



Members of Verwood Town Council are summoned to attend a Meeting of the VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL, which will be held on Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at Three Legged Cross Village Hall, Fryers Rd, BH21 6YT at 7.30p.m.

Apologies for absence should be given to the Town Clerk/Mayor prior to the Meeting.

**Carrie Lloyd
Town Clerk
16th November 2022**

AGENDA

1. To receive Declarations of Interest and receive and approve apologies for absence.
2. Public Questions: In accordance with Standing Order No. 1(e) – 1(l) a period not exceeding fifteen minutes is set aside for Members of the Public to make representations, answer questions or give evidence at a meeting not exceeding 3 minutes per person. No response nor debate is required on the night.
3. To receive the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25th October 2022 (attached or available from carrie@verwood.gov.uk).
4. To note updates on actions arising from previous meetings (attached or available from carrie@verwood.gov.uk)
5. Recommendations Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 8th November 2022;

166/22/23 Dignity at Work Policy

Members noted the draft Policy which was considered rather long but also recognised the importance of the Policy following on the Council's Civility & Respect Pledge.

RECOMMENDED that the Policy at Appendix A be approved.

169/22/23 Coronation Budget

Members noted the request for £10,000 from Reserves towards celebrating the Coronation and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk be authorised to spend up to £10,000 from Reserves to enable a celebration to take place.

6. Recommendations Amenities Committee held on 8th November 2022;

176/22/23 Benches

Members noted the report and thanked the Assistant Town Clerk for the comprehensive report. **RECOMMENDED** that;

- (i) Estimates be obtained for the repair and repainting work;
- (ii) Details of benches and bus shelter at Three Legged Cross be checked to see if they should be included;
- (iii) As privately owned benches on Council land deteriorate, the Council have a Policy of replacing them and retain them in Council ownership;
- (iv) Future Health and safety checks be carried out principally by the Assistant town Clerk but Members be advised when a check is due so that they may carry out their own pre-check should they so wish.

7. Committee Membership – to fill any vacancies and amend the number of Committee Members on Finance and General Purposes Committee to 18

8. Warm Spaces Update - attached
9. To receive a report from the Mayor & Deputy Mayor
10. To receive the reports of representatives on other bodies
11. To receive the report of the Youth Worker – report to follow
12. To receive a report from the Internet Councillor
13. To receive a report regarding Press and P.R.
14. To receive reports of the Dorset Councillors
15. To approve payments for October 2022 (attached for Councillors & available from the Town Clerk – carrie@verwood.gov.uk)
16. Items of report and matters for future agendas
17. Future Meetings – to amend the 21st February meeting to 28th February meeting, change Mayor Making to 22nd May and Council to 23rd May due to the Coronation and Finance and General Purposes Committee to 30th May and decide whether Council should meet in August.
18. Exclusion of the Press & public

To RESOLVE that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature or debate of the business to be transacted;

- (i) To consider nominations as per Council Policy

The next meeting is scheduled for 20th December at 7.30pm at the Town Council Offices.

AGENDA ITEM 8

WARM SPACES

This initiative has been very well received and attracted a fair amount of publicity.

Take up has been slow with average of 2 attendees per week, however, the weather has not been particularly cold yet (to 14th November).

Attendees have appreciated looking around the Council Chamber as well as taking part in games, word searches or just chatting.

The Samaritans have attended on a couple of occasions and it is hoped that we can open up to more Charities to be able to access vulnerable Members of the Community and offer them support.