

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

14th November 2017

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs.N.Thompson (Chairman)
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Flower
Mrs.S.L.Grove
S.Hazel
P J Mann
Mrs.P.Morrow
M.Parker
Ms. J.Russell
Mrs.S.Shaw

Apologies were given by Cllrs: Mrs.T.Coombs

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

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164/17 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensations.

Agenda Item 4 Councillor S. Flower declared a non-pecuniary interest as this would have a financial benefit to the District Council.

165/17 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Verwood Community Group** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2017/2018. This was noted.
- b) **Dorset County Council** wrote that subject to the approval of the relevant committees, they will be undertaking a formal public consultation on the Pre-Submission Draft Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Sites Plan and the Pre-Submission Draft Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Waste Plan. The public consultation will be held between the 1st December 2017 and 31st January 2018. After discussion it was agreed that there would be a small working group which would include Councillors P. Mann, Mrs.J. Russell and the Clerk.
- c) **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular** – AGM News. This was copied to all Members and was noted.
- d) **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular** – Information that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Rt. Hon Sajid Javid MP stated at the NALC conference that there are no plans at this time for capping parish and town council precepts. This was noted.

166/17 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for October 2017 were presented and no issues raised. Information was given that the Clerk was investigating long term deposits and looking at investments.

167/17 East Dorset Community Governance Review of Parish electoral arrangements.

The link to this consultation on Dorset for You was circulated to all members as was the response form. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the attached form be sent as the Town Council's response.

168/17 Service Level Agreement with EDDC for Potterne Park.

Information had been circulated to all members. Further information was given and discussion took place on the Service Level Agreement. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Town Council approve the proposed document for the next three financial years 2018-2020.

169/17 How to recognise people who give service to the community.

Minute 136/17 (c) refers. Information was given on how other towns recognised people who give service to the community. Discussion took place also on the Honorary Freeman policy. Changes should be made that nominations will not be accepted from members of families and that the nominator should get two additional residents to endorse the application. Those who were not made Honorary Freeman would receive a letter from the Mayor acknowledging the effort that they had given to the community. These changes would be made to the existing policy and would be brought back to a future F & G P meeting for their consideration. The next nominations for Honorary Freeman will be accepted in 2019

170/17 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.

171/17 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) Verwood in Bloom. A report was given that there would be a new category Allotments, for the competition and a rose bowl is already available to be given . It was suggested by Willow Floristry that a float be put in the next Verwood Carnival to promote the competition. It was agreed that a policy should be written for the competition which would then ensure it would continue in the future.
- b) Information was given that the Town Council had received a complimentary email regarding the Remembrance Parade from a resident from Portsmouth. Thanks were given to Niamh Thompson for playing the bugle at the memorial stone on Saturday 11th November.

172/17 Confidential.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that in view of the nature of the business to be transacted it is likely that if a member of the public were present during the following item there would be a disclosure of 'Confidential Information' involving staff and they therefore be excluded from the meeting in accordance with Section 1(2) Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.49p.m.

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Chairman