

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

10th October 2017

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

Apologies were given by Cllrs: S.Flower, Mrs.S.L.Grove, P J Mann, Mrs.P.Morrow
Also in attendance: Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant To the Town Clerk & Mrs. M.Saunders, Admin.
Assistant.

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127/17 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

None

128/17 Clerk's Report.

a) **Music for the Mind** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2017/2018. This was noted.

129/17 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for September 2017 would be presented at the October Full meeting .

130/17 Honorary Freeman.

This item had been deferred at the last Town Council meeting. All information had been copied to all members.

In the Verwood Vista residents were asked to nominate people for the status of Freeman who had lived in the Civil Parish for a minimum of 25 years and in recognition of outstanding and exceptional service, in terms of type and length to the community. Nominations were made in writing and the Town Council considered them in a confidential session.

After deliberations it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that Mrs. Peggy Ganderton be appointed Honorary Freeman of the Town of Verwood.

131/17 Planning for the right homes in the right places Consultation.

It was agreed that this item would be deferred to the Full Council meeting.

132/17 Motions put forward to the Annual General Meeting of the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils.

Members were asked to consider supporting the following motions which are being put forward to the AGM of the DAPTC on the 4th November 2017:

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a) **Beaminster Town Council** proposes the DAPTC lobby NALC with a view to achieving a change in the legislation governing the de-registration of bus routes. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council support the Beaminster Town Council motion.

b) **Blandford Forum Town Council** proposes that DAPTC requests NALC to lobby for Central Government action to ensure that when a town or parish council objects to a planning application for legitimate planning reasons, it should be considered by the planning authority's planning committee. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council support the Blandford Forum Town Council motion.

c) **Chideock Parish Council** proposes to ask NALC to strongly request that the DCLG revisits the consultation on Parish Polls which was carried out from 4 December 2014 to 30 January 2015 but never acted upon, and to amend the views of the public, local authorities and the parish sector on:

- The trigger (the number of proportion of electors required to demand a poll)
- The voting arrangements for parish polls
- The questions on which a poll can be held
- Consequential related matters

Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council support the Chideock Town Council motion.

d) **Hurn Parish Council** to ask that the DAPTC take the issue forward to NALC to ask for a change to the law to make Parish Councils statutory consultees on tree applications in their Parishes and that the information provided is of a high enough quality to facilitate the consideration of the proposal. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council do not support the Hurn Parish Council motion.

133/17 Quotations for the Grounds Maintenance Contract for land owned by the Town Council.

Four quotations were sought but only two had been received for the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the next two years from 1st April 2018. They were:

Dorset Works Organisation	£13,501.14
Hants & Dorset Gardening Services	£17,591.25

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that Dorset Works Organisation be awarded the Grounds Maintenance Contract from 1st April 2018 for two years.

134/17 Verwood in Bloom.

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

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135/17 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.

136/17 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that a scam letter had been received by a councillor and a request was made that an article about this type of offence be put in the next Verwood Vista to alert residents.
- b) Members were asked to inform the representative of the Potterne Park User Group of any issues they wished to be raised at the next meeting.
- c) An agenda item was requested to consider how to recognise people who give significant service to one or more sections of our community.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.16 p.m.

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Chairman