

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

PRESENT: Councillor M Parker (Mayor)  
Councillors Mrs S Bhoose  
A Biggs  
Mrs L Clark  
Mrs T B Coombs  
Mrs L Dedden  
S Flower  
S Gibson  
Mrs S Grove  
M Hudson  
P J Mann  
Ms J Russell  
Miss K Stephens  
M Thorpe

Apologies from Cllrs: Mrs P Morrow, Mrs S Rose & Miss B Salmon

In Attendance: Mrs V Bright Town Clerk & Mrs J Sebire, Assistant Town Clerk

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123/20 Declaration of Interests.

None

124/20 Minutes of the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

125/20 Policing.

No Report.

126/20 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Residents' Enquiries and Complaints** were copied to all members and were noted.
- b) Alderholt Parish Council sent an email regarding a request for funding towards the 97 Bus route. After discussion it was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the next F & G P meeting.

127/20 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 & 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as circulated, were adopted and signed.

128/20 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as circulated, was adopted, and signed.

When recommendation 119/20 was put to the vote Councillors:

Mrs.S.Bhoose, A.Biggs, Mrs.L.Clark, Mrs.T.B.Coombs, Mrs.L.Dedden, S.Flower, S.Gibson, Mrs.S.Grove, M.Hudson, P.Mann, M.Parker, Ms.J.Russell,, Miss.K.Stevens and M.Thorpe voted to accept the recommendation and it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that the District Council be advised that this Town Council would require a Precept of £351,597 in accordance with the schedule attached to these minutes in the Minute Book.

129/20 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

No report

130/20 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) Citizens Advice Bureau. A report was given advising a special meeting had taken place regarding the merging of Purbeck and East Dorset. The minutes would be sent to the Clerk if any members wished to read them.

131/20 Internet Councillor

No Report

132/20 Press & P.R.Councillor

No Report

133/20 Reports from the Dorset Councillors.

Information was given that the Government had awarded £18.5 million to Dorset Council to kick start their Climate & Ecology Strategy and an extra £300,000 to engage experts in helping to carry out the strategy. An update was also given on the new Verwood to Ringwood cycleway.

134/20 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £19,028.62 for January 2021 were approved for payment.

135/20 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for December would be circulated to all members at the next F & G P Committee meeting.

136/20 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

a) Concern was raised regarding the postal service before Christmas. Parcels were delivered to Verwood but some letters were not delivered until after Christmas. Information was given that this was due to a COVID-19 outbreak at the sorting depot in Ringwood. The Clerk was asked to write voicing concern that no strategy was in place for the continuation of service in the eventuality of postal personnel sickness.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.26p.m.

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Mayor