MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 7 SEPTEMBER 2021

Councillors Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chair), Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

P1047 Apologies: Cllr Keith House, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Ben Thomas

P1048 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 6 July 2021.

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising
None arising.

P1049 Correspondence

Letter from the Street Pastors informing on the impending closure of the service. **RESOLVED: The clerk to send a thank you reply.**

P1050 Budget Update

Cllr Pretty introduced the report that was circulated prior to the meeting and asked for comments. Cllr Corben asked what we were doing for marketing the empty halls, is Friday an issue in other parishes and could we offer a discount or an incentive. Cllr Shepherd asked if we have any contingency in the event of having a difficult winter. Cllr Corben thanked the Clerk and her team for managing the budget during these difficult times. **RESOLVED: The report was noted.**

P1051 Projected Outturns

Cllr Pretty introduced the report that was circulated prior to the meeting and asked for comments. Cllr lan Corben asked if the savings had materialised from the staffing consultation and implementation. The clerk confirmed that these savings have already been accounted for.

Cllr Jane Welsh noted that the allotment holders were complimentary of the toilet cleaning. **RESOLVED: The Town Clerk to pass on these comments.**

P1052 Land Transfer

Cllr Pretty introduced the report that was circulated prior to the meeting and asked for comments. Cllrs discussed the proposed land transfers and future maintenance requirements. Cllr Corben and Cllr Morris felt that potential transfer would be a good idea as it makes sense for the residents. Concerns were raised about the lack of works that have taken place in the areas up to this point. **RESOLVED: That the clerk would seek further information on**

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the potential commuted sums and legal costs being covered by Bovis Homes with any plans for bringing the areas back up to a standard.

P1053 Car Parking

The Town Clerk introduced the item that had been to committee on 6 April 2021. A letter was sent to the Chief Inspector at the time although the situation has not improved. Cllr Jane Welsh noted that the Police were entitled to the top row of parking only. Cllr Derek Pretty felt that we should write to the Chief Inspector again saying that we will be installing the private parking signs and taking enforcement action where appropriate. RESOLVED: The Clerk to write to the Chief Inspector again and look to install the new signage asap.

P1054 Hall Hire

The Town Clerk introduced the item setting out the issues around regular hirers not returning this year and the impact this is having on hiring the halls with them being kept empty. RESOLVED: To allow hirers to pay a reservation fee for holding the booking.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 19:48 hours.