

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

15th March 2016

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs.N.Thompson (Chairman)
P.Barnett
S.Bhose
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.T.Coombs (7.35pm)
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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295/15 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

296/15 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Police.** Information has been received that the boundaries for the Verwood Police Neighbourhood Team have changed. Verwood team's area will now cover Alderholt and the team who cover St. Leonards, St.Ives and West Moors will cover Three Legged Cross. A request was made to ensure that the reports received included both Verwood and Three Legged Cross.
- b) **Minute 232/15(a) Taunus Way.** The request for lay-bys/pull-ins by the Town Council had been received by Dorset County Council and will be considered for Local Transport Plan funding by the County Council in the autumn. This was noted.
- c) **Dorset County Council** emailed that they will be carrying out a consultation on mobile libraries which visit residential homes. Information had been copied to all members. This was noted.
- d) The Clerk reported that she had met with Judith Plumley and matters discussed included: toilets at Potterne; toilet signage which is in hand; rubbish issue at the Hub; Defibrillator for Potterne Park; information on new Directors and staff changes; membership of the Hub. This was noted.

297/15 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for February 2016 were copied to all members and no issues were raised.

298/15 Internal Audit Review.

A report was copied to all members regarding the Internal Audit Review. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the review of the Internal Audit be accepted.

299/15 Youth Provision in the Civil Parish.

A written report, which was circulated to all members, was given by the representatives who had attended the various meetings which had been held at the Youth Centre regarding the Youth Centre building. Discussion took place regarding time scale that the school must provide a business plan, a suggested Service Level Agreement with the Town Council and usage of the building. After a full discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED the Town Council will enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Emmanuel Middle School for three and a half years on a sliding scale up to a maximum cost of £55,000 and that the SLA will include appropriate access to the building by the community.

300/15 Fingerposts

An application has been received for funding towards two Fingerposts. One has been completed and the other is yet to be started. The cost of the two will be approximately £500. Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Town Council agree to fund the two fingerposts at a cost of £500.

301/15 Grant Aid Applications.

Information had been copied to all members regarding Grant Aid applications and after discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the following Grant Aid be allocated:

Citizens Advice Bureau East Dorset	£ 2,000
Citizens Advice Bureau New Forest	£ 600
Coach in the Community	£ 1,965
Hillside Community First School	£ 3,900
Verwood Concert Brass	£ 1,000
Verwood Evergreen Club	£ 400
Verwood Pantomime Society	£ 1,000
V and TLCross Dementia Friendly Com. Ass.	£ 700
TOTAL	<u>£11,565</u>

302/15 Young Persons Council

A request had been made for this agenda item and information was circulated to all members. After discussion it was agreed to defer this item until the April F & G P meeting.

303/15 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.

304/15 Other Reports and Items for Future Agendas.

a) Information was given on the outline planning application for Eastworth Road for up to 40 houses.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40p.m.

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Chairman