

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

14th May 2019

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.P.Morrow (Mayor)
Councillors Mrs.S.Bhose
A.Biggs
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.T.B.Coombs
Mrs.L.Dedden
S.Flower
Mrs.S.Grove
M.Hudson
M.Parker
Ms.J.Russell
Ms.B.Salmon
P.Smith
M.Thorpe

Apologies from Cllrs: S.Gibson & P J Mann

In Attendance:- Mrs.V.Bright Town Clerk, Mrs J.Sebire, Assistant Town Clerk ,
Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk & PC Andrew Robertson

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9/19 Declaration of Interests.
None.

10/19 Minutes of the Meetings held 23rd April 2019 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

11/19 Policing.

A report and crime figures were circulated to all members. Information was given on issues in the town and it was advised that the Verwood Surgeries with the councillors at Morrisons would continue.

Questions were raised regarding: antisocial behaviour; criminal damage; helicopter and drone usage; shed burglaries; police coverage.

Information was given on the best way to report incidents to Dorset Police via 101 telephone line or alternatively email for a non-urgent situation.

12/19 Clerk's Report.

a) **Residents' Enquiries and Complaints** were copied to all members and were noted.

13/19 Code of Conduct.

A copy of the draft Code of Conduct was copied to all members. Discussion took place where amendments were proposed. The document will be revised and brought back to the next Full meeting for approval.

14/15 To Resolve that the Verwood Town Council is able to use the General Power of Competence.

As the Town Council have met the eligibility criteria of a Qualified Clerk and that two thirds of the members have been elected it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Verwood Town Council having met the eligibility criteria, now declare at this meeting that the Council is able to use the General Power of Competence.

15/19 Report from the Outgoing Mayor.

The Mayor gave a verbal report on various functions and events she had attended which included: Wimborne Civic Reception and a Rat pack themed charity event.

16/19 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies (2019/2020).

- a) **Rights of Way Representative.** Information was given on the waymarking of rights of ways around Stephen's Castle area.
- b) The Environment Councillor sent a written report, which was copied to all members, on the Mire Restoration, Ebblake visit which took place on 10th May 2019.

17/19 Internet Councillors (2019/2020)

Information was given that the Town Council website and Facebook page was in the process of being updated.

18/19 Press & P.R.Councillor

Information was given that the distribution of the Verwood Vista had commenced this week and that the new Verwood & Three Legged Cross Official Guide was being updated.

19/19 Reports from the Dorset Councillors.

Dorset Councillors Spencer Flower and Mrs. Toni Coombs. Information was given that the Annual meeting of the new Dorset Council was to take place on Thursday 16th May 2019. The Council hoped to adopt a new 'can do' culture and cross party working. A full report would be made at the next Full meeting. The Clerk was requested to invite the new ward councillors for Three Legged Cross to attend a Full meeting.

20/19 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts for May 2019 £19,344.74 were approved for payment.

21/19 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) A request had been made by residents, via a Dorset Councillor, for the extension of the double yellow lines opposite the Lake Road Surgery of the Cranborne Practice in Verwood. This will be an agenda item at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

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b) It was reported that the two pathways emerging from the Chase onto Ringwood Road were in need of upgrading and that the visibility on exiting the pathways was obscured by overgrown shrubbery. This will be an agenda item at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

c) An agenda item was requested to discuss provision for the future of the Youth Centre on the Emmanuel Middle School Campus. Information will be provided by the Dorset Councillors following attendance of a June meeting.

d) It was reported that the Cranborne Chase AONB had been awarded money over five years. Projects are ongoing which are not just for the Chase but extend far and wide. Further information will be given at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.16p.m.

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Mayor