

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

12th October 2021

PRESENT Councillors: M Thorpe (Chairman)
Mrs L Dedden
S Gibson
M Parker
Ms J Russell

Apologies from Cllr: Mrs S Bhose , Mrs T Coombs, S Flower, Mrs S Grove, P Mann and Miss K Stephens

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

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96/21 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None

97/21 Clerk's Report.

a) **Verwood Dementia Friendly Community Association (VDFCA)** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2021-2022. This was noted.

b) **Christmas decorations.** The Clerk provided a picture of a star decoration for Three Legged Cross and suggested that this could be sited outside Oakdene Nursing Home. The Clerk will advise the cost of the decoration for the next meeting and is to approach the management of Oakdene Nursing Home with regards to siting of the decoration and use of electricity from the Home. The Clerk will also speak to the management of Three Legged Cross Post Office regarding decorations in the adjacent tree.

98/21 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget reports for September 2021 will be presented at Full Town Council.

99/21 Consultation - Dorset Council - Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2022-2032.

Information on the Consultation which ends 31st October 2021, was sent to all members. Discussion took place and it was decided that a task and finish group was formed with Cllr Ms Jane Russell asking another councillor plus Mr. Mike Eyre from Verwood and District Rambler's Association to look into mapping all the paths of Verwood as well as approaching Dorset Council about adding a layer to Dorset Explorer with all pathways showing.

100/21 Village Green status for the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground.

Information was sent out to all members following a request by Cllr Ms Jane Russell for this to be an agenda item. Discussion took place regarding Village Green Status and also the possibility of adding the land to the Verwood Recreation Ground Charity. The Town Clerk is to apply for the relevant form from Dorset Council and to advise of the response at the November F&GP meeting.

101/21 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.

102/21 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) Cllr Simon Gibson advised that he had spoken to Councillor Ray Bryan at Dorset Council with regards to installing a zebra crossing near the Scout and Guide Halls on Manor Road and the issue of the algorithm used. Information was given on the cost of the crossing and the possible cost to the Town Council if they wished to contribute. Discussion also took place regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money. Cllr Simon Gibson requested permission from the Committee to formally have further discussions with Dorset Council and bring information to the next F&GP meeting in November. This was agreed
- b) Cllr Matthew Parker advised that the online banking system is progressing. A third councillor is required for approval of online payments to cover holiday and sickness. This is to be discussed at the November F&GP meeting.
- c) Cllr Mark Thorpe advised that it would be necessary to increase the Town Clerk's business charge card to cover increased expenditure requirements associated with the Youth & Community Centre. This could be implemented once the new Town Clerk was employed and would be an agenda item at the next F&GP meeting.

103/21 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 8.47p.m.

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Chairman