

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

24<sup>th</sup> September 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  
S.Gibson  
P.J.Mann  
M.Parker  
Ms.J.Russell  
Miss.B.Salmon  
P.Smith  
Miss K.Stephens  
M.Thorpe

Apologies from Cllrs:, Mrs.S.Grove & M Hudson

In attendance:- Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk & Assistant Town Clerk, Mrs.J.Sebire

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125/19 Declaration of Interests.

None.

126/19 Minutes of the Meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

127/19 Policing.

No Report.

128/19 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Residents' enquiries and complaints** were copied to all members and were noted. Information was given on a complaint of a hedge and fencing at Woodlinken Drive.
- b) **Minute 99(a)** The Yellow Telephone Box has been delivered to Dewlands Park. This was noted.
- c) **Minute 99(d)** the Clerk had contacted Dorset Council to ask them to re-investigate the provision of a crossing close to Oakdene Nursing Home and they were investigating.
- d) **A resident** asked a question about Speed Watch and the Clerk has received a response from the Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator. Discussion took place and members felt that this would be an ideal item for the Local Action Group.

e) **Dorset Council** has sent an email with an invitation that they are hosting parish and town workshops across the County in association with DAPTC. It is an opportunity for Dorset Council and the Dorset Parishes and Towns to discuss and develop how the relationships between councils will be constructed. One is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at Bridport Town Hall at 7pm, one is on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at Durweston Village Hall Blandford at 7pm and one on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at Wareham. There are only two representatives per council. Councillors were asked to contact the Town Clerk if they wished to attend.

f) **Royal Air Forces Association** will be having a talk from the Moors Valley Conservation Team on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm at Wimborne. This was noted.

129/19 The Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

130/19 The Report of the Amenities Committee meetings held 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

131/19 The Reports of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 31<sup>st</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> August and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019 as circulated, were confirmed, adopted and signed.

132/19 Doorstep Green.

Discussion took place on the schemes and it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Kompan scheme be accepted but that part of the workout equipment be replaced by an inclusive piece.

133/19 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

**The Mayor** sent a written report on various functions and events she had attended which included: a workshop on mental health issues; an aerobathon in St. Michaels Parish Rooms; Judging the Verwood Allotments for Verwood in Bloom; a Summer Holiday event at the Methodist Church; the installation of the new Minister of the URC Church, the Rev. James Whately; Rustic Fayre; Swanage Civic Service; presentation to the Guide of the Mayors Sash; a meeting with Verwood Runners; presentation to the Scout of the Mayors Sash; Flower Club show where Verwood in Bloom prizes were presented; a concert 'Remembering Pam Reeks'.

134/19 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies

a) **Verwood Heathland Heritage Centre.** Information was given on the executive meeting where matters discussed included; visitors to the centre; decoration of the centre; a donation of a lockable display cabinet; finances; visit by Trinity School; date for the AGM on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October in the Heritage Centre.

b) **DAPTC Towns & Larger Councils.** Information was given on the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September where matter discussed included: a talk by Professor Michael Dower CBE on 'Community Level Environmental Initiatives' particularly in response to Climate Change; report from the DAPTC Chief Executive; training events; DAPTC AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> November; a written update was provided from Dorset Council; information from other town and parishes.

c) **Three Legged Cross Forum.** A request had been made that a Litter Pick take place in Three Legged Cross. Concern had been made that trees on the Verwood Road had no Tree Protection Orders on them. It was suggested that the Town Council apply for TPO's on this site.

135/19 Internet Councillor.

Investigation on how friendly the web site is for mobile phones was being carried out.

136/19 Press & P.R.Councillor

No report

137/19 Reports of the Dorset Council Councillors.

**Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs, Councillor S.Flower & Councillor S.Gibson.** A written report was circulated to all members which included: information on the Dorset Council Plan; The Somerley HRC where discussions have taken place regarding Dorset residents affected by the introduction of a £5 per visit charge for non-Hampshire residents; DWP Household Collections where numerous complaints from Verwood residents who have experienced missed collections; Government Spending Review.

A question was asked about penalties for missed collections? Information was given that it was due to staffing and vehicles breaking down.

138/19 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts for August 2019 £14,212.66 and for September 2019 £19,962.43 were approved for payment.

139/19 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that there would be another Litter pick on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am in Verwood. It was suggested that next month the litter pick could take place at Three Legged Cross.
- b) A question was asked about progress regarding the asset transfers from Dorset Council. No progress had been made and it was suggested that the Clerk contact Dorset Council for an update.
- c) An update on the weed spraying in Verwood was requested. One had been carried out in the summer and it had been promised that another would be carried out in the Autumn. The Clerk would contact Dorset Council for an update.
- d) Concern was raised regarding the signage at the Potter's Wheel Car Park regarding parking in bays. It was suggested that the Town Council suggest putting more bays in and asking that the now defunct area for recycling have an electric point put in.
- e) Information was given that Wessex Water are offering to put free water points in Verwood.
- f) Information was given that a resident had requested that a Speed Watch be set up and the Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator had contacted the Town Clerk. Members agreed that this could be taken to the Local Action Group.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.33p.m.

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Mayor