



Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 2 November 2021 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 7.00pm.

Members Present: Councillors K Green (Mayor), M Russell (Deputy Mayor), D Budd, D Cleaton, M Cotton, K Critchley, B Dean, B Ezzard, Z Gover, H Goodinge, V Green, M Humphries, S Kemp, L Kirk, C Turner

Officers present: V Ricketts, Town Clerk; K Noble, Deputy Town Clerk

It was agreed that item 12, update from Inspector Offer, would be considered after matters arising to allow Inspector Offer to leave the meeting as he was on duty.

231. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor R Schofield and Dorset Councillor R Holloway. Councillor Humphries was expected to arrive late.

232. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

233. Public participation time

There was one member of the public present and Inspector Offer. No items were raised.

234. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Town Council held on 28 September 2021 were presented by the Mayor.

Resolved that the minutes be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

235. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

Item 167 – A meeting regarding the Volunteer of the Year Award 2021 had yet to be organised. The Town Clerk agreed to follow this up with the Mayor's PA.

Item 174 – A question was raised whether there was any update on the speed survey for North Street. It was confirmed that unless the Town Council is prepared to pay for the survey this will not progress at this time.

236. Inspector James Offer

Inspector Offer gave a short update regarding policing matter. Due to Covid, the crime/incident figures were unusual for the year, as figures usually rise in the summer and lower in winter, but it has been the opposite this year. There had been a 6.5% decrease in reported incidents against the same period last year. Last year antisocial behaviour reports increased, but this was mainly due to reported Covid breaches.

The 100-day priorities for the Purbeck area were: antisocial behaviour, rural crime and thefts from unattended motor vehicles. Members were urged to visit the website and look at the Neighbourhood Engagement Commitment.

Councillor Humphries arrived at this point in the meeting.

Inspector Offer explained that he would be moving to a new post in mid-November and Inspector Want would be taking over the newly formed Purbeck and West Dorset neighbourhood policing function. The Sergeant for the team was Simon Colvin. Extra officers would be allocated to the neighbourhood policing team over the next couple of years.

A restructure of Dorset Policing was being undertaken which would result in the patrol element of the team not working out of Wareham for a few months. However, patrol officers would be returning to Wareham Station in the next 3-4 months and there were no plans to close the Station.

Members were given the opportunity to raise a number of questions which included concerns regarding county lines issues, the CCTV system monitored in the Police Station and the use of 101. Members were advised to report non urgent issues on the 101 website or email and to keep reporting any incidents.

The Mayor thanked Inspector Offer for his informative presentation and wished him well for his future role.

Inspector Offer left the meeting at this juncture.

237. Reports by Dorset Councillors and representatives on outside bodies

Dorset Ward Councillor Ezzard presented the report prepared by Dorset Ward Councillor Holloway. Councillor Ezzard added that there were still issues with the refuse collection service due to staff shortages. The fallen trees at Sandford were removed as soon as possible.

The report was noted.

No further written reports had been received from representatives on outside bodies.

238. Payments for outstanding creditors

The Town Clerk presented a list of payments for approval.

A query was raised regarding the cost of the strimmer as it was more than the amount approved by the Amenities Committee. The Town Clerk would look into this and report back by email to all Members.

Resolved that payments in the sum of £7,293.42 (£6,903.67 BACS and £389.75 Direct Debits) be approved.

239. To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may wish to place before the Council

Claire and Howie Smith, The Moderator of Wareham Massachusetts, visited Wareham on 4 October. The Mayor read out a thank you card from them.

The Mayor informed Members that he had attended a Civic Service at Christchurch.

Members were reminded of the of the bric-a-brac sale taking place on 20 November in the Corn Exchange.

The Mayor would be holding a Christmas Concert at the Rex on 5 December at 7 pm. The Wareham Whalers and Parkstone Singers would be performing. Tickets would be available from the Rex website.

The Remembrance Service details had been emailed to Councillors. The Mayor confirmed that robes were not to be worn as the service was outside and Members should meet at the Quay.

The Town Clerk explained the Remembrance Parade could not go ahead this year due to the requirement to have CSAS/HSAS accredited marshals for the road closure.

240. Reports from committees and sub-groups

The following draft minutes of the Council's Committees were presented by the Committee Chairmen:

- a) Amenities Committee – 13 October 2021
- b) Museum Committee – 22 September 2021
- c) Personnel Committee – 21 September 2021
- d) Planning and Transport Committee – 6 October 2021

Resolved that the minutes of the Council's Committees be received.

241. Recommendations from Policy, Resources and Finance Committee

Members considered the following policies for adoption.

- a) Community Engagement
- b) Training Policy
- c) Publication Scheme

Resolved that the Community Engagement Policy, Training Policy and Publication Scheme were adopted, subject to an agreed minor amendment to the Community Engagement Policy.

242. Mayor's Handbook

A query was raised regarding where the Dorset Councillors should come in proceedings. The Town Clerk confirmed that each event was different as it would depend on who had confirmed attendance, and an order of precedence would be provided to attendees.

Resolved that the updated Mayor's Handbook be adopted, subject to a minor agreed amendment.

243. Christmas Festival arrangements 2021

The Town Clerk confirmed that the booking form for the Corn Exchange had now been received, although the risk assessment was still awaited. Following a meeting earlier that day, it had been confirmed that the new Christmas lights motif for the Town Hall will not require any additional fixings.

Resolved that, subject to the Town Clerk's approval of all the necessary paperwork and risk assessments, on this occasion the Council approved the use of the Corn Exchange for the Father Christmas Parade and the Museum for the Grotto.

The Town Clerk would keep Members updated via email.

244. Any other items the Mayor deems urgent

There were no items of urgency.

245. Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Town Council was scheduled to be held at 7.00pm on 23 November 2021.

246. Confidential Session

Resolved that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the nature of the business to be transacted.

247. Honoured Townsman

Members considered the nominations for Honoured Townsman, and it was:

Resolved to suspend the Honoured Townsman Protocol, due to timescales.

Resolved that the nominations as received were approved and the recipients were offered the award of Honoured Townsman and, if accepted, were invited to the Christmas Reception.

Mayor..... Date.....

Payments List - Meeting Date 02.11.21

Inv.

Date	Ref No.	Payee	Amount	Details
10.10.21	30441	A R Harris Wareham Tyres & Exhausts	2364.00	Test electrical installations
06.07.21	39407	Exhausts	112.00	Trailer tyres
20.09.21	200921CJS	CJ Smith Plumbing	36.00	Callout to Safe Partnership - heating not working
24.09.21	336867399	Amazon	96.00	Prime membership
28.09.21	276771	Amazon	59.99	Abbey sweeper kit
28.09.21	533333	Amazon	18.99	Floor mop
30.09.21	454827	Loomis	68.63	Coin sorting - September 2021
30.09.21	WGS9563	Wessex Grounds Services	507.31	Grass cutting - September 2021
	GB11HUI5AEUC	Amazon	-9.17	Credit against push pins
08.10.21	2021-47303	Amazon	153.96	Cocoa planter liners
08.10.21	60158	Amazon	37.73	Pruning saw
08.10.21	2021-19842	Amazon	107.24	Tree loppers and pruner
09.10.21	104296	OHE Horticultural	82.50	Mower repairs
09.10.21	091021CJS	CJ Smith Plumbing	180.00	Boiler service
12.10.21	GB11NEM4SAEUI	Amazon	37.29	Plant food and index tabs
12.10.21	GB11NEOXIAEUI	Amazon	52.44	Plant food
12.10.21	GB11NETY0AEUI	Amazon	52.44	Plant food
12.10.21	GB11NEUTMAEUI	Amazon	52.44	Plant food
12.10.21	GB11NEUHXAUI	Amazon	52.44	Plant food
12.10.21	15564	Rejuvenate	720.00	8 hours software support
12.10.21	GB11NEWJMAEUI	Amazon	52.44	Plant food
12.10.21	GB11NFCDFAEUI	Amazon	52.44	Plant food
12.10.21	39980	Wareham Tyres & Exhausts	198.00	Renault van tyres
13.10.21	3947632	J Hall	16.62	Poster for returning stock to Halsgrove
13.10.21	211865359	SSE Scottish Hydro	-64.52	Adjustment re electric usage at depot June to 11.10.21
13.10.21	495	DAPTC	50.00	Changing Chairs training
21.10.21	4139	Amberwood	33.00	25 x Wareham Rediscovered - Museum stock
15.10.21	107850	OHE Horticultural	1076.22	New strimmer
15.10.21	2021-49932	Amazon	4.95	Marker pens
15.10.21	456577	Loomis	283.13	Cash collection service contract November 2021
19.10.21	GB11TXLAZAEUI	Amazon	66.12	Plant food
19.10.21	GB11TXLV1AEUI	Amazon	66.12	Plant food
19.10.21	GB11TXL18AEUI	Amazon	66.12	Plant food
19.10.21	GB11TXKU5AEUI	Amazon	66.12	Plant food
19.10.21	GB11TXDVCAEUI	Amazon	33.06	Plant food
19.10.21	GB11TXL59AEUI	Amazon	66.12	Plant food
20.10.21	KGMile	K Green	55.50	Mileage claim September & October 2021
	Total BACS		6903.67	
Direct Debits				
14.10.21	Z0072450	BNP Leasing	233.50	Van leasing October 2021
14.10.21	530-9-2021	Just Park	97.11	Commission on telephone car park receipts - Sept'21
17.10.21	9002176735	Fuel Card Service	59.14	Diesel for vans
	Total DDRs Payable		389.75	
	Total Payments		7293.42	