

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

11th April 2017

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

Apologies were given by Cllrs: S.Hazel

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

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294/16 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None.

295/16 Clerk's Report.

a) The Clerk reported that Ellis Whittam had visited the office to discuss the health and safety issues and during the discussion the following were amended:

Risk Assessment – Under Open Spaces, Play areas, Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground and Verwood Memorial Ground personal injury through accident, the likelihood and severity figures were dropped from 3 & 4 to 2 & 3. This was noted.

b) The Clerk reported that Councillor Mrs.N.Austin, had resigned from the Council and that a vacancy had been advertised. This was noted.

296/16 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for March 2017 were copied to all members and no issues were raised.

297/16 To consider information on speed checks in the Civil Parish.

Minutes 244/16 and 271/16 refers. Speed surveys had now been received for members to consider with regard to the purchasing of a Speed Indicator Device. The Clerk had approached other Clerks in Dorset and no one had a generic town enhancement policy. Discussion took place regarding the speed surveys which members felt were out of date. After discussion members agreed to wait for the results of the Woodlinken Drive speed checks which would be taking place shortly and request Dorset County Council to carry out new speed surveys on Manor Road, Burnbake Road, Station Road and Ringwood Road Verwood.

298/16 Standing Order 13 – (a) Plans Consultative Committee, Trees.

Members were asked to delete from the above standing order to ‘ to receive information regarding tree work’ Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the wording ‘to receive information regarding tree work’ be deleted from Standing Order 13 (a) Planning Consultative Committee, Trees.

299/16 Grant Aid applications.

The following applications had been received and after discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the following grant aid be approved:

Coach in the Community	£4,300
East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureau	£3,000
East Dorset Tourist Information	£ 500
Verwood Concert Brass	£1,000
Verwood Evergreen Club	£ 400
Verwood & 3LX Dementia Friendly	£ 700
Verwood Pantomime Society.	£1,000

A discussion took place on an application from Hillside First School to refresh their collection of books. Following this discussion it was agreed to defer a decision and request further information regarding the total project cost, their book replacement policy and some specific questions regarding their 5 year plan. This would be an agenda item at a future Finance and General Purposes Committee.

300/16 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.

301/16 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) A question was raised at the Local Action Group about the works being carried out at the entrance to the Cemetery. Members were informed that quotations were being sought.
- b) A request was made to ask organisations applying for Grant Aid to scan and email any lengthy documents to the Town Council so that they may be emailed to members.
- c) It was reported that comments had been made on Verwoodians about litter on the Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.21 p.m.

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Chairman