



VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
22nd and 23rd May 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Toni Coombs (Mayor)
 Councillor Matthew Parker (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Alan Biggs	Councillor Rev'd Julian Macro
Councillor Charmaine Crossley	Councillor Pat Morrow
Councillor Lindsey Dedden	Councillor Kate Stephens
Councillor Spencer Flower	Councillor Jane Russell
Councillor Simon Gibson	Councillor Tony Smith
Councillor Andrew Maw	Councillor Carol Traves

In Attendance: Carrie Lloyd, Town Clerk, Jan Sebire, Assistant Town Clerk & Michaela Saunders, Mayor's Secretary and Admin Assistant
 Public: 4

001/23/24 ELECTION OF MAYOR

Councillor Toni Coombs was elected Mayor for 2023/24 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Mayor announced that her Charities for the coming year would be to continue the Mayor's Fund started by Councillor Gibson to assist and promote all Community Groups within Verwood and also to raise funds for Worldwide Veterinary Service based in Cranborne.

002/23/24 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Councillor Matthew Parker was elected Deputy Mayor for 2023/24 and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

003/23/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors: Sandra Grove, Martyn Hudson and Philip Mann

004/23/24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

005/23/24 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Members **RESOLVED** that the Membership as detailed in Appendix A be approved.

006/22/23 REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Members **RESOLVED** that the Representation as detailed in Appendix B be approved.

The meeting stood adjourned at 19.52

Meeting reconvened at 7.30pm on 23rd May 2023

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Public: 0

007/23/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors: Sandra Grove and Philip Mann

008/23/24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were none.

009/23/24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April were approved and signed as a correct record.

010/23/24 UPDATES ON ACTIONS ARISING

Members noted the updates. The Clerk confirmed that Wild Places would be planting the VJ Day commemorative cherry tree in the Autumn, the bench would then be installed around it. Members confirmed that they wished 2 bank accounts to be set up for Solar Farm Funds. Cllr Coombs had chased Dorset Council regarding Potters Wheel Car Park. The Town Lengthsman Working Group needed new Members. The Infogram required tailoring to individual Parishes. Members agreed that they would all like to visit the allotments. The Town Clerk was yet to seek legal advice regarding Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground.

011/23/24 REPORT FROM THE YOUTH WORKER

It was noted that it had not been possible to complete a report in time for this Council meeting but a full report would be prepared in June for members.

012/23/24 REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES AND POLICE REPORT

Members noted the Police Report as circulated. Members requested a little more information on the missing persons. The Police were congratulated on reducing crime numbers in Verwood, the increased police presence had been noted. Councillor Crossley requested that as the council's Police Representative, that she have regular meetings with the Neighbourhood Inspector.

Cllr Dedden advised that the next DAPTC Eastern Area may not be 9th June, further information was awaited.

Cllr Biggs referred to an email from the Verwood Memorial Hall Committee. Cllr Gibson reminded Members that as Cllr Biggs did not represent the Council on the War Memorial Hall Committee, this was not the appropriate item to discuss this matter.

013/23/24 REPORT FROM THE INTERNET COUNCILLOR

None

014/23/24 REPORT FROM THE PRESS & P.R. COUNCILLOR

None

015/23/24 REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLORS

Cllr Flower advised Members of a recent Cabinet re-shuffle. He congratulated Cllr Gibson on his appointment to Cabinet. Cllr Flower advised Members that he would give more detail on setting the scene for the new Cabinet at Council's next meeting.

016/23/24 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Members approved the payments made in April and May and Direct Debits for the year.

Members noted that redundancy payments in 2022/23 were £1,800.

017/23/24 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2022/23

The Calendar of Meetings at Appendix C was approved for 2023 and the Town Clerk requested to bring forward a Calendar for the remaining 6 months of the Municipal Year to the next meeting for approval.

(Action: Town Clerk)

018/23/24 ROAD NAMING – LAND OFF OAK FIELD RD, WOOLSBRIDGE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, ASHLEY HEATH

Members considered various options and **RESOLVED** that

- (i) Egypt Close be suggested due to it being known locally as that and the name also assigned to the area on the Ordnance Survey map; and
- (ii) An item be placed on the next agenda such that a "bank" of names can be drawn up for future use.

(Action: Town Clerk)

019/23/24 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- PCC Grants – item for Community & Plans Consultative Committee to consider;
- Dorset Youth Grant - item for Community & Plans Consultative Committee to consider;
- Coronation Working Group – Feedback session

(Action; Town Clerk)

The meeting closed at 8.01p.m.

Next meeting is 28th June 2023 at 7.30pm at Three Legged Cross Village Hall.

.....Mayor

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE. Deputy Mayor as Ex-Officio	(12) plus Mayor &	Biggs Crossley Dedden Flower Gibson Grove Macro Mann Maw Morrow Russell Traves
COMMUNITY & PLANS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. plus Mayor & Deputy Mayor as Ex-Officio	(9)	Biggs Crossley Dedden Hudson Maw Morrow Grove Russell Traves

Churches Together (1)	Macro	Potterne Park User Group (1)	Coombs
B.Int. Airport Consultative Comm. <i>Alternative will be required</i>	Biggs	Press and P.R. (1)	Gibson
Citizens Advice Bureau (1)	Grove	Rights of Way Councillor (1)	Russell
		Three Legged Cross Village Hall (1)	Russell
Community Liaison Councillor Three Legged Cross (1)	Russell	Town Twinning Association <i>Alternative will be required</i>	Grove Morrow
D.A.P.T.C. Eastern Area (2)	Dedden Russell	Trees Liaison Councillor (1)	Maw
D.A.P.T.C Larger Councils (2)	Dedden Lloyd	Verwood Heathland Heritage Trust (2)	Grove Dedden
Environment Councillor (2)	Mann, Maw	Transport Councillor (1)	Russell
Flood Warden (1)	Maw	Verwood Business Councillor (BID) (1)	Maw
Highways Liaison Councillor (1)	Biggs	Verwood Memorial Hall Trust Committee (1)	Vacancy
Internet Councillor (1)	Stephens	Verwood in Bloom (1)	Morrow
Police Liaison Councillor (2)	Mann, Crossley	Youth Representative (1)	Maw

		VENUE
MAY 2023		
7	ANNUAL ASSEMBLY & PICNIC IN THE PARK	RECREATION GROUND
10	PLANS CONSULTATIVE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
22	COUNCIL (MAYOR MAKING)	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
23	COUNCIL	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
JUNE 2023		
7	COMMUNITY & PLANS CONSULTATIVE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
20	FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
28	COUNCIL	THREE LEGGED CROSS VILLAGE HALL
JULY 2023		
5	COMMUNITY & PLANS CONSULTATIVE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
11	FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
25	COUNCIL	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
AUGUST 2023		
2	COMMUNITY & PLANS CONSULTATIVE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
29	COUNCIL	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
30	COMMUNITY & PLANS CONSULTATIVE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
SEPT 2023		
19	FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
26	COUNCIL	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
27	COMMUNITY & PLANS CONSULTATIVE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
OCT 2023		
17	FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
25	COMMUNITY & PLANS CONSULTATIVE	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES
31	COUNCIL	TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES