

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

14th June 2016

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs.S.Shaw (Mayor)
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Flower
S.Hazel
P.Mann
Mrs.P.Morrow
Ms. J.Russell
Miss. K.Stephens
Mrs.N.Thompson

Apologies were given by Cllrs: Mrs.T.Coombs & Mrs.S.Grove
Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs J. Gaskell, Asst. to the Town Clerk.
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34/16 Election of Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor Mrs.N.Thompson was proposed, seconded and was duly elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

35/16 Election of Vice Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor P.Mann was proposed, seconded and was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

36/16 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

37/16 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Verwood & Three Legged Cross Dementia Friendly Community Association** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2016/2017. This was noted.
- b) **Citizens Advice New Forest** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2016/2017. This was noted.
- c) **East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2016/2017. This was noted.
- d) **Verwood Evergreen Club** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2016/2017. This was noted.
- e) **Verwood Concert Brass** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2016/2017. This was noted.
- f) **Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals and Waste Consultations.** There are two consultations, a) The Draft Minerals Sites Plan Update 2016 and b) the Draft Waste Plan Update. Information had already been circulated to all members. This was noted.
- g) **Christchurch and East Dorset Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedules Update.** Following the reinstatement of national guidance the Council had

made the decision, in accordance with advice received from the Planning Inspectorate and through legal opinion, to withdraw the Revised Draft Charging Schedules (2016) and proceed to adoption with the Christchurch and East Dorset Draft Charging Schedules (July 2015). Information was copied to all members and was noted.

h) **Public & Schools Bus Services Review – Have your say on the future of transport in Dorset.** Dorset County Council is seeking views on the proposal for the future of subsidised bus services in Dorset. Information was copied to all members. After discussion it was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

i) **Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils** wrote regarding subscriptions and including an up-to-date view on what DAPTC are doing on parish and town councils' behalf and also of the services that are provided through the subscription. This was noted.

j) **Vacancies on the Town Council.** To date we have had three applications to join the Council. The closing date is 15th June 2016. After discussion it was agreed that the co-option would take place at the July Full Council meeting.

k) **Verwood Pantomime Society** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2016/2017. This was noted.

38/16 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for April & May were copied to all members. A request was made for the information regarding Three Legged Cross Solar Farm to be updated.

39/16 Report from the Internal Auditor, 2015/2016 Final Audit.

A report was received from the Internal Auditor for the final audit for 2015/2016. There were no issues found during the audit. This was noted.

40/16 Post Completion Review of the Recreation Ground Playground Project.

A draft letter had been written to the play company which had been copied to all members. Much discussion took place regarding the ground works and the content of the letter. It was agreed that the letter be sent the next day.

41/16 Report regarding the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with EDDC in respect to Potterne Park.

A report was circulated to all members. Members were disappointed that there was no financial information in the report. The Clerk would be having a quarterly meeting with Judith Plumley, Head of Community and Leisure and would ask her to ensure that the financial report was prepared for the next F & G P meeting. Discussion also took place regarding the SLA but members felt that no changes were necessary at this time.

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42/16 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55p.m.

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Chairman