

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

27th February 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.L.Dedden (Mayor)
Councillors A.Biggs
S.Flower
P.J.Mann
M.Parker
Ms.J.Russell
Mrs.N.Thompson

Apologies from Cllrs: S.Bhose, Mrs.L.Clark, Mrs.T.B.Coombs, S.Gibson
Mrs.S.Grove, S.Hazel, M.Hudson, Mrs.A.Manley, Mrs.P.Morrow, Mrs.S.Shaw &
Miss.K.Stevens

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

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249/17 Declaration of Interests.

None.

250/17 Minutes of the Meeting held 23rd January 2018 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

251/17 Policing.

A report was circulated to all members which included information on crime figures, further information on burglaries that had taken place and staffing levels.

Questions were raised regarding an incident which had taken place in Three Legged Cross and how checks can be made on vehicles to see if they are taxed.

252/17 Clerk's Report.

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

b) **Commonwealth Day March 12th 2018.** Information was given to members on the event in Verwood. Unfortunately one school had already stated that they will not be able to attend.

c) **Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association** wrote to inform the Council that they had invited Leiderbach to visit Verwood this coming September.

d) Information was given of the first defibrillator training for members and staff which would take place on Monday 16th April 2018. The time was yet to be confirmed.

253/17 The Reports of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 31st January & 21st February 2018 as circulated, were confirmed, adopted and signed.

254/17 The Report of the Finance and General; Purposes Committee meeting held 9th January 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

255/17 Commemoration of the end of the 1st World War.

Information was given on the 'Silent Soldier' concept which marks the sacrifice of those who fell in the four war years leading up to the Armistice in November 1918. The Clerk also gave information on other ways that the event was being commemorated. Members and the Clerk gave ideas on ways that the end of the 1st World War could be commemorated and following discussion it was agreed that there would be an agenda item at the next Amenities Committee meeting to discuss the provision of two WW1 Commemorative seats and that the Clerk would write to the schools and businesses to see if they would like to be involved in window displays.

256/17 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: 'Democracy in Action' at Ferndown Upper School; a photo shoot for Dorset Rape Crisis; a service of celebration and commemoration to mark the refurbishment of the United Reform Church: Trinity 1st School visited the Town Council offices and met the Mayor and a Councillor.

257/17 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

- a) **Potterne Park User Group.** The next meeting of the group would take place on 22nd March 2018.
- b) **East Dorset Rights of Way Liaison Updates meeting.** The Rights of Way Liaison Councillor attended the meeting where matters discussed included information on volunteers and how to make sure rights of ways are maintained.
- c) **Intergrated Transport Review.** Matters discussed at the meeting included, school transport, public and community transport and concessionary travel.
- d) **DAPTC Larger Parish and Town Councils.** The report of the meeting will be emailed to members when received.

258/17 Internet Councillor

Information was given on followers of the Town Council's facebook page.

259/17 Press & P.R.Councillor

No report.

260/17 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Council Report, Councillor S.Flower. A written report was circulated regarding: approval of the Unitary Council for Dorset; highway issues including improvements to Batterley Drove and the review of vegetation on the C2 Horton Road.

District Council Report, Councillor S. Flower. A written report was circulated regarding: the Council Tax for 2018/2019 which will increase around 12 pence per week in East Dorset District Council's portion of the council tax for a Band D household. A question was asked about Christchurch's position regarding the Unitary Council Dorset.

261/17 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £25,953.93 for February 2018 were approved for payment.

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262/17 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) The Clerk informed members that she had attended the 12th Practitioners Conference and a report would follow.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.

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Mayor

