



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2019 in the Skyrme Room, Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm

A resident addressed the Council highlighting the key entitlements within the Home Office's publication "The Code of Practice for Victims of Crime".

2314 PRESENT – Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan, Cllr Langridge and Cllr Mrs Page; also Dorset Councillor Mrs Knox and one member of the public.

2315 IN ATTENDANCE – Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk).

2316 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 advised that

- comments were sought on the Dorset Council Plan, the Plan set out the Council's ambitions for the next 4 years. It incorporated the political vision of the new councillors, the ambition to put Dorset Council at the heart of the community, the consultation closed on 20th December 2019.
- Agreements were in place with regard to the Prout Bridge Project building and a lease would be signed in the coming weeks.
- She had been elected chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board focusing on public health in partnership with the CCG and the Ambulance Trust.
- Planning Application No. WD/D/19/00002143 – 82 East Street – as ward member she had referred the application to the Planning Committee for determination
- Neighbourhood planning – there was a push for discussions on planning/housing issues to take place in one room going forward

In response to a question from Cllr Turner regarding public transport Cllr Mrs Knox advised the Council's Executive Advisory Panel had been tasked with looking at public transport including buses.

Cllr Monks joined the meeting.

2317 APOLOGIES – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Cooke.

2318 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

The Town Clerk confirmed Councillors requests for a dispensation to discuss matters relating to the Precept 2020/21 had been granted with the exception of Cllr Mrs Cooke.

2319 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 29TH OCTOBER 2019

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th October 2019 having previously been circulated were approved and signed as a correct record.

2320 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

- (a) **Climate Change** – Cllr Cheeseman reported he had attended a Climate Change meeting hosted by Dorset Council in Dorchester.
- (b) **Dorset Association Parish & Town Councils** – Cllr Mrs Page reported that she had attended the AGM at which all the motions put forward had been supported with the exception of Motion 1 from Sherborne Town Council (no representative present) and Motion 9 which had been referred back to Weymouth Town Council.

2321 INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Members were circulated with a copy of the purchase daybook for November 2019 detailing invoices in the sum of £21,647.07 together with receipts in the sum of £1,316.80

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

2322 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Having previously been circulated members **NOTED** the minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meetings held on 6th November, 13th November and 20th November 2019.

Cllr Mrs Page expressed her gratitude to members of the Committee, in particular Cllr Corbett for taking over as Chairman in her absence.

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

2323 FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Having previously been circulated members **NOTED** the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19th November 2019.

- (a) **Min. No. 444 – Banking Services – online banking**
Members **RESOLVED** to set the online overall daily payments limit at £20,000 and the online daily single payment at £7,000.
- (b) **Min. No. 446 – Provision of public toilets in Memorial Playing Field**
Members were informed of a meeting that had taken place earlier in the day to explore the options for the provision of toilets in the Playing Field. Cllr Beswarick advised the meeting had concluded with the proposal to erect an external single multi use changing/toilet facility at the side of the pavilion, to be a simple eco build construction with an extension of the existing roofline for which costings were awaited. **NOTED** and **AGREED** in principle.

Discussion ensued as to whether to include the costs within the Lottery funding application however it was felt that would result in a lengthy delay in submitted the application and **AGREED** the funds would be sought via other means.
- (c) **Min. No. 447 – Budget issues – Precept 2020/21**
Members **RESOLVED** to levy a Precept of £181,770 for 2020/21, an increase of 10%.

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

2324 PUBLICITY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Not having been circulated with the minutes of the Publicity & Community Engagement Work Group meeting held on 20th November 2019 members were unable to consider the recommendations.

Cllr Corbett outlined the discussion that had taken place at the meeting which had included the proposal he had prepared for consideration by a potential sponsor. Members **NOTED** the content and had no comment to make.

2325 CB3 – COMMUNITY BUS

Cllr Dawkin advised the bus had undergone a service and MOT.

2326 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of the action minutes from the meeting held with representatives from the ECO Groups on 19th November 2019 and considered the recommendations.

Members **ENDORSED** the broad approach set out in the report of the meeting and approved the setting up of a short life Working Group with the remit outlined in the report. **RESOLVED** Council representatives on the Working Group were Cllrs Beswarick, Cheeseman, Langridge and Turner.

2327 CONSULTATIONS

No consultation documents had been received.

2328 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Beaminster Pre-school Ltd

Members were advised of an invitation to appoint a Council representative to the Beaminster Pre-school Committee. **RESOLVED** Cllr Dawkin be appointed to represent the Council.

2329 PROGRESS REPORT

No progress report had been circulated.

2330 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were identified.

2331 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 28th January 2020.

2332 PUBLIC BODIES (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960

Members **RESOLVED** that public and press be excluded from the meeting whilst discussion took place on the following items 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 and financial contributions.

(a) Yarn Barton Community Centre

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of legal advice received in connection with a potential lease agreement the content of which had been **NOTED**. Members **RESOLVED**, in principle, to the lease subject to clarification with regard to the designated disabled toilet and the issue of business rates.

(b) Beaminster Pre-School

Members had previously been circulated with a copy of correspondence received, the content of which had been **NOTED**. Following discussion, it was felt that regrettably the Council were not able to assist.

Members were advised of correspondence received in respect of fundraising events. **AGREED** the Town Clerk draw their attention to grants available from the Town Council.

(c) VAT registration

Members had previously been circulated with advice received the content of which was considered and **NOTED**. Members **RESOLVED**, in principle, to register for VAT subject to clarification of a number of issues raised during discussion.

2333 MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm, closed at 9.45pm.

CHAIRMAN
28th January 2020