

## **PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016 IN PETER TRIM HALL, ST. GEORGE'S CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors R. Nowak (Chairman), Mrs S. Cocking, C. Flack, Mrs S. Reynolds, D. Symes, D. Thurston and R. Wild.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Cllr. Margaret Leicester (Weymouth & Portland Borough Council), Andy Matthews (Neighbourhood Plan Working Group), Patrick Myers (Dorset County Council) and four members of the public.

#### **3229 – CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Cllr. Nowak welcomed all to the meeting and advised of fire precautions at the hall.

#### **3230 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN DORSET**

Patrick Myers gave a presentation and answered questions from members and the public.

#### **3231 – PRAYERS**

The Clerk led the meeting in prayer.

#### **3232 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ms J. Atwell, J. Draper, C. Gover, A. Sergison and Mrs S. West.

#### **3233 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **3234 – OPEN FORUM**

##### **a) Police Question Time**

No representative of the Police present. Council noted the death of PCSO Lynne Huckins and asked the Clerk to write to the Police expressing its condolences.

##### **b) Public Half-Hour**

June Morley referred to an Echo article on 19<sup>th</sup> July concerning the Council's plan to hold events in Easton and Victoria Gardens. She thought some of the article "insulting" and regretted that the Town Council had not been in touch with the Friends of Easton Gardens to consult with them. From the chair Cllr. Nowak offered an explanation and apology.

Cllr. Margaret Leicester supported Mrs Morley, quoting from her work as a former member of the Town Council.

Carrie Dalby spoke on behalf of the Friends of Victoria Gardens and expressed disappointment over the lack of communication.

##### **c) Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Cllr. Nowak said the Borough had reversed its policy on car park charges, deciding to make increases though not on the Island as yet. It was also looking at the disposal of some uneconomic car parks.

### **3235 – MINUTES**

**a) Town Council Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

**b) Town Council Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Both sets of minutes was formally agreed and signed as a correct record.

### **3236 – MINUTE UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**a) Town Council Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

There were no matters arising.

**b) Town Council Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**a) Minute 3213(b)(ii) – Events & Tourism Working Group**

Cllr. Nowak noted that no meeting had been requested.

**b) Minute 3213(b)(iii) – Jubilee Pillars**

Cllr. Nowak thought the land there had been passed by the Borough to the Land Trust. The Clerk was asked to urge the Trust to cut the grass on the Fair site in time for the October event.

**c) Minute 3217(b) – Mayors' Plaques, Existing and Future**

Cllr. Reynolds queried progress. Cllr. Nowak replied that the Parish had declined the offer and the representatives of St. George's had not yet met. There would be a small charge for the supply of wooden plaques.

**d) Minute 3219 – West Weares**

The Clerk was asked to pursue the request for grass cutting at West Weares and Cheyne Weares, particularly the former.

**e) Minute 3222 – Planning Meetings**

Cllrs. Flack and Symes were due to meet soon to advise on the purchase of equipment.

### **3237 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR THE CHAIRMAN**

There were none.

### **3238 – TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

### **3239 – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**a) Payments for Authorisation**

**RESOLVED** – that the schedule of invoices (cheque refs. 3532, 3550 – 3567) in the sum of £5,007.79 including VAT be authorised for payment.

**b) 2016/17 Financial Report to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016**

**RESOLVED** – that £4,000 be transferred from reserves to the Council Offices budget.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be accepted.

### **3240 – COUNCIL OFFICES: AUCTIONS**

Cllr. Nowak reported that the final proceeds from the auctions were £2,560.40.

**3241 – WORKING GROUPS**

**RESOLVED** – that under Standing Order 7(a) the resolution at Minute 3172 of the Town Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016, “that each of the four groups [Cheyne Weares, Events & Tourism, Finance and Human Resources & IT] continue to operate as Working Groups”, be rescinded.

**RESOLVED** – that the Human Resources & IT Working Group be absorbed within the Finance Working Group, to be renamed Finance & Staffing Working Group, leaving three ongoing Working Groups.

**RESOLVED** – that in respect of staffing matters the Finance and Staffing Working Group should include Cllrs. Gover and Sergison and exclude any co-opted members.

**3242 – CODE OF CONDUCT**

**RESOLVED** – the Council adopt the NALC Template Code of Conduct.

**3243 – REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY POSTS**

There were none.

**3244 – EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** – “that pursuant to the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for an urgent, additional Agenda Item – Deed of Receipt and Release, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**3245 – DEED OF RECEIPT AND RELEASE**

**RESOLVED** – that the Council seek legal advice on the wording of the Deed, enquiring first whether its costs could be covered by the Council’s insurance, failing that to seek advice from [named consultant].

**3246 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Town Council is due to take place on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016, at the Peter Trim Hall, St. George’s Centre, Reforne starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

Signed ..... Dated.....  
(Chair)