

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

7th July 2020

This meeting was a video conference call.

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

Apologies from Cllrs: Mrs. T. Coombs, S. Flower & P. Mann

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

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361/19 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

362/19 Clerk's Report.

a) Dorset Council sent an email regarding the land north of Casa Velha. The developer has suggested the name for the road as 'Westcroft Way' as West Avenue is nearby, or 'Oakdean Drive' as it is near the nursing home. However, the nursing home is 'Oakdene'. The developer is willing to consider any alternative that the Town Council may suggest. Dorset Council do not accept road names after living or deceased people. After discussion it was agreed that 'Oakdene Drive' be the Town Council's preferred choice.

b) The Clerk reported that the Town Council would have to have a special meeting in August to approve the External Audit Annual Return and final Internal Audit, which was due to staff illness. This was noted.

363/19 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for June 2020 will be presented at the Full Town Council meeting.

364/19 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

Information was circulated to all members on the spending of the CIL. Discussion took place regarding possible usage of the fund and that a report had to be made each year on the spending of the CIL. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the CIL money would be put in a separate fund and further discussion would take place on how the money would be used.

365/19 Consultation on Code of Conduct.

The consultation document from National Association of Local Councils was circulated to all members. Discussion took place which included the lack of sanctions. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Town Council agree with the wording of the consultation but that they felt that more sanctions should be in place regarding cases of bullying and inappropriate behaviour.

366/19 To consider the DAPTC Constitution Review & Consultation.

The consultation was sent to all members. Two Councillors commented on the document and an additional comment was made at the meeting regarding 1.0 Constitutional Name that the list should be added to 2.0 a) Definitions. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the comments made in the document by members of the Committee be accepted and this would be the Town Council's response.

367/19 The Mayor's Christmas Reception.

A report by the Mayor was circulated to all members which suggested that the Mayor's Christmas reception be replaced by a Civic Reception for volunteers and carers this year. After discussion it was agreed that a small working party be set up to discuss the reception for the volunteers/carers and that another working party be set up in the New Year to discuss the Mayor's Christmas reception. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that two working parties be set up, one for the Volunteers/Carers reception and one for the 2021 reception.

368/19 Second Interim Internal Audit

A copy of the Internal Audit was copied to all Members. Four issues were identified on the manual ledgers, however the potential value of these was relatively low, therefore in the auditor's opinion, the Council had achieved the nine control objectives tested in all significant respects. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the report be accepted.

369/19 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

The inspection of the Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces and the Cemetery had taken place and no issues had been raised.

370/19 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) A question was asked whether there were any items brought up at the COVID-19 meetings which should be discussed by the Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.46 p.m.

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Chairman