

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.P.Morrow (Mayor)  
Councillors A.Biggs  
Mrs.L.Clark  
Mrs.L.Dedden  
S.Gibson  
M Hudson  
P.J.Mann  
M.Parker  
Ms.J.Russell  
Miss.B.Salmon  
Miss K.Stephens  
M.Thorpe

Apologies from Cllrs: Mrs.S.Bhose, Mrs.T.B.Coombs, S.Flower, Mrs.S.Grove & P.Smith  
In attendance:- Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs.J.Sebire, Assistant Town Clerk &  
Mrs.M.Saunders, Admin Assistant.  
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208/19 Declaration of Interests.  
None.

209/19 Co-option for vacancy in Dewlands South Ward.  
Following the election there was a vacancy in the Dewlands South Ward the vacancy had been advertised. Members had agreed that interviews would take place prior to this Full Council meeting and two candidates were asked to attend. After discussion it was  
RESOLVED that Mrs. Shelley Rose be co-opted onto the Town Council and duly signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

210/19 Minutes of the Meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

211/19 Policing.  
A report was copied to all members which included information on: a vehicle stop and search check resulted in catapult equipment findings. Small increase in crime figures compared to last November.

212/19 Clerk's Report.  
a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted. It was reported that Lower Common Lane has potholes again which will be reported to Highways.  
b) **Rural/Market Towns Group** sent further information about themselves. Discussion took place and the Clerk was asked to find out the cost of annual subscription. This would be a future agenda item in January.

c) **Forest FM** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2019/2020. This was noted.

d) **New Forest District Council** sent information regarding the proposed main modifications to the New Forest District (Outside the National Park) Local Plan 2016-2036 Part 1 Planning Strategy. The consultation documents and response forms are available at <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/18663/Local-Plan-Examination>. After discussion it was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the next F & G P meeting in January.

e) **Bournemouth Airport** wrote asking for views on the proposed implementation of new satellite-based instrument procedures at Bournemouth Airport. After discussion it was agreed that Verwood Town Council should respond fully supporting the document.

213/19 The Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

214/19 The Reports of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 as circulated, were confirmed, adopted and signed.

215/19 Renaming of the Environment Fund to Climate & Ecological Fund.

It was proposed that the 'Environment Fund' be changed to the 'Climate and Ecological Fund'. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Environment Funds name be changed to the Climate and Ecological Fund.

216/19 Re-allocation of funds

It is proposed that £10,000 is reallocated from the Amenities Fund and £10,000 reallocated from the Climate and Ecological Fund and put into the Play Area Repair and Renewal Fund. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that £10,000 is reallocated from the Amenities Fund and £10,000 reallocated from the Climate and Ecological Fund and put into the Play Area Repair and Renewal Fund.

217/19 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**The Mayor** sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: a Christmas wreath making evening for the Mayors charity; her Civic Reception; A Carol Service by Q.E School held in Wimborne Minster; Carol Service in Chickerell; Christmas Extravaganza on Ferrett Green; Hillside First School Nativity play.

218/19 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies

a) It was reported that the Age Concern Christmas lunch held at the Band Hall was a great success.

b) It was reported that efforts to save the doctors surgery at Three Legged Cross had failed leaving the doctors with no alternative but to close the surgery.

219/19 Internet Councillor.

It was reported that there had been good engagement for various posts on Facebook and that work would continue updating the website in the new year.

220/19 Press & P.R.Councillor

The Civic Reception was reported, and a request was made for more photographs in the new year of local events attended.

221/19 Reports of the Dorset Council Councillors.

**Councillor S. Gibson** A verbal report was given which included information on the climate emergency which has been declared and a call for participation and input of ideas from parish and town councils. Homelessness in terms of rough sleeping in Dorset has reduced with numbers having halved although there is still a great deal to be done. St. Gabriel's has opened this month for the homeless. Neighbouring residents have been shown around and are agreed that this is a worthwhile use of the site.

222/19 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts December 2019 £157,286.80 were approved for payment.

223/19 Monthly Budgets.

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

224/19 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that a litter pick would take part in January starting at 10.00am at Three Legged Cross but that a date had not been arranged yet.
- b) Information was given regarding Community Christmas and that there were still spaces. Formal thanks were given for administrative support by the Town Council Office.
- c) Following the Low Carbon Dorset Seminar, it was advised that Verwood Town Council use 34.4 tons of carbon, primarily due to gas usage which has no current alternative but this can be offset for the sum of £216 a year. It was suggested that this be included as an agenda item at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee in January.
- d) Information was given that Mrs. Hilary Trevorah, Chief Executive of Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils is retiring at the end of March and the advertisement for the position will be going out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.02p.m.

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Mayor