

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

6th April 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
P Mann
Mrs P Morrow
M Parker
Ms J Russell
Miss K Stephens

Apologies from Cllr: Miss B Salmon

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

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200/20 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

201/20 Clerk's Report.

- a) **DAPTC E News**. This was copied to all Members and was noted.
- b) **Hampshire County Council** wrote that they had received a planning application regarding the Purple Haze site. The information was sent to all Members. This would be added to the next Plans Consultative Committee agenda.
- c) **Dorset Council** wrote that they have received a neighbourhood area application from Knowlton Parish Council for a Wimborne St. Giles Neighbourhood Area. This includes agreed consent from Cranborne & Edmondsham Parish Council and the Vale of Allen Parish Council where the area application extends into these adjacent parishes. This was noted.
- d) **DAPTC E News** 1st April 2021. This was copied to all Members.
- e) **Face to Face meetings**. Members were asked to consider holding the Annual Meeting of the Verwood Town Council on Tuesday 4th May since from the 17th May the rule of six people meeting indoors applies and local council virtual meetings are not permitted after 7th May. The Council would not, therefore, be able to gather before 21st June for face-to-face meetings. Discussion took place regarding the Plans Consultative Committee which could be held with five members and an officer. Any public wishing to comment on an application would be encouraged to send information via email or post. In the last lockdown the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chairman of the F & G P and the Clerk had been given delegated powers to deal with any urgent items and it was suggested that this be put into place again. It was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Annual meeting take place on Wednesday 5th May, as Dorset Council would be holding their Annual Meeting on Tuesday 4th May.

202/20 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget reports for March 2021 were still in draft and would be brought to members once they were completed.

203/20 Grant Aid application from the Verwood Memorial Hall.

Min. 170/20 refers. Information was given to members regarding the application from the Verwood Memorial Hall and future work they wished to carry out. Discussion took place regarding applications over £5,000 and it was felt that more information was required other than just the application form. It was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Verwood Memorial Hall be given a grant for £5,000 and that at the next meeting of the F & G P, when members were able to meet, that an addition to the Grant Aid Policy be discussed for any Grant Aid over £5,000.

204/20 Verwood Youth Management Committee.

Information was copied to all Members regarding the membership of the Management Committee. In the Constitution there are six core members. Various officers will be needed, they would include a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Safeguarding Officer, Youth Representative, Community Representatives, a young person and representatives from the Town Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would email all members to see who would like to represent the Town Council on the Management Committee. Other roles on the committee could be held by the public.

205/20 Quotations for replacement doors at the Verwood Youth & Community Centre.

Quotations had been requested of three companies to replace the two doors with new keys and a cylinder in the front door with new keys. Only one had been received therefore this item would be deferred.

206/20 Response to the Governments call for Evidence regarding remote meetings.

The questions were sent to all members. The consultation will end on 17th June 2021 at 11.45am. Discussion took place which included face to face meetings, hybrid and virtual meetings of the council. It was felt that the Town Council should be able to decide on the type of meetings that took place and have the right to choose which one was appropriate. It was proposed, seconded and
RECOMMENDED that Councillors M Parker, Mrs L Dedden and S Flower compose a letter to the consultation on the Town Council's behalf putting forward that Town Councils should have the choice how they held meetings.

207/20 To receive the Platinum Jubilee Working Party minutes.

The minutes of the working party were copied to all Members. Discussion took place and members of the committee supported the proposals and congratulated the committee on their ideas.

208/20 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

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

209/20 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) A report was given regarding a meeting with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Police. PC Andrew Robertson would be leaving his post and taking on a new role in the Police. The Town Clerk was asked to write thanking him for his service to the community during his time in Verwood. Information was also given that the position would not be filled until October. It was believed that other towns were in the same position. After discussion, the Mayor was asked to write to the Chief Constable stating the Town Council's disappointment that the role would not be filled straight away. Dorset Council would also be informed regarding this matter and the letter would be copied to them as well.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.08p.m.

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Chairman