

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

9th November 2021

PRESENT Councillors: M Thorpe (Chairman)
Mrs S Bhose
Mrs L Dedden
S Gibson
P Mann
M Parker
Ms J Russell
Miss K Stephens

Apologies from Cllr, S Flower, Mrs T Coombs & Mrs S Grove

In attendance: Mrs J. Sebire, Assistant Town Clerk & Mrs M Saunders Admin Assistant

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122/21 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None

123/21 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Internet Banking.** Discussion took place regarding the need for a third councillor for approval of online payment to cover holidays and sickness (1.2/21b 12th October F&GP minute). It was agreed that Cllr Mrs S Bhose would be set up as the third councillor for remote banking.
- b) **Land off Oak Field Road, Woolsbridge Industrial Estate** (113/21 6th November Plans Consultancy minute). Dorset Council sent a letter advising that the suggested road name of 'Old Barn Farm Close was not acceptable. Following discussion, the name 'Barn Close' was agreed upon. Dorset Council to be advised.
- c) **Poppies on Ferrett Green.** A request was made by some residents for knitted poppies to decorate flagpoles on Ferret Green during the Remembrance period. This was discussed and it was agreed that permission would be given as long as a risk assessment was provided, and health and safety considerations were made during installation. A request was made for a future agenda item in September 2022 to discuss Remembrance Day, Remembrance Parade and decoration of Ferrett Green.
- d) **Salisbury & District Trailway.** Discussion took place and it was agreed that support would be given to the Verwood & District Rambling Club in exploring the feasibility for turning the disused Salisbury & Dorset Junction Railway line into a trailway and guidance could be sought from Giles Nicholson of Dorset Council. The need to maintain separation between the Verwood Paths project and the Trailway project was noted.

124/21 Monthly Budgets

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

125/21 Community Infrastructure Levy.

It was reported that Dorset Council had sent another CIL payment of £36,890.95. Following discussion it was proposed and RECOMMENDED that the CIL payment is spent on a traffic island in the road by the Guide and Scout hut on Manor Road. Cllr S Gibson will report on the options available and potential costs at the December F&GP meeting.

126/21 Village Green status for the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground.

A form regarding the above was copied to all Members. Discussion took place and Cllr M Parker will report back at the December F&GP meeting on the ownership of the land and whether it would be possible to add the land to the charity which covers the Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground.

127/21 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.

128/21 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) Cllr Russell requested another Councillor on the Verwood Paths Working Party and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs L Dedden would join with any guidance required being sought from Giles Nicholson at Dorset Council.

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

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Chairman