

**PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015**  
**IN THE PETER TRIM HALL, ST. GEORGE'S CENTRE, REFORNE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors R. Wild (Chairman), Ms J. Atwell, G. Chadwick, Mrs S. Cocking, J. Draper, C. Flack, C. Gover, Ms S. Lees, Mrs S. Reynolds and D. Thurston

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Rev James Menzies (Mayor's Chaplain), together with three members of the public.

**2925 – PRAYERS**

The Mayor's Chaplain led the meeting in prayer.

**2926 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. D. Symes, Mrs S. West and Jason Webb (Weymouth & Portland Borough Council).

**2927 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**2928 – OPEN FORUM**

**a) Police Question Time**

No representative of the Police was present.

**b) Public Half-Hour**

Carol Pattison asked a series of questions about the control of dogs and dog-fouling. She was told that dogs should be "under control" in public parks, not necessarily on leads, but along roads they should be kept on leads. The Borough dog wardens now have a larger area in which to operate under the new three-council arrangement, hence a lighter involvement. Each stray dog requires five hours work by the warden. Dog-fouling, if reported, would normally be followed up with a letter of warning or prosecution.

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

None were present.

**2929 – MINUTES**

**a) Town Council Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

The minutes were formally approved and signed as a correct record. (For: 8 votes, Against: 0 votes, Abstentions: 1 vote)

**b) Additional Town Council Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015**

The minutes were formally approved and signed as a correct record. (7-0-2)

## **2930 – MINUTE UPDATE AND MATTERS ARISING**

### **a) Town Council, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

#### **i) Minute 2908(a) – Westcliff Grass Cutting**

Cllr. Flack said the issue remained ongoing, but he was due to meet Cllr. Kimber in October to resolve it.

#### **ii) Minute 2915 – Cheyne Weares**

Cllr. Lees reported that a working party had cleared the rubbish off the site.

#### **iii) Minute 2916 – Island Bus Service**

Cllr. Reynolds asked whether there had been any developments and was advised to refer to Cllr. Chadwick.

### **b) Additional Town Council, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015**

No matters were raised.

## **2931 – TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr. Wild reported that Cllr. Hughes had resigned as a Councillor. He also commented on the recent VJ Day commemoration which had gone "surprisingly well," with about a hundred people attending. The contribution of the local Sea Cadets band had been excellent and he thanked his Chaplain for bringing the event to fruition.

## **2932 – WRITTEN QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR**

There were none.

## **2933 – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **a) Payments for Authorisation**

**RESOLVED** – that the schedule of invoices (cheque refs. 3320 - 3335) in the sum of £3,844.48 including VAT be authorised for payment. (9-0-0)

### **b) 2015/16 Financial Report to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

**RESOLVED** – that the report be accepted. (9-0-0)

### **c) Internal Auditor, 2015/16**

It was proposed by Cllr. Gover and **RESOLVED** – that the quotation of Darkin Miller Associates be accepted for the next three years with the discounted rate offered.

## **2934 – COUNCIL GRANTS, 2015/16**

It was proposed by Cllr. Reynolds and **RESOLVED** – that the grant forms remain unchanged for the current year. The Clerk was asked to advertise the process on the Council website.

(Cllr. Chadwick joined the meeting at 7.40pm)

## **2935 – CHEYNE WEARES**

Cllr. Gover said the working group would clear the site of rubbish. It was proposed by Cllr. Thurston and **RESOLVED** – that the working group draw up a schedule of

works to set the landscape of the site in good order, to forward to the administration. (10-0-0)

### **2936 – GUIDELINES FOR SENIOR APPOINTMENTS**

The Clerk presented his written report and recommendations. The Council decided not to stipulate the length of service of the Chairman at this time as it remained only a trial. It was proposed by Cllr. Gover and **RESOLVED** – that service remain as cumulative as a basis for calculating seniority. (6-3-1)

### **2937 – WEST WEARES**

Cllr. Lees said that the volunteers who had worked on Cheyne Weares were also willing to help clear West Weares and others had indicated likewise. It was agreed to publicise clean-ups through the Council website and Free Portland News.

The Clerk was asked to buy half a dozen litter-pickers and check our insurers about risks arising from working close to cliff edges.

### **2938 – COUNCILLORS' NEWS FROM THE WARDS**

Cllr. Chadwick reported that bollards were now being installed in Fortuneswell.

Cllrs. Flack and Gover both expressed concerns about site traffic associated with Stonehills mine and the consequent risk to children. One of them will pursue this with Dorset Highways.

Cllr. Cocking gave notice of a consultation about a proposed crushing plant at Coombefield.

### **2939 – REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND VOLUNTARY POSTS**

The Clerk drew attention to two additional agenda reports on meetings he had attended.

### **2940 – EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

It was proposed from the chair and **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 Agenda Items 17 and 18 by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. (10-0-0)

### **2941 – GRIEVANCE HEARING**

Cllr. Wild reported verbally on a recent meeting of the Grievance Panel. It was proposed by Cllr. Thurston and **RESOLVED** – that the Council accept all three recommendations contained in the statement of grievance presented. (9-1-0)

### **2942 – CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING FORMER MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL**

The Mayor and Clerk gave verbal and written reports, which were discussed.

The Council agreed to go ahead with the Code of Conduct training offered by the Monitoring Officer.

**2943 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting is due to take place on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015, starting at 7.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.

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