

At a MEETING of **BRIDPORT TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Town Hall, Bridport on Tuesday 17 September 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Cllr Barry Irvine – Town Mayor (in the Chair)

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| Cllr | Geoffrey Ackerman | Maggie Ray |
| | Sarah Carney | Martin Ray |
| | Kelvin Clayton | Anne Rickard |
| | Karen Hunt | Dave Rickard |
| | Julian Jones | Sarah Williams |
| | Ros Kayes | Steve Williams |
| | Gill Massey | |

Also present: Jeremy Gower of Henry Newbery and Co, Inspector Darren Stanton of Dorset Police, Jane Ferentzi-Sheppard, George and Amanda Streatfeild, Celia Martin, Trevor Ware and a member of the press.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Jeremy Gower, of Henry Newbery and Co outlined the work of his company and his desire to move into The Grove in Rax Lane. Members asked questions regarding employment opportunities and the specific activities to be undertaken if the tenancy were to proceed, and the Mayor thanked Mr Gower for his attendance.

Inspector Darren Stanton gave a few statistics on local policing and outlined the main areas of their attention, including drugs and anti-social behaviour. Members asked about restorative justice, policing of the forthcoming Extinction Rebellion demonstration, and recruitment of additional officers following a Government announcement. The Mayor thanked Inspector Stanton for his report.

33. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs Rose Allwork, Ian Bark and Dave Bolwell.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

35. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

36. QUESTIONS, IF ANY, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 14 (a and b)

There were no questions pursuant to standing order 14(a and b).

37. **MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

(a) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 June 2019 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Anne Rickard.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 24 June 2019 be received.

(b) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 July 2019 were presented by Committee Chairman, Councillor Anne Rickard.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 July 2019 be received.

(c) PLANNING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 August 2019 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Anne Rickard.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29 August 2019 be received.

(d) FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9 September 2019 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Maggie Ray.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 9 September 2019 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted, as set out below (each recommendation was moved, seconded and declared to be carried):-

(Minute 28) FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2019/20 – 1ST REVISION

RESOLVED: that the 1st revision of the estimates for the year 2019/20 be approved.

(Minute 34) MEMORIAL PLAQUE REQUEST

RESOLVED: that the request for a memorial plaque to be installed above the 'horse trough' in West Bay be gratefully acknowledged and politely declined.

(e) ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 4 September 2019 were presented by the Committee Chairman, Councillor Kelvin Clayton.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Social Wellbeing Committee held on 4 September 2019 be received and the recommendations therein be adopted, as set out below (each recommendation was moved, seconded and declared to be carried):-

(Minute 19) COMMUNITY BUS PROJECT

RESOLVED: that the options identified in the Community Bus Feasibility Study be incorporated into the review of the service.

38. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2019 AND VE DAY 2020

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3450.

The Town Clerk summarised the report, and advised that the 2019 Remembrance activities would return to the standard arrangements following a much more extensive commemoration in 2018 for the centenary of the end of WWI. The report also outlined early discussions regarding arrangements for the 75th anniversary of VE Day in May 2020 and requested that members consider setting aside £1,000 in support of the celebrations and commemoration, to be factored into the 2020/21 budget.

Members considered:

- The potential extent of the Town Council's role in the proposed events beyond any financial support. The Town Clerk advised that any bunting would be erected by the Council. The Town Surveyor advised that worn bunting was due to be replaced.
- The need to make any activities a celebration of peace and co-operation alongside the commemoration of lost loved ones.
- The incorporation of the Rights Respecting Charter and the formation of the United Nations.
- Ensuring that any activities have community support and are not controversial or divisive.
- Consideration of commemoration of the 75th anniversary VE Day.

RESOLVED: that £1,000 be earmarked to support commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day, and that a working group be established to develop (i) the Town Council's input and (ii) arrangements for VE Day commemoration.

39. BUDGET WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3451.

Summarising the report, the Town Clerk advised that it set out a timetable and arrangements for setting a budget for 2020/21. This followed an established pattern that had served the Council well for many years and there were no proposals to change it. However, the working group membership would need to change as one of the previous year's members was no longer a councillor.

RESOLVED: that Cllrs Sandra Brown, Julian Jones, Gill Massey, Maggie Ray, Martin Ray, Anne Rickard and Dave Rickard comprise the 2019/20 Working Group.

40. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: that Cllr Dave Rickard be elected as a member of the Planning Committee.

41. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

RESOLVED: that the topic for discussion at the next full Council meeting would be the Bus Station Plans and the Bridport Community Bus.

42. COMMUNICATIONS

The following items were reported for information:

- (1) The Town Mayor reported the list of engagements, ENCL: 3449.
- (2) The Town Clerk reported that:
 - Councillor support was sought for the Council's Charter Fair stall on 27 September. Members should contact Linda Bullock to advise availability.
 - Thanks to the diligence of Paul Fuszard, Finance and Office Manager, the Town Council had that day received a clean bill of health from the external auditor. The auditor's report would be tabled for approval.
 - The Town Council had been shortlisted for three awards at the 2019 Dorset Tourism Awards: Visitor Information Service of the Year and Ethical, Responsible and Sustainable Tourism, and the Access and Inclusivity award. He thanked Terri Foxwell, Tourist Information Centre Manager and the TIC team for the successful submissions.
 - Work had begun on the extension at Mountfield which would provide improved catering facilities for events. The construction was expected to take an estimated 12 weeks.

The meeting closed at **8.29pm**.

The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be held on 19 November 2019