

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

19th December 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.L.Dedden (Mayor)
Councillors S. Bhose
A.Biggs
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.T.B.Coombs
S.Flower
Mrs.S.Grove
P J Mann
Mrs.P.Morrow
M.Parker
Ms.J.Russell
Mrs S.Shaw
Mrs.N.Thompson

Apologies from Cllrs: S.Gibson, S.Hazel, M.Hudson, Mrs.A.Manley & Miss K. Stephens
In attendance:- Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk
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191/17 Declaration of Interests.

None.

192/17 Minutes of the Meeting held 22nd November 2017 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

193/17 Policing.

A report was circulated to all members.

194/17 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted.
- b) **East Dorset District Council** wrote asking for the Town Council's comments on the street naming and numbering on land north of Ringwood Road, Verwood. The developer wishes to name the two new streets, Foxgloves Lane and Primrose Gardens. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Rossgarth Place and Day Gardens be put forward as the names of the streets for historical reasons.
- c) **Dorset County Council** sent an email asking if the Town Council wishes to write to the Secretary of State regarding the unitary proposals. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to write to support the Future Dorset proposals.

d) **A resident from Woodlands** wrote regarding Romford Bridge and asking for consideration to be made for the installation of a pathway and a priority traffic flow at this site. Information was given on the various solutions which had been investigated over the last few years. After discussion the Clerk would write to the resident with the information and ask for clarification on where the overgrowing vegetation was mentioned in his email.

195/17 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held 29th November 2017
as circulated, were confirmed, adopted and signed.

196/17 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: Verwood Choral Singers concert; visit by Three Legged Cross First School to the Town Council Offices; Christmas Tree Festival at the Methodist Church; her Christmas Reception; tea and mince pies for the elderly in Morrisons; STEM evening at Ferndown Upper School; East Dorset District Council Chairman's Christmas Reception; Verwood's Christmas Extravaganza; visit to the Hub with the Lions Club who were packing Christmas packages for those in need across the area; the plaining of the replacement tree for that planted in 1937 by Harvey Sims, now ages 93, who planted the originals; Three Legged Cross Village Carol Service in the Village Hall; Hillside First School Christmas Celebration; Verwood Concert Brass Christmas concert; Gillingham Town Carols.

The Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended various functions which included: four carol services in Ferndown, Portland and Wimborne and the Verwood Choral Society, Minster and the Age Concern Christmas lunch.

197/17 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) **Environmental Councillor.** A written report was circulated to all members on the EDEP meeting held on 13th December where the only item was a presentation and discussion on the Pre-submission consultation of the Bournemouth, Dorset, and Poole Minerals Sites Plan and Waste Plan.

b) **Local Action Group.** Information was given that the minutes are due out shortly and would be circulated when received.

c) **Citizens Advice Bureau.** The representative has been invited to a meeting taking place in February to discuss the future of the CAB. Would councillors let the representative have any questions or comments they wish to be raised.

d) **Potterne Park User Group.** The meeting was cancelled.

e) **Age Concern.** The Christmas lunch went well.

198/17 Internet Councillor

Information was given that there was now a Mayor's Blog on the Verwood Town Council website and that things are up to date. There will be a new website next year.

199/17 Press & P.R.Councillor

The Press had been informed of an error they had made regarding the Mayor's Christmas Reception which they had been asked to reprint.

200/17 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Council Report, Councillor S. Flower. A written report was circulated regarding: Financial overview and challenges which will require the council to meet a £18.4m savings programme during 2018/2019; local government re-organisation where work continues at a pace to enable the formation of two Unitary Councils in May 2019; information was given on the local government settlement.

District Council Report, Councillor S. Flower . A verbal report was given regarding the District's decision on 11th December to accept the Secretary of State's decision to support the submission. Eight out of nine councils have supported the decision. A final decision will be made by February. A working group have been formed to look at ward boundaries and number of councillors.

201/17 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £12,062.95 for December 2017 were approved for payment.

202/17 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) An update was requested on the dangerous dog incident reported at a previous meeting.
- b) It was reported that the Community Christmas lunch was to take place at a local restaurant and members were asked to inform anyone they knew of, who had been in previous years as there are still a few places available. Details of anyone wanting to go should be sent to Cllr. Simon Gibson.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55p.m.

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Mayor