

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

7th September 2021

PRESENT Councillors: M Thorpe (Chairman)
Mrs S Bhose
Mrs L Dedden
Mrs S Grove
Ms J Russell
Miss K Stephens

Apologies from Cllr: Mrs T Coombs, S Flower, S Gibson, P Mann & M Parker

Also in attendance Cllr: A Maw

Also in attendance: Mrs V J Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs M Saunders Admin Assistant

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54/21 Election of Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor M. Thorpe was proposed, seconded and was duly elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

55/21 Election of Vice Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor Simon Gibson was proposed, seconded and was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

56/21 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

57/21 Clerk's Report.

a) An email has been sent from a resident in Three Legged Cross regarding concern of excessive speeds of traffic on the West Moors Road, concern about the safety of pedestrians and cars at both the junctions and roundabout on Ringwood Road and that the road through Three Legged Cross should be a 20mph speed limit. Discussion took place and the Clerk was asked to contact Dorset Council for a written response for the resident.

b) An email has been sent from a resident who lives in Newtown Road and is having problems with access and egress due to parked cars in front of his drive. The information was sent to all members. After discussion the Clerk was asked to contact Dorset Council asking for suggestions to alleviate the problem. The Police have also been informed.

c) Dorset Council had sent out a proposed parking charges strategy report and asked for comments by 10th August. The information had been sent out to all members and this was noted.

58/21 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget reports for July and August 2021 will be presented at Full Town Council.

59/21 Grant Aid applications.

Applications for Grant Aid were sent to all members. Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the following Grant Aid be allocated: -

Citizens Advice Bureau	5,000
Three Legged Cross Village Hall	2,450
Verwood Concert Brass	2,310
Verwood Pantomime Society	2,000
Verwood & Three Legged Cross	
Dementia Friendly Society Association	350

60/21 To consider a response to the Community Governance Review.

Information had been copied to members and a questionnaire regarding the consultation paper was provided at the meeting. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the following response is sent to Dorset Council;

Question 1. Do you feel that any existing parish area should be altered or abolished?

Response. No

Question 2. Do you feel that the name of an existing parish should be changed?

Response. No

Question 3. Do you consider that any parish should be grouped with another parish or other parishes?

Response. No

Question 4. Should the number of councillors on an existing council be changed?

Response. No

Question 5. Do you consider the parish should be divided into parish wards?

Response. No

61/21 To discuss access to Stephens Castle in the event of a fire.

Information had been copied to all Members. Further information was given that the access to Stephens Castle is ok but not as big as it was and is overgrown with gorse. Emergency vehicles have to go through the end of St Stephens Lane but some vehicles tried to go in at other entrances where they could not reach the fires. Access is needed to the Ringwood Forest to get ahead of fires and to make sure emergency services can access and egress safely. Restoration of previous access points should be investigated. A meeting was being arranged with the relevant authorities and the Clerk was asked to find out if it has been arranged and who will be attending.

62/21 Community Infrastructure Levy

Information was given on the amount Community Infrastructure Levy the Town Council have received and what the regulations are for spending the monies.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that members would be asked for ideas with regards to highways on how to spend the monies and it would be an agenda item on the F & G P November meeting.

63/21 Christmas Lights.

A scheme to replace the Christmas Lights on Ferrett Green has been received which was copied to all Members. This would be for three years and the equipment would be put up, taken down and stored by the company. The scheme consists of 7 lamppost lights a 'Merry Christmas 'Banner and 6 small tree cluster lights. Discussion took place which included information that an offer for a tree to be lit at Three Legged Cross had been given by the post office. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the scheme for Ferret Green be accepted at a cost of £9,660 which included a cherry picker and that the Clerk purchase lights for Three Legged Cross. Also, that next year a Christmas Tree for Verwood and one for Three Legged Cross be investigated.

64/21 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.

65/21 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) A request was made for all information about meetings be put into a shared folder for Councillors so that there would be less emails. The Internet Councillor will investigate.

66/21 Confidential.

Staffing.

RECOMMENDED that the report attached in the minute book, regarding staff wages be accepted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26p.m.

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Chairman