

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

10th May 2016

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs.N.Thompson (Chairman)
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.T.Coombs
Mrs.L.Dedden
Mrs.P.Morrow
Ms. J.Russell
Mrs.S.Shaw

Apologies were given by Cllrs: S.Bhose, S.Flower, Mrs.S.Grove & P.Mann
Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs J. Gaskell, Asst. to the Town Clerk.
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351/15 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

352/15 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Draft Community Transport Guidance and Toolkit.** The County Council sent information and it can be viewed at dorsetforyou.com/community-transport-toolkit. This was noted.
- b) **Minutes 232/15(a) & 261/15(a) refers, Taunus Way.** Dorset County Council sent an email stating that the Town Council's request for laybys on Taunus Way does not meet the criteria set out in the Local Transport Plan and therefore would not be given further consideration for funding. This was noted.
- c) **DAPTC Chief Executives Circular 02/16.** Information was given on the new DAPTC Star Awards for Councillor Development which was copied to all members. Discussion took place regarding the costs of courses after which it was noted.

353/15 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for April 2016 will be provided once the accounts for 2015/2016 have been closed.

354/15 Speed Indicator Devices (SID'S)

The Clerk had contacted Clerks in East Dorset to see which ones had SID's. Information was given regarding the cost, the provider of the SID who is now based in Germany, public liability insurance, an agreement with Dorset County Council and risk assessments. The Parish Clerk who provided the information stated that they have one councillor who is responsible for putting up and taking down the SID and he has a team of five who he calls on to attend with him to help. If this councillor did not carry out erecting the SIDs, taking all the readings etc. then they would have to employ a company to carry out the work. After discussion concern was raised regarding purchasing the equipment from abroad, employing a company to carry out the readings and the cost benefit to the community. The information was noted.

355/15 Policy on Granting “Freeman” Status in the Civil Parish.

A copy of the Policy and draft application form had already been copied to all members. Discussion took place regarding the draft application and it was agreed that a Freeman is an ambassador for the Civil Parish and that more detailed questions should be asked. Therefore the form would ask:

What service the nominated person had made to the community of Verwood and Three Legged Cross?

Why does the proposer consider this service to be outstanding or exceptional?

Why they think this person would be a suitable ambassador?

What difference had the nominee made to the Parish and Residents?

It was agreed a mission statement should also be on the form which would state:

Mission Statement:

This honour is bestowed on a resident who the Town Council would like to recognise as they have been instrumental in providing a substantial and sustained benefit to the Parish and its residents.

Discussion also took place regarding the policy and that Freeman Status should be looked at once a year in July.

It was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the draft application form be accepted once the additional questions and mission statement have been added. Also that the Freeman Status will be looked at every year in July starting in 2017. The application and policy would be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

356/15 Young Persons Council

This item was previously deferred. Information previously sent applies. Members had been asked to send any comments on the report to the Town Council offices prior to the May meeting. A copy of comments made by members was circulated at the meeting and after discussion, which included changes to the report, it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the report be accepted which incorporated the discussed changes. The report would be attached to the minutes.

357/15 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

The inspections of the Recreation Grounds & Open Spaces and the Cemetery had been carried out. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

358/15 Other Reports and Items for Future Agendas.

a) Information was given that the Rev. Andrew Sinclair would be moving to a new Parish in September.

b) It was reported that the next meeting of the Potterne Park User Group would be held tomorrow and members at the meeting were asked if they had any matters they wished brought up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10p.m.

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Chairman