



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th June 2019 in the Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm

2224 PRESENT – Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Mrs Cook, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge, Cllr Monks and Cllr Mrs Page.

2225 IN ATTENDANCE – Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk), Dorset Council representative Cllr Mrs R Knox; also one press representative.

2226 REPORTS FROM AND QUESTIONS FOR:

(a) Dorset Police

In the absence of a Police representative the Town Clerk read a report on behalf of PCSO Alex Bishop.

(b) Dorset Council

Cllr Mrs Knox reported –

- The Health & Wellbeing Board, of which she was a member, continued to forge a good relationship with other authorities
- Cllr Alford would be consulting with town and parish councils to form a working relationship with Dorset Council
- A cross party Working Group had been formed to review Dorset Council's assets and develop a holistic approach for consultation with town and parish councils
- There would be 3 way traffic lights at Prout Bridge while the bollards were installed on June 24th
- A cross party Working Group had been formed to consider the impact of the Council's services with regard to Climate Change

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr Turner with regard to the reductions in staffing levels at Dorset Council particularly in the Dorset Travel department Cllr Mrs Knox advised that a number of departments had overlapping roles and a holistic approach had to be taken.

Cllr Turner, with regard to public transport urged Dorset Council to consider its services to the public and take on board representations from WATAG. In agreeing with Cllr Turner, Cllr Mrs Knox believed the requirement was to identify the right proposals for school transport and integrate that into the provision of other services, the current No. 6 service was not fit for purpose.

2227 APOLOGIES – No apologies for absence were received .

2228 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Mrs Page declared a personal interest in agenda item 19 – Yarn Barton Lease

Cllr Turner declared a personal interest in agenda item 19 – Yarn Barton Lease

Cllr Body declared a personal interest in agenda item 19 – Yarn Barton Lease

2229 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28th May 2019

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 28th May 2019 having previously been circulated were amended to include the word 'LAND' under Cllr Mrs Knox report. The minutes were then approved and signed as a correct record.

2230 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- (a) **Prout Bridge Project** – members had previously been circulated with a copy of the Manager's Report. Cllr Mrs Cook reported that progress had been made with regard to the development of the building to become a vibrant community hub, a full report would be submitted at the next meeting of the Town Council.
- (b) **CAB** – Cllr Dawkins advised he had received an invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting on 16th July however he was unable to attend, Cllr Body agreed to attend in his absence.
- (c) **DAPTC** – Cllr Mrs Page reported on the key points discussed at the recent Western Area meeting which included:
- There had been a push by members for pro-active discussion with Dorset Council via the formation of Area Boards
 - Broadwindsor Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan had passed the examination stage
 - Chideock Parish Council had expressed concern with regard to the air quality within the village
 - Bridport Town Council's Neighbourhood Plan had been accepted by Dorset Council
 - The push for a Dorset Council senior officer to attend DAPTC meetings and the general frustration of not knowing who to contact within the Council

2231 PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

Members had previously been circulated with the schedule of payments between 1st June 2019 and 18th June 2019. The schedule detailed cheque numbers 104837 to 104847 together with direct debit payments totalling £20,014.83; also receipts totalling £2,500.37.

Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the schedule, a copy of which is attached.

2232 PUBLICITY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Having previously been circulated members **NOTED** the minutes of the PACE meeting held on 15th May 2019.

There being no items raised for discussion the Minutes were **ADOPTED**.

2233 DISCOVER BEAMINSTER

NOTED the Website project continued to make good progress. Councillors were invited to preview the website on 29th June.

2234 RECREATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Having previously been circulated members **NOTED** the minutes of the Recreations & Amenities Committee meeting held on 11th June 2019.

AGREED to formally thank Mrs Streets for her kind donation of paving slabs.

There being no items raised for discussion the Minutes were **ADOPTED**.

2235 CB3 – COMMUNITY BUS

The Chairman circulated members with revenue figures from 23rd June 2018 to 15th June 2019 which were duly **NOTED**, he expressed his gratitude to concessionary passenger's consistent generosity in making donations to the service.

Both Somerset and Dorset Council's had approved the variation of route and adjustment to the timetable, the application had now been forwarded to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner.

2236 CLIMATE CHANGE

RESOLVED to form a Working Group to review the Council's responsibilities and formulate policies and procedures with the aim of Beaminster becoming an environmentally friendly town. A date for the initial meeting to be circulated.

2237 DAPTC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members were asked to consider items/issues that the Council might put forward as a motion for resolution at the Annual General Meeting on 9th November 2019. One planning issue was raised with regard to the number of dwellings proposed for the town despite no evidence of need, it was **AGREED** to consider a formal proposal.

2238 CONSULTATIONS

No consultation documents had been received.

2239 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received.

2240 PROGRESS REPORT

Members had previously been circulated with the latest progress report, the content of which was **NOTED**.

Under this heading attention was drawn to encroaching foliage obscuring 30mph signs on the A0366 to Bridport; also potholes appearing in the new road surface between Melplash and Bridport. The Town Clerk to report to highway authority.

2241 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

One item was identified:

- Dog fouling
- Prout Bridge Project

2242 PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960

Members **RESOLVED** that public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion took place on the next item on the agenda on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in respect of a potential lease agreement.

(a) Yarn Barton Community Centre

Members had previously been circulated with a confidential report regarding the detail of a potential lease with Magna Housing Association. **RESOLVED**, in principle, to enter into a new lease agreement subject to examination by the Council's solicitor.

2243 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 23rd July 2019.

2244 MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm, closed at 8.55pm.

CHAIRMAN
23rd July 2019