

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

10th January 2017

PRESENT Councillors: P J Mann (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.T.Coombs
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Flower
Mrs.S.L.Grove
S.Hazel
Mrs.P.Morrow
Ms. J.Russell
Mrs.S.Shaw
Miss. K.Stephens

Apologies were given by Cllr: Mrs.N.Thompson

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

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211/16 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

212/16 Clerk's Report.

- a) Information was given on the new Yellow Bus B4 service.
- b) Minute 198/16(d) refers. No response has yet been received from Cranborne CE VA First School.

213/16 Monthly Budgets.

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

214/16 To appoint two members to review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit.

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that Councillor Mrs.N.Thompson and Councillor Ms.J.Russell be appointed to review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit.

215/16 To consider wet pour for the flat seat swings on Verwood Recreation Ground.

A report was sent to all members from the Chairman of the Committee with information on the payment which had been retained from the play company, about replacing the matting with wet pour under the flat seat swings and information on changing the path to a resin bonded mulch. The contractor has offered a 50% discount on the work regarding the surface under the swings. Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the money retained is released to the contractor, work is undertaken to replace the matting under the swings with wet pour and that work be carried out on the path to change to a resin bonded mulch.

216/16 To consider contributing to the proposed fitness equipment on Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground.

A request had been received from 3LX Community Fund Group for support in providing sports equipment on Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground and asking the Town Council for £5,000. Information was given that the Amenities Committee had already given permission for the equipment to be placed on the Recreation Ground (Minute 100/16(b) refers). Four estimates had been obtained by the Community Fund Group and a preferred company had been chosen. Discussion took place regarding the site, possible expansion of more equipment depending on use and the amount of funding. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Town Council match fund the Community Fund Group up to £10,000 which would allow for any unforeseen problems.

217/16 Verwood in Bloom.

Min. 166/16 refers. A report was copied to all members. Discussion took place regarding approaching the estate agents and a local business about providing prize cups for the categories, judging of the competition and advertising the competition in the next issue of the Verwood Vista. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the report be accepted and supported.

218/16 Estimates for Expenditure for 2017/2018.

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 £302,990 be levied in accordance with the requirements of the schedule, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

219/16 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members.

The inspection 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.

220/16 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) It was reported that the County Councillor, a County Council officer and a resident had met, on site, to discuss speeding in Woodlinken Drive. A report would be sent to the Town Council and an agenda item would be on the next Finance and General Purposes Committee.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.54 p.m.

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