

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

9th March 2021

This meeting was a video conference call.

PRESENT Councillors: M Thorpe (Chairman)
Mrs T Coombs
Mrs L Dedden
S Flower
S Gibson
Mrs S Grove
Mrs P Morrow
M Parker
Ms J Russell
Miss B Salmon

Apologies from Cllrs: P Mann & Miss K Stephens

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

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166/20 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

167/20 Clerk's Report.

a) **Corfe Mullen Town Council** sent an email regarding the Dorset Local Plan. They were approaching local councils to see if there is any appetite from their councillors to carry out a joint challenge to the proposed Dorset Local Plan, possibly pursuing a judicial review. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to respond that it would not be legal to pursue a judicial review since the consultation process is not yet complete and concern was raised on the use of public money for this purpose.

168/20 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for February 2021 were circulated to all members and no issues were raised.

169/20 Internal Audit Review.

Councillors M Thorpe and M Parker carried out the review of the Internal Audit and circulated a report to all members. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the report be accepted.

170/20 Grant Aid applications.

Applications were considered and discussion took place. Members asked that due to the size of the request of Grant Aid from the Verwood Memorial Hall that this be deferred and a representative from the Trustees be invited to attend the next meeting to give more information on the grant application and an update on the work of the Trustees. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the following Grant Aid be allocated:

(52)

Forest FM	£2,500
Verwood Football Club	£ 750

171/20 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

The inspection of the Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces had taken place and once the Cemetery inspection had taken place issues would be dealt with by the Town Clerk.

172/20 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) A member of the Platinum Jubilee Working Party asked that all members send suggestions for clubs, groups and societies who may be interested in working with the Town Council to celebrate the Jubilee.
- b) A request was made for an agenda item for the next Full Council meeting to approve Verwood Youth & Community Centre's policies.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.29p.m.

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Chairman