

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

Apologies were given by Cllrs: Mrs.L.Clark, Mrs.T.Coombs & P.Smith  
Also in attendance: Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs.J.Se bire, Assistant Town Clerk.  
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168/19 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None

169/19 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Min. 112/19 & 146/19** Proposal for the formation of a National Park to include the Dorset AONB Egdon Heath Areas. A response had been received from Dorset Council, Simon Hoare and an offer from Mr.Brown from Dorset National Park to speak to the council. After discussion the Clerk was asked to thank Mr.Brown but they did not feel that a meeting would be beneficial at this time.
- b) **Age Concern Verwood** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2019/2020 and that their number of clients was increasing. This was noted.
- c) **Verwood Community Group** wrote thanking the town Council for Grant Aid for 2019/2020 and that the money will be used to provide additional activities for their group. This was noted.
- d) **Music for the Mind** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2019/2020. This was noted.
- e) **Relate Dorset & South Wiltshire** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2019/2020. This was noted.
- f) **Minute 148/19 (a)** the Clerk had met with the officer and was awaiting Dorset Councils suggestions.
- g) **The Cranborne Practice Legs Heal Together Club** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2019/2020. This was noted.
- h) **Verwood Pantomime Society** thanked the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2019/2020. This was noted.
- i) **Vacancy Dewlands South Ward.** Information was given that to date, two letters of interest had been received. After discussion regarding a questionnaire which was approved, it was agreed that once the closing date, 15<sup>th</sup> November, had passed, that the two applicants would be asked to fill in the form. Once returned, the questionnaires would be circulated to members prior to the interviews so that appropriate questions can be considered. The co-option would then take place in

December where members would then have time to look at the form and be able to ask individual questions to the applicants at an interview prior to the meeting.

j) An email had been received from Dorset Council that they would be conducting a rough sleepers estimate on the night of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The Clerk would respond.

170/19 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for November 2019 were circulated and no issues were raised.

171/19 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.

172/19 Other Reports and Matters for future agendas.

a) A question was asked who owns the trees on Ringwood Road where the fatal accident had occurred? information was given that the trees were on Dorset Council land and that they had been checked by the Forestry Commission prior to the recent event. Following the accident Dorset Council will be carrying out further inspection of the trees along that piece of the road which they own.

b) A question was asked regarding the Somerley HRC charging residents from January. Information was given that Dorset Council would be making a lump sum payment to Hampshire County Council which will mean that there will be no change to the current system in place at Somerley.

173/19 Confidential.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted it is likely that if a member of the public were present during the following item there would be a disclosure of 'Confidential Information' involving (a) Coach in the Community (b) Verwood Youth Centre and (c) staff and they therefore be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

a) Coach in the Community.

Representatives from the Family Church attended the meeting and gave information on how the bus works in the parish and their continued support of the project. Information was given to them regarding the work being carried out by the Town Council to support the project and they were invited to attend the meeting in December where more information would be provided. It was requested that the Clerk contact Wimborne Council to enquire as to their thoughts in order to progress this matter. It was decided that this should be an agenda item for December.

b) Verwood Youth Centre.

RECOMMENDED that the recommendations made by the working party be accepted. The report is attached in the minute book.

c) Staffing.

*The Town Clerk and the Assistant to the Town Clerk left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.*

**RECOMMENDED** that the report attached in the minute book, regarding staff wages be accepted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

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Chairman