working Party.

Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the working party continue to investigate the option of the Town Council taking over the running of the centre, due to the impasse between the Wimborne Academy Trust and Dorset Council; due to the impact on opportunities for our young people and the increase in antisocial behaviour.

116/19 To Consider 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: -

Age Concern £2,500

Coach in the Community £4,388

Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs left the room whilst discussion took place and the recommendation made.

Forest FM (Community Radio) £1,200

Music for the Mind £ 300

Relate Dorset & South Wilts £2,000

The Cranborne Practice Legs Heal Together Club £ 500

Verwood Community Group £ 400

Verwood Pantomime Society £1,000

117/19 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.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.47p.m.

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Chairman