

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

12<sup>th</sup> January 2016

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs.N.Thompson (Chairman)  
P.Barnett  
S.Bhose  
Mrs.L.Clark  
Mrs.T.Coombs  
Mrs.L.Dedden  
S.Flower  
Mrs.S.Grove  
P.Mann  
Ms. J.Russell  
Mrs.S.Shaw

Apologies were given by Cllr: Mrs.P.Morrow

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs J. Gaskell, Asst. to the Town Clerk.

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231/15 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

232/15 Clerk's Report.

a) Dorset County Council had sent an email regarding parking along Taunus Way and the email had been copied to all members. An email had also been received regarding parking on Blackmoor Road opposite the junction of Taunus Way. Discussion took place and the Clerk was instructed to contact Dorset County Council to ask for consideration to be given for passing places on the opposite side of Taunus Way from where the cars park, also for double yellow lines to be put on the corner of Blackmoor Road opposite the junction of Taunus Way and for the County to reconsider putting double yellow lines at the top of Taunus Way near the residential housing to create a better site line.

233/15 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for January 2016 will be copied to all members and presented at the Full Council meeting.

234/15 Review of the Internal Audit.

The Committee were asked to appoint two members to review the effectiveness of the Internal Audit. An Audit Plan and Terms of Reference will be copied to those members. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that Councillors' Mrs.L.Dedden and Mrs.N.Thompson carry out the Review of the Internal Audit.

235/15 Provision of a defibrillator.

A resident had requested that the Town Council consider the provision of a defibrillator in the Town. Information was passed onto members from the British

Heart Foundation who is currently running a scheme where they are fully funding public access community defibrillators. Discussion took place and members agreed in principle for the provision of a defibrillator. The Clerk was instructed to contact the British Heart Foundation to seek further information about the cabinet not being locked as this was a concern by members. County Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs stated that if the Town Council had to purchase a defibrillator she would honour her commitment to use her County Council budget to contribute towards one.

236/15 Removal of planting from Verwood Cemetery.

A quotation had been received to remove planting from the first roundabout in the Verwood Cemetery, to enhance the site, at a cost of £395.00. A quotation had also been requested to tarmac part of the road which will be discussed at the next meeting. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the quotation be accepted.

237/15 Estimates for Expenditure for 2016/2017.

A schedule for the ensuing year, which had been copied to all members, had been submitted, the schedule was duly approved and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that a precept of £299,585 be levied in accordance with the requirements of the schedule, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

238/15 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

The inspections of the Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces and the Cemetery would be carried out as soon as possible. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

239/15 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) Information was given on an email from the NALC Chairman regarding the celebrations of the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> with beacons being lit. Discussion took place regarding this and the Clerk was asked to contact Verwood Concert Brass to see if any concerts were being held around that time.
- b) Information was given on a Youth Centre Management Committee meeting which would take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January with representatives from the Town Council to look for a way forward for the youth provision in the Civil Parish.

240/15 Confidential.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted it is likely that if a member of the public were present during the following item there would be a disclosure of 'Confidential Information' involving staff and they therefore be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.  
RECOMMENDED that the report attached in the minute book, regarding staff wages be accepted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

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Chairman