

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

24th April 2018

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.L.Dedden (Mayor)
Councillors A.Biggs
Mrs.L.Clark
S.Flower
Mrs.S.Grove
S.Hazel
M.Hudson
P.J.Mann
Mrs.P.Morrow
Ms.J.Russell
Mrs.S.Shaw
Miss.K.Stephens
Mrs.N.Thompson

Apologies from Cllrs: S.Bhose, Mrs.T.B.Coombs, S.Gibson, M.Parker

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

Public: 0

A minutes silence was held in memory of former Town Councillor Boyd Mortimer who had passed away.

303/17 Declaration of Interests.

None.

304/17 Minutes of the Meeting held 28th March 2018 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

305/17 Policing.

A report would be circulated to all members which included information on: Crime figures; Inspector Whitley who is not in charge of neighbourhood policing now; possible changes regarding coverage of Verwood & Three Legged Cross. Discussion took place regarding poaching.

306/17 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted.
- b) **Councillor Mrs.A.Manley** tendered her resignation to the Town Council due to other commitments. The Clerk informed members that a notice would be put up the next day and that East Dorset District Council would be informed.
- c) A request has been made for a noticeboard to be erected at Dewlands Park caravan site. The Clerk was asked to find out prices and report back to the F & G P committee.

d) **East Dorset District Council** had sent an email that three representatives from each council are now invited to attend the briefing on Local Government Reorganisation on 2nd May at the Quarter Jack Suite, Allendale Centre, Wimborne. Members wishing to attend were asked to contact the Council offices.

307/17 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held 4th April 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

308/17 The Report of the Finance and General; Purposes Committee meeting held 10th April 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

309/17 Consultation on Unauthorised Development and Encampments.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/powers-for-dealing-with-unauthorised-development-and-encampments>

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government have recently published a consultation on unauthorised development and encampments. The consultation covers local authority and police powers; court processes; trespass; planning enforcement; the provision of authorised sites and the impacts on the travelling community. After discussion it was agreed that this would be on the next Finance & General Purposes Committee agenda. The Clerk was asked to obtain information prior to the meeting.

310/17 To hold the Amenities Committee after a Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

A suggestion has been made that as the Amenities Committee meet four times a year that these meetings be held after each Finance & General Purposes meetings in March, June, September and November. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that from June the Amenities Committee would meet after the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting and this would be trialled for a year.

311/17 To Fill Two Vacancies on the Plans Consultative Committee.

There are two vacancies to fill on the Plans Consultative Committee and members are asked to consider standing. One councillor agreed to serve on the Committee.

312/17 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: a Civic Day at Bridport and Dorchester; East Dorset Chairman's Civic Service; Verwood Concert Brass concert; Verwood's own Civic Service.

313/17 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) **DAPTC Eastern Area Committee.** A written report was circulated to all members of the meeting held at Ferndown on the 18th April. Matters discussed included: information from Ferndown Town Council regarding DAPTC; feedback on the last conference; re-organisation in the county; information from other parishes; the next meeting which will be held on 4th July at Cranborne.

b) **Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association.** Visitors from Liederbach will be coming in September and a programme is being arranged.

c) **Verwood Heathland Heritage Centre.** A short verbal report was given regarding finances and that the archivist had given a report.

314/17 Internet Councillor

Information was given that the Mayor's Vintage sale had been publicised on Facebook.

315/17 Press & P.R.Councillor

Information was given that items were being collected for the next Verwood Vista.

316/17 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Council Report, Councillor S.Flower. A verbal report was given regarding: the Local Government Re-organisation; that Springfield Road should be completed in the next two weeks and that shingle had been put down on Manor Lane.
District Council Report, Councillor S.Flower. A verbal report was given regarding the site on Horton Road which had been purchased and that hard standing and electric had been put on the site. Information was also given on a previous planning application on this site which still was in place.

317/17 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £46,748.76 for April 2018 were approved for payment.

318/17 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that Linden Homes had laid a new pavement to their development and that there was a pole in the middle of it. Information was given that it will be removed later in the year.
- b) A request was made for the Town Council to contact Royal Mail regarding a replacement post box for the one which was removed on Ringwood Road.
- c) Members were reminded about the Vintage & Recycling Sale which would take place on 28th April to raise funds for the Mayor's Charity, Dorset Mind.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.18p.m.

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Mayor

