



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday 29th October 2019 in the Skyrm Room, Public Hall, Beaminster at 7.00pm

Two residents addressed the Council expressing their concerns with regard to climate change and the wider implications.

2294 PRESENT – Cllr Turner (Chairman), Cllr Beswarick, Cllr Body, Cllr Cheeseman, Cllr Corbett, Cllr Dawkins, Cllr Drinnan and Cllr Langridge; also four members of the public.

2295 IN ATTENDANCE – Mrs Christine Bright (Town Clerk).

2296 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

In the absence of Cllr Mrs Knox no report was received.

2297 APOLOGIES – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs Cooke, Cllr Monks and Cllr Mrs Page; also Dorset Councillor Mrs Knox.

2298 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.

2299 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 24TH SEPTEMBER 2019

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th September 2019 having previously been circulated were approved and signed as a correct record.

2300 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

(a) Prout Bridge Project – Cllr Langridge was pleased to report discussions with Dorset Council regarding the future of the premises had reached a conclusion, a new lease would be signed in due course.

(c) Public Rights of Way – Cllr Dawkins advised he had met with the new Ranger and highlighted the outstanding issues.

2301 INCOME & EXPENDITURE

Members were circulated with a copy of the purchase daybook for October 2019 detailing invoices in the sum of £109,985.04 together with receipts in the sum of £73,089.99

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

2302 RECREATIONS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Having previously been circulated members **NOTED** the minutes of the Recreations & Amenities Committee meeting held on 15th October 2019.

(a) Min. No. 131 (a) – Picnic benches/BBQ facility

During the Committee meeting members had been circulated with details of different picnic tables together with a purpose made BBQ disposal bin. The recommendation to purchase a hardwood table was discussed however members **RESOLVED** to purchase a Galvanised steel picnic unit with wheelchair access in green at a cost of £699 + VAT. In addition members **RESOLVED** to purchase a BBQ & fire resistant waste bin at a cost of £329.00 + VAT. The provision of a suitable BBQ to be considered pending available funds at the next Committee meeting.

(b) Min. No. 131 (b) – Boundary hedge

RESOLVED to install pedestrian gate and infill gap with substantial hedge.¹

(c) Min. No. 133 – Furlands Allotment

RESOLVED to accept quotation in the sum of £1,000 to cut back/reduce a number of trees in the boundary hedge.

Under this heading Mr Martin sought an addition to the minute in respect of his response as to whether the Allotment Association had considered the climate change emergency. He felt the minute did not reflect his response in its entirety which had been "Mr Martin, in response advised the Committee had had some discussion on the issue *and would be discussing climate change at a Committee meeting in November*". **AGREED.**

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

2303 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE

Having previously been circulated members **NOTED** the minutes of the Christmas Lights Committee meeting held on 16th October 2019.

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

2304 CB3 – COMMUNITY BUS

Cllr Turner advised –

- the bus was currently in for repair following a no- fault accident in Bridport once the repair had been made the bus would require a service/MOT
- Awaiting the Christmas timetable from First as last year the CB3 operated between Christmas/New Year as a replacement service.

2305 MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD

The Town Clerk advised members of the problem of water pooling in the car park possibly caused by damage to the drains underneath. An initial inspection had been carried out but had proved to be inconclusive and excavations works had been recommended to ascertain if/the extent of damage. Members **AGREED** to exploratory excavation/jetting works at a cost of approx. £500

2306 DAPTC – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members, having considered each of the motions put forward by member Councils **RESOLVED** to delegate the Councils representatives to vote in support of all the motions being debated.

¹ Subsequent to the meeting an approach had been made by the ECO Group offering to plant a substantial hedge to infill the gap, having canvassed members the offer was gratefully accepted.

2307 CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY

Members had previously been circulated with a paper prepared by Mr Langdon in which he had asked the Town Council to consider, as part of the Community Resilience Plan, the potential/likely impact of climate change and global population growth on the daily functioning of the town and how would it impact on the management of the Community Resilience Plan over the medium to long term.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, expressed his gratitude to Mr Langdon for his time in producing the paper and his input into the Community Resilience Plan.

At the Chairman's request Mr Dower addressed the meeting outlining his concerns on the potential impact of climate change which was far wider than changing seasonal weather but the long term impact for example, forced migration.

Members **RESOLVED** to form an independent Group to move forward with a longer term resilience plan to go alongside the existing Council Plan.

2308 CONSULTATIONS

No consultation documents had been received.

2309 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been received from:

(a) Milk and bottle vending machine

The Town Clerk advised of correspondence received from the owner of an organic dairy farm wishing to rent space, potentially in the Square, to install a milk and bottle vending machine. Following initial consideration members felt, with the disruption in the Square no firm decision could be taken also a more detailed proposal would be required to aid discussion.

2310 PROGRESS REPORT

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

2311 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

AGREED to include Climate Change/Resilience as a regular agenda item.

2312 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

2313 MEETING

The meeting which commenced at 7.00pm, closed at 9.05pm.

CHAIRMAN
28th January 2020