

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL25th February 2020

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

Apologies from Cllrs: Mrs.S.Bhose, M.Hudson & Miss B.Salmon

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

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271/19 Declaration of Interests.

None.

272/19 Minutes of the Meeting held 21st January 2020 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

273/19 Policing.

A monthly report was sent to all members.

274/19 Clerk's Report

a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted. Discussion took place regarding the walkway between Vicarage/Manor Road, Howard Road and that it was not the responsibility of Dorset Council. The Rights of Way Councillor asked for a meeting with Dorset Council regarding the pathways in the parish.

b) **Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council Conference.** A reminder that the conference will take place on Monday 30th March 2020 at Kingston Maurward from 9.00am to 3.30pm. Please let the office know if you wish to attend.

c) **Minute 260/19 (b) & 35/19 (b) refers Dorset Council** sent an email regarding the provision of a crossing on Ringwood Road. Information has now been received that the site does not meet the criteria for, puffin, toucan or zebra crossings. The Clerk was asked to ask Dorset Council to provide information on how they score a site. It was also suggested that the Clerk ask the planning department if the score would be affected by the proposed development of the land near Ringwood Road.

d) **Community Speed Watch.** The Coordinator sent an email that a resident has asked for a Community Speed Watch in Verwood. This matter had been discussed at the Local Action Group but not volunteers had stepped forward. In the next Verwood Vista residents would be asked if they would like to take part. It was suggested that the Town Council coordinate the group initially.

e) **Doorstep Green Teen Area.** The Clerk reported that the teen area would be handed over on Thursday.

275/19 The Report of the Finance and General; Purposes Committee meeting held 11th February 2020 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

276/19 The Reports of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 29th January 2020 & 19th February 2020 as circulated, were confirmed, adopted and signed.

277/19 Interim Internal Audit.

A report was forwarded to all members. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

278/19 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor would send her report for circulation to all members.

279/19 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) **Verwood Heathland Heritage Centre.** A report was circulated to all members on the last Executive meeting where matters discussed included: fundraising; a report from the Archivist; the Architectural Heritage week in September; maintenance; date for the next meeting.

b) **Verwood Bid** information was given that the coordinator was ill, however businesses all seemed happy to sign up to the BID.

280/19 Internet Councillors

The Assistant Town Clerk and Councillor Miss Stephens would be attending training on website accessibility.

281/19 Press & P R Councillor

Information was given on press releases sent out and that the Mayor's charity events would be publicised over the next few weeks.

282/19 Reports of the Dorset Council Councillors.

County Council Report, Spencer Flower gave a report on his leaders bulletin which included information on: setting the council budget; the review of the constitution; the council's Pay Policy Statement; climate change and ecological emergency update; Dorset Council Plan; Local Government Chronicle Awards.

283/19 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £16,288.80 for February 2020 were approved for payment.

284/19 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for January 2020 were circulated and no issues were raised.

285/19 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk would be attending a Dorset Council event to meet officers.
- b) A question was asked if the Town Council were holding any events for the VE day 75th anniversary. The Mayor suggested a service at the Memorial Stone and it was also suggested to plant the replacement tree on the Verwood Recreation Ground on the 8th May.
- c) A question was asked if the residents around the Potterne Park Car Park were informed about the removal of the tree which had fallen down and about the hedges which had been cut. Information was given that the residents had received letters on the 3rd December regarding the hedges.
- d) A request was made for an agenda item to discuss the replacement of council owned trees and the range of trees.
- e) Information was given that the next litter pick would be this Saturday in Verwood. The litter pick in March would be part of the great British Spring Clean. A request was also made that the Town Council be responsible for the litter pick. This would be an agenda item on the next F & G P agenda.
- f) Members on the Youth Centre working party were asked to agree a date for the next meeting.
- h) Minute 258/19 (a) refers, information was given that the Pavilion at Potterne Park would be the venue and it was hoped to be held on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. Security checks would be taking place
- i) It was noted that internet banking had not been utilised yet.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.58p.m.

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Mayor