



VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

29th June 2022

PRESENT: Councillor Simon Gibson (Mayor)
Councillor Mark Thorpe (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Alan Biggs	Councillor Pat Morrow
Councillor Lucy Clark	Councillor Matthew Parker
Councillor Toni Coombs	Councillor Shelley Rose
Councillor Lindsey Dedden	Councillor Jane Russell
Councillor Martyn Hudson	

In Attendance: Carrie Lloyd, Town Clerk & Jan Sebire, Assistant Town Clerk
Public: 3

058/22/23 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors; Sharmilee Bhowe, Spencer Flower, Sandra Grove, Philip Mann, Andrew Maw and Kate Stephens

059/22/23 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were none.

060/22/23 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the public raised the following issues;

- (i) Bus shelter by Church Rd needs cleaning – Officers undertook to ensure that it was a bus shelter the Town Council was responsible for but in any case ensure that it was cleaned;
- (ii) White lines at the junction of Joys Rd and Verwood Rd needed replacing – The Mayor as a Dorset Councillor undertook to follow this up with Dorset Council;
- (iii) Concern at where the travellers were disposing of effluent in Three Legged Cross – Officers advised that this had been taken up with Dorset Officers and advice was that the travellers had a waste disposal plan in place as part of the planning application. The Mayor advised that he would raise this as a Dorset Councillor to gain further information;
- (iv) Concern at a park home being delivered to the travellers site (much bigger than a touring caravan) – Dorset Councillors were aware of this and had advised in their report that this should be addressed by the Court in August.

061/22/23 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 23rd and 24th May 2022 and 21st June 2022 were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Mayor.

062/22/23 **ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Members noted the actions and updates from previous meetings.

063/22/23 POLICING.

Members noted the email send by Insp. Joe Turner.

064/22/23 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

In relation to Recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee Members **RESOLVED** that;

033/22/23 Details of Staff Review - that the work on the Review be approved.

034/22/23 Amended Honorary Freeman Policy - the Draft Policy attached at Appendix A be approved.

035/22/23 Closure of Lloyds Bank Verwood - the Council's concerns be sent to Lloyds Bank.

036/22/23 Quote from Mears for the Youth Centre - the work be approved.

037/22/23 Town Lengthsman - a Working Group be set up to consider the business case. Members of the Working Group would be Cllrs Clark, Coombs, Gibson, Rose and Thorpe.

In relation to Recommendations from the Amenities Committee Members **RESOLVED** that;

046/22/23 Cemetery Gates - the Council look into options for moving the gates back & allowing parking for 1 or 2 larger vehicles at the entrance and in the meantime leave the gates in the semi-open position at present.

048/22/23 Benches and Trees - tree works totalling £1,190 be approved

065/22/23 UPDATE FROM VERWOOD YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Members noted that the Management Committee had not been able to meet due to lack of Membership & that all matters would be brought to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee including a new constitution.

065/22/23 REPORT FROM THE MAYOR

The Mayor advised that he had been pleased to attend 13 events so far, many celebrating the Jubilee and he now had the enjoyable task of handing out Jubilee mugs to every school child in Verwood & 3 Legged Cross.

066/22/23 REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES

None

067/22/23 REPORT FROM THE YOUTH WORKER

The report was noted with thanks.

068/22/23 REPORT FROM THE INTERNET COUNCILLOR

None

069/22/23 **REPORT FROM THE PRESS & P.R. COUNCILLOR**

None

070/22/23 **REPORT FROM DORSET COUNCILLORS**

Members noted the update circulated relating to the Travellers' site, Broadmead Rd, Three Legged Cross and Planning Application P/VOC/2022/02268, Casa Velha, Three Legged Cross..

071/22/23 **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

Members approved the payments made in May. Members requested that an explanation of the expenditure be provided along with the list of payees in future.

(Action; Town Clerk)

072/22/23 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2021/22**

Members **RESOLVED** that;

- (i) The dates of the period for the exercise of public rights be confirmed as 1st July 2022 - 11th August 2022;
- (ii) Section 1 - The Annual Governance Statement on Page 4 be approved and the Mayor and Clerk be authorised to sign Page 4 on behalf of the Council;
- (iii) Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22 on Page 5 be approved and the Mayor and the Clerk be authorised to sign Page 5 on behalf of the Council;
- (iv) The Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/21 at Page 3 be noted;
- (v) The checklist at Page 2 be agreed.

073/22/23 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Cllr Parker requested that an item on public engagement be included on the next agenda.

Cllr Rose requested that an item regarding assistance for Verwood's Ukrainian families regarding employment be included on the next agenda.

(Action; Town Clerk)

The meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 26th July 2022 at 7.30pm at the Council Offices.

.....Mayor