

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL23rd February 2021

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

Apologies from Cllrs: Miss B Salmon

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

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152/20 Declaration of Interests.

None

153/20 Minutes of the meeting held 19th January 2021 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

154/20 Policing.

A report was circulated to all Members. A request was made to expand information on the Three Legged Cross figures.

155/20 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Residents' Enquiries and Complaints** were copied to all members and were noted.
- b) **Co-option for the vacancy Stephens Castle Ward.** Members are asked to consider when they wish to fill the vacancy. After discussion it was agreed that once face to face meetings were permitted the vacancy would be filled.
- c) **Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority - Consultation of draft Community Safety Plan 2021-24.** The consultation period runs from 17th February until 13th May 2021. The link is <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/about-us/who-we-are/draft-community-safety-plan-2021-24-consultation/> This was noted.
- d) **NALC information on Face to face meetings.** Information was copied to all members. Further information was given that the Dorset Council were in discussion with the Local Government Association to lobby government to extend regulations.
- e) **Dorset Council** sent information on the Dorset Council Community Governance Review which will be carried out this year. Information was copied to all members. Discussion took place and Dorset Council would be asked for information on population by wards.

156/20 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 27th January & 17th February 2021 as circulated, were adopted and signed.

157/20 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held 9th February 2021 as circulated, was adopted, and signed.

158/20 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor
The Mayor reported that he had attended Planning Training.

159/20 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

- a) Dementia Friends. Information was given on keep fit which was taking place.
- b) Wimborne Academy Trust. Information was given that the reduction of intake at Hillside First School had been rescinded.
- c) Queens Jubilee 2022. A request was made for a meeting to be held of the working party to start planning for 2022.

160/20 Internet Councillor
No Report

161/20 Press & P.R.Councillor
No Report

162/20 Reports from the Dorset Councillors.
The regular newsletters received from Dorset Council provide information and updates. The Dorset Councillors would report any issues and they would be happy to respond to any queries Councillors may have on Dorset matters.

163/20 Accounts.
It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £20,466.24 for February 2021 were approved for payment.

164/20 Report of the Internal Auditor – Interim Internal Audit.
The report was circulated to all members

165/20 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Verwood Youth Centre Working Party. A verbal report was given where thanks were given to Councillor Pat Morrow, who had stood down from the committee, for all her input. The working party would be meeting to finalise policies and investigate setting of charges for user groups.
- b) A small group of 4 vulnerable youths had a supervised Focus Group meeting at the Youth Centre. Government Guidance was followed and a risk assessment was made.

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

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Mayor