

**ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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

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

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1/21 To receive Declarations of Interest, Request for Dispensations and Apologies for Absence.

2/21 Election of Mayor for the year 2021/2022.

Upon nominations being called for, the name of Councillor M Parker was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Dedden and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Grove and when put to the vote he was duly declared elected Mayor for the ensuing year. Councillor M Parker would read and sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office the following day. His charities would be National Association for Crohn's & Colitis Disease and he will aim to raise funds to support local schools with IT supplies and books for libraries.

3/21 Election of Deputy Mayor for the year 2021/2022.

Upon nominations being called for, the name of Councillor S Gibson was proposed by Councillor M Parker and seconded by Councillor Mrs T Coombs and he was duly declared elected Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

4/21 Appointment of Committees.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs L Clark and seconded by Councillor A Biggs and when put to the vote  
RESOLVED that for the year 2021/2022 the following membership of committees be appointed:

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Finance & General Purposes Committee:

Cllrs: M Parker (Mayor)	(Dep. Mayor) S Gibson
Mrs S Bhose	Mrs T Coombs
Mrs L Dedden	S Flower
Mrs S Grove	P Mann
Ms J Russell	M Thorpe
Miss B Salmon	Miss K Stephens

Plans Consultative Committee:

Cllrs: M. Parker (Mayor)	Mrs S Bhose
A Biggs	Mrs L Clark
M Hudson	P Mann
Ms J Russell	M Thorpe

Amenities Committee:

Cllrs: M Parker (Mayor)	(Dep. Mayor) S Gibson
Mrs L Clark	Mrs L Dedden
Mrs S Grove	Ms J Russell
Miss B Salmon	Miss K Stephens
M Thorpe	

5/21 Representatives on Other Organisations.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs S Bhose and seconded by Councillor Mrs S Rose and when put to the vote

RESOLVED that the following be appointed to serve for the year 2021/2022:

Age Concern Verwood	Cllr. Mrs L Clark
B. Int. Airport Consultative Comm.	Cllr. A Biggs
<i>Alternative when required</i>	Cllr Mrs S Grove
Citizens Advice Bureau	Cllr. Mrs S Grove
Community Liaison Councillor Three Legged Cross	Cllr. Ms J Russell
Community Liaison Councillor Verwood	Cllr. Mrs T Coombs
D.A.P.T.C Eastern Area (2)	Cllr. Mrs L Dedden
	Cllr. Ms J Russell
D.A.P.T.C. Larger Councils (2)	Cllr. Mrs L Dedden
	Filled as & when
Environment Councillor (2)	Cllr. P J Mann
	Cllr. Miss B Salmon
Highway Liaison Councillor	Cllr. A Biggs
Internet Councillor	Cllr. Miss K Stephens
Police Liaison Councillor (2)	Cllr. P.J Mann
	Cllr. Miss B Salmon
Potterne Park User Group	Cllr. A Biggs
Press & P.R.	Cllr. M Thorpe
Rights of Way Representative	Cllr. Ms J Russell
Three Legged Cross Village Hall	Cllr. M Hudson
Town Twinning Association	Cllr. Mrs S Grove
<i>Alternative when required</i>	Cllr. Mrs L Clark

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Transport Councillor	Cllr. Ms J Russell
Tree Liaison Councillor	Cllr. Mrs S Grove
Verwood BID	Cllr. M Thorpe
Verwood Heathland & Heritage Trust (2)	Cllr. Mrs L Clark
	Cllr. Mrs L Dedden
Verwood in Bloom	Cllr. Mrs S Rose
Verwood Memorial Hall Trust Committee	Cllr. Mrs S Bhose
Youth Representative	Cllr. Mrs S Rose
Verwood Youth & Community Centre Management Committee	Cllr. Mrs T Coombs (Chairman) Cllr. Mrs S Grove (Secretary) Cllr. Miss B Salmon (Safe Guarding Officer) Cllr M Thorpe ( Treasurer)
Internal Auditor	Mr. C Larnyoh

6/21 To receive the minutes of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 as circulated,  
were confirmed and signed.

7/21 To reapprove the covid 19 policy as previously agreed in March 2020  
(Min.287/19 (e) and ratified 306/19)  
From the 7<sup>th</sup> May the Town Council would not be able to hold virtual meetings therefore members of the council were asked to agree that the Novel Coronavirus Covid-19 Policy would come into force and that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Chairman of F & G P would be given the powers to act on the Town Councils behalf and would ensure that the Town Councillors would be kept informed via email. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the policy would come into force and would end once all restrictions were removed.

8/21 Any Reports or Items for Future Agendas  
a) A report was circulated to all members regarding the East Dorset Environment Partnerships work over the last year. Members asked the Clerk to write to Mrs. Hillary Chittenden to thank her for all her hard work in dealing with environmental issues in Verwood and Three Legged Cross.  
b) An email was circulated to all Members regarding the fires at Boveridge Heath and the concern from residents regarding accesses for emergency vehicles onto the heath and the use of the hut behind Stephens Castle by youths. It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be sent to Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue; a letter of support would be sent to the residents of Coopers Lane; Moors Valley Rangers would be contacted to request signage to deter parking near access points and to discuss demolition of the hut, to consider yellow lines along Stephens Lane at the junction with Ringwood Road. It was reported that the fire brigade would produce a report and it was hoped that the Town Council would be able to have access to it. A report would also be made by the Police and again it was hoped that the Town Council would have access to that as well. The Mayor reported that the press

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had contacted him for a comment and he would respond. A fire statement would be issued as a press release, a Facebook post, website post and Verwood Vista entry.

Meeting adjourned at 7.32 p.m.

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Mayor