

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

27th June 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.S.Grove (Mayor)
Councillors C.J.Archibold
S.Bhose
A.Biggs
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Flower
S.Hazel
M.Hudson
Mrs.P.Morrow
M.Parker
Ms.J.Russell
Mrs.S.Shaw
Mrs.N.Thompson

Apologies from Cllrs: Mrs.T.B.Coombs, S.Gibson , P.J.Mann & Miss.K.Stephens

In attendance:- Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk & PC Andy Robertson.

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The Mayor welcomed Councillor Archibold to the Town Council.

49/18 Declaration of Interests.

None

50/18 Minutes of the Meetings held 21st & 22nd May 2018 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

51/18 Policing.

A report was circulated to all members which included: crime figures; information was given on the different classifications of theft; changes to personnel and geographical responsibility; that PC Robertson is now responsible for Verwood, Alderholt and Three Legged Cross; there are still two PCSO's in the area; training had been given on rural crimes which included the theft of tractors and plant machinery. A comment was made on how successful the joint surgery with the Town Council and the Police had been. A member also commented that a report had stated that anti-social behaviour had dropped due to the presence to the PCSO's visiting Potterne Park regularly.

52/18 Clerk's Report.

a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted.

b) **Coach in the Community** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2018/2019.

53/18 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held 6th June & 26th June 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

54/18 The Report of the Finance and General; Purposes Committee meeting held 12th June 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

55/18 The Report of the Amenities Committee meeting held 12th June 2018 as circulated, was adopted and signed.

56/18 Annual Return of the Audit for the year ended 31st March 2018.
Recommendation 35/18 refers. A copy of the accounts and supporting statements for the year end 31st March 2018 was circulated to all members. The accounts were approved and signed by the Mayor and the Responsible Financial Officer and the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement was completed. It was proposed and seconded and
RESOLVED that the Mayor and Responsible Financial Officer sign the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement.

57/18 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
The Mayor sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: a concert by the Fayrewood Singers; Verwood Carnival; a jumble sale at Verwood Day Centre; East Dorset Civic Day; Civic Services at Ferndown, Weymouth, Wareham & Yeovil; Verwood Choral Society's 30 year Summer Concert; Carers Day at the Verwood Day Centre; Cranborne Middle School showcasing their work on the Holocaust; Hillside First School celebrating their 50 years anniversary.

58/18 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.
a) Potterne Park User Group met and information was given on the usage of the park.
b) Information was given on a meeting with East Dorset District Council to discuss Potterne Park and asset transfers. Asset transfers will be an agenda item at the next F & G P committee meeting.
c) Information was given on a briefing from the Boundary Commission on their consultation which will be held from 3rd July for 8 weeks. They suggest that if we do comment agree/disagree with the recommendations send comments and reasons why. The final recommendations will be received in October.

59/18 Internet Councillor
No Report

60/18 Press & P.R.
Information was given on recent press releases.

61/18 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Council and District Council Report, Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs &

S.Flower. A written report was copied to all members regarding: the new Shadow Dorset Council and elections of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman; the 174 members for the Dorset Area; digital technology used during the first meeting; discussion on members allowances; that the new ‘Dorset Unitary Council’ will serve around 377,000 residents.

It was stated that the joint committee had commented in May on the Boundary Commission consultation and their comments were all based on evidence.

62/18 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £28,856.51 for June 2018 were approved for payment.

63/18 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) A comment was made on how successful the Verwood Carnival had been and the Mayor reported that she had written to the Committee to congratulate them.
- b) Information was given on a proposal that part of Dorset become a national park. Concern was raised that as a national park they become their own planning authority which could put pressure on all areas in Dorset.
- c) Information was given regarding the Verwood in Bloom Carnival float which had received a good commendation. It had been a good day and a lot of positive feedback. Information was also given on the judging of the Verwood in Bloom competition which had taken place and that the Allotment judging would be held in August.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.56 p.m.

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Mayor

