

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL18th January 2022

PRESENT: Councillor M Parker (Mayor)
Councillors Mrs S Bhose
A Biggs
Mrs T B Coombs
Mrs L Dedden
S Flower
S Gibson
Mrs S Grove
P J Mann
A Maw
Mrs S Rose
Ms J Russell
Miss B Salmon
Miss K Stephens
M Thorpe

Apologies from Cllrs: Mrs.L.Clark, M.Hudson & Mrs P Morrow

In Attendance: Mrs V Bright Town Clerk, Mrs C Lloyd Town Clerk & Mrs J Sebire,
Assistant Town Clerk

Also in attendance Ms Emma. P, Youth Worker

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176/21 Declaration of Interests.

None

177/21 Policing.

Discussion took place regarding the reporting by the Police to the Town Council. This would be an item to discuss at the next meeting with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Police Liaison Councillors and the Police. Information was given regarding a letter which had been sent by Dorset Council to the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding Anti-Social Behaviour.

178/21 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Residents' Enquiries and Complaints** were copied to all members. With the spate of Graffiti in the area, on private land and public land it was suggested that the Town Council have graffiti removal kits available so that prompt action could be taken to remove it and potentially offer usage of the kits to private residents. The Clerk would investigate.
- b) **Verwood Amateur Dramatic Society.** Mr. Glenwood Carlyon, as Treasurer, wrote that after nearly sixty years the curtain has finally come down on Verwood Amateur Dramatic Society. It was formed in 1962 with actor Lionel Jefferies as its first President. The last Youth Production was 'National Velvet' in 2003. The balance of their accounts has been donated to Julia's House.
- c) **Dorset Council Licensing Team** wrote regarding an application from Verwood Post Office for a premises license. The information was forwarded to all members. Discussion took place it was RESOLVED that the Town Council had no objection.

179/21 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 8th December and 29th December 2021 as circulated, were adopted and signed.

180/21 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meetings held 7th December and 11th January 2022 as circulated, were adopted and signed
When recommendation 171/21 was put to the vote Councillors:
Mrs.S.Bhose, A.Biggs, Mrs.T.B.Coombs, Mrs.L.Dedden, S.Flower, S.Gibson,
Mrs.S.Grove, P.Mann, , A. Maw, M.Parker, Mrs.S.Rose, Ms.J.Russell, Miss
B.Salmon, Miss.K.Stevens and M.Thorpe voted to accept the recommendation and it
was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that the District Council be advised that this Town Council would
require a Precept of £368,850 in accordance with the schedule attached to these
minutes in the Minute Book.

181/21 A Report from the Verwood Youth & Community Management Committee.
The report was circulated to all Members. A question was asked regarding the need
for two constitutions. Information was given that the existing constitution was not fit
for purpose and that there was a need for a constitution for the Youth Centre and
something separate for the Management Committee as under the current constitution
no under the age of 18 could vote. A template for a new constitution and document
would be discussed at the next meeting

182/21 ESPO Evaluation Criteria for Charlottes Place Tender Award.
Information had been circulated to all Members regarding the two tenders which had
been received. The criteria and the evaluation process were also copied and after
discussion it was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that the Kompan tender be accepted.

183/21 Blue Badge Car Park Charging Policy.
Minute 168/21 (a) refers. Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that the Town Council believe that there should only be one concession
for all Blue Badge Holders which would provide three hours free parking through the
purchase of a Restricted Mobility Parking Permit.

184/21 Lytchett Minster Letter.
Minute 174/21 (a) refers. Discussion took place regarding the letter and it was agreed
that the issues raised were not relevant to Verwood Town Council and that the
DAPTC Executive Committee representative would provide this feedback to the
DAPTC.

185/21 Report from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor
A verbal report was given on the events that the Mayor had attended which included:
a Civic Service at Chickerell; the Christmas Extravaganza; opening the new Lidl and
Castlemans Estate Agents new office; presenting Claire Hargreaves from the Tricuro
Day Centre with a framed version of her design of the Mayors' Christmas Card. The
Mayor reported he had received compliments on the new Christmas Lights in
Verwood and the star in Three Legged Cross.

186/21 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.
a) None

187/21 Verwood Youth & Community Management Committee & Youth Worker.

A presentation was made by Emma the Youth Worker which included what had been achieved since she started in March last year. Information was given on the number of young people who now attended the centre, the two new members of staff and Christmas drop-ins. Future events would include a Youth Open Day at the Hub, in collaboration with the ‘Coach in the Community’, also that the Centre would be officially opened in the Spring. Part of the upcoming focus would be on engaging with the youth of Three Legged Cross. Emma was thanked for the excellent presentation and for the work she had carried out since March.

188/21 Internet Councillor

None

189/21 Press & P.R.Councillor

None

190/21 Reports from the Dorset Councillors.

The regular newsletters received from Dorset Council provide information and updates and are greatly appreciated. Councillor Flower, Leader of Dorset Council, reported that he had written to the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding anti-social behaviour in the Town. Councillor Flower had received a phone call and was now waiting to hear from the Chief Constable. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Town Council must be more proactive and ask the Youth Worker to provide information of her plan for collaboration with agencies in her Reports to the Town Council.

191/21 Accounts.

It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts £38,502.92 for December 2021 and £24,776.39 for January 2022 were approved for payment.

192/21 Monthly Budgets.

The monthly budget reports for December were circulated to all members and no issues were raised.

193/21 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) A request was made for a meeting between the Carnival Committee and the Platinum Jubilee Working Party to discuss the events in June.
- b) Information was given that the Transport Councillor would be attending a Teams meeting regarding the Bus Service Improvement Plan Briefing and would forward a copy of slides to the Town Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10p.m.

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Mayor