

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

22nd January 2019

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

Apologies from Cllrs: C.Archibold, Mrs.S.Grove, M.Hudson, P.J.Mann, Miss.K.Stevens & Mrs.N.Thompson

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

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221/18 Declaration of Interests.

None.

222/18 Minutes of the Meeting held 18th December 2018 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

223/18 Policing.

A report was circulated to all members with crime figures and information on incidents in the Civil Parish. Information was given that the new Sergeant, Jane Moore will start tomorrow and hopefully will attend a Town Council meeting. It was suggested that the Mayor write a letter of thanks to the men who rescued the driver and his dog from the car that crashed into a gas main in Ringwood Road last week.

224/18 Clerk's Report.

a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted. An update on three items were requested and information given.

225/18 The Reports of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 9th January 2019 as circulated, were confirmed, adopted and signed.

226/18 The Report of the Finance and General; Purposes Committee meeting held 15th January 2019 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed. When recommendation 217/18 was put to the vote Councillors:

A.Biggs, Mrs.L.Clark, Mrs.T.B.Coombs, Mrs.L.Dedden, S.Flower, S.Gibson
S.Hazel, Mrs.P.Morrow, M.Parker, Ms.J.Russell voted to accept the recommendation and it was

Resolved that the District Council be advised that this Town Council would require a Precept of £318,417 in accordance with the schedule attached to these minutes in the Minute Book.

227/18 Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Mineral Sites Plan – Consultation on additional site Horton Heath.

Minute 215/18 refers. The report by Councillor Flower was circulated to all members. Amendments were made, and the report was recirculated to member and after discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the amended report would be the Town Council's comments on the consultation.

228/18 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: Christmas performances at Hillside and Trinity First Schools; a presentation evening at Queen Elizabeth's School; Gillingham's Carol Service. **The Deputy Mayor** reported that she had attended a Community Leaders Lunch at Queen Elizabeth's School where Civic Leaders, Business Schools, Youth Leaders and the Police discussed local issues.

229/18 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

- a) **Potterne Park User Group.** A written report was copied to all members regarding the last meeting where matters discussed included: information on staff remaining in the Dorset Council; a comprehensive service update and club update; information regarding the longer opening hours of the toilets and the positive feedback on the provision; tenure for the clubs is still not resolved; storage for clubs at Potterne Park ; Verwood girls and Verwood Allstars football clubs are looking for land in the civil parish to accommodate additional need for pitches; the path/bridleway which runs across Potterne Park. Information was given on the history of the pathway/bridleway and discussion took place. It was suggested that Mr.M.Reeks be contacted regarding this path for further information.
- b) **DAPTC Eastern Committee.** A report will be circulated shortly to all members regarding the last meeting .
- c) **Heathland Heritage Centre Executive Committee.** A report was given on the last meeting where matters discussed included: the role of the archivist; finances; a seat to commemorate members who had been great supporters of the Trust.

230/18 Internet Councillor

No report.

231/18 Press & P.R.Councillor

The Vista will be published mid-February. An article will appear in the Vista regarding the Information Day at Morrisons on 8th March to help recruit Councillors.

232/18 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Council Report, Cllrs Mrs.T. Coombs and Spencer Flower. A written report was circulated regarding: Highway issues in Alderholt; Examination of the Mineral Site Plan which includes the AS27 site at Horton Heath; discussions continue with Hampshire County Council for residents living in the eastern part of Dorset to continue access to the Somerley HRC. Discussion took place regarding the Somerley tip and information was given that there will be no charges made until January 2020.

District Council Report. Councillor S. Gibson gave update on St Gabriels and informed that planning permission had now been given. East Dorset District Council will now proceed with the purchase of the building and interior works will have to take place. Meeting had taken place with neighbours and other concerned residents. Cllr. Gibson stated he is happy to deal with queries from members of the public. Information was given on a briefing at East Dorset District Council on the Retail Study of the Local Plan where discussion took place on retail usage, and shopping trends in the area.

233/18 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £17,236.14 for January 2019 were approved for payment.

234/18 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) It was reported that dropped kerbs were to be installed in Coronation Close and Moorlands Road. An agenda item was requested at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting to discuss a contribution from the Town Council towards the cost of the work.
- b) A report was given on the electric outages which had occurred in Verwood.
- c) Information was given that litter picks in Verwood were to commence again, And there will be a litter pick this Saturday 26th January from the Verwood Recreation Ground starting at 10 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.36p.m.

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Mayor

