

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

28<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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

Apologies from Cllrs: S.Hazel, Miss.K.Stephens & Mrs.N.Thompson

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

Also in attendance: PC Andy Robertson

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170/18 Declaration of Interests.

None.

171/18 Minutes of the Meetings held 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

172/18 Policing.

A written report was circulated to all members where information was given on crime figures and information which included: that crime was up from the previous months; advice was given that residents should make a note of serial numbers so that any thefts of equipment could be returned to the owners; the appointment of new Sgt. Jane Moore.

Questions were asked regarding the shortage of officers locally and after discussion it was agreed that a letter would be sent from the Town Council to the Police and Crime Commission and Parliament stating our concerns about the coverage in our area.

Information was given that some of the retained fire officers, in the Dorset Fire Authority, could become PCSO's. They would be able to carry out investigations and some preventative work. Also a question was asked regarding if there was any correlation between burglaries and the clocks going back and would there be any increase of officers over the Christmas period. Information was given on computer hacking.

173/18 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted. It was reported that the Manor Lane refuse collection was still being monitored.
- b) **Christchurch and East Dorset District Council** wrote that they will be holding a further briefing on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 1.00 p.m., at the Verwood Hub. Places are limited therefore they ask that attendees are limited to three councillors from each Council. Members were asked to contact the office if they wished to attend.
- c) **Christchurch and East Dorset District Council.** The Chairman, Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs wrote giving information regarding a Fun Run which she had organised and is to be held in Verwood. The two charities are Macmillan and Mosaic (the Dorset Children's Bereavement Support Charity). The Fun Run will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019. The letter was copied to all members. Information was given on timings and that all residents in the area had been informed. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write that the Town Council are in full support of the Fun Run.
- d) **DAPTC** have organised a training event on planning which will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 between 10.00am – 4pm at the Blandford School, Milldown Road, Blandford Forum and the price will be £65. Members were asked to contact the office if they wish to attend

174/18 The Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

175/18 The Report of the Amenities Committee meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

176/18 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 31<sup>st</sup> October & 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

177/18 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: The Annual exhibition of the Arts and Crafts Society; Dorset's Legal Service; Aurora Boveridge Colleges commemoration service for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WW1; Mayor's charity 'Evening Song'; Remembrance Sunday event in Verwood; a performance by the Symphony Orchestra of Always Remembered; Verwood Hub where a film called 'Journeys End' was shown; Yeovil Civic Day; The Fireside Theatre Groups presentation of 'Peace in Our Time'; Hillside School Walking Zones project; Colehill Chairman's Reception; The Fayrewood Singers Afternoon of Song; the East Dorset District Scout presentation evening. Lastly attending the funeral of Pam Reeks.

178/18 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

- a) **DAPTC Larger Parish and Town Councils.** A report of the meeting held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November was copied to all members. Matters discussed included:

re-election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and representatives on the Executive Committee; a written report by the Chief Executive; discussion on transfer of assets; bus subsidies; reported items by members.

b) **Verwood and Three Legged Cross Twinning Association.** A written report of the 37<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 25<sup>th</sup> October was copied to all members. Information was given on: the varied programme of speakers; success of the Twinning wine bar at the Rustic Fayre; the visit by the twin town of Liederbach in September; new members to the committee; talk by a retired Police Officer.

c) **Three Legged Cross Solar Community Fund.** It was reported that the AGM had taken place on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.

179/18 Internet Councillor

No report.

180/18 Press & P.R

It was reported that there had been good coverage in the Press on the Remembrance event in Verwood.

181/18 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

**County Council Report, Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs & S.Flower.** A verbal report was given on: the committee which will be looking at assets, land and property owned by all the councils; information on Dorset Explorer; concerns on the highway access to the new housing development Kiln Gardens on Ringwood Road and other highway issues; meetings which had been held with Hampshire County Council regarding the Somerley Household Recycling Centre; information on traffic cam which had been placed on Springfield Road and the mean average was under 30mph.

**District Council Report, Councillor S.Gibson.** A verbal report was given on: Transfer of asset call to account; information that EDDC had taken over the responsibility of the Moors Valley Golf Club which had been re-opened, the new Dorset Council will decide once they are in place if they wish to keep the asset; that EDDC were seeking to purchase St. Gabriel's on Ringwood Road, which had been empty for 6 years, for a temporary accommodation site. The planning application of which would be considered in January 2019. A question was asked regarding who had been consulted and Councillor S.Gibson stated he would be happy to meet with anyone who is concerned.

182/18 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £21,805.01 for November 2018 were approved for payment.

183/18 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

a) Information was given that Community Christmas Lunch was being held again and it would take place at Al Trullo in Ringwood Road.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

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Mayor