

EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2014 at 5.00 pm

Present:-

Cllr I J Monks – Chairman

Cllr P G Bennett – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr Mrs L J Clark, Cllr Mrs J Dover, Cllr M R Dyer, Cllr Mrs G S Elliot,
Cllr Mrs P A Hymers, Cllr Mrs B T Manuel, Cllr D G L Packer and
Cllr S S Tong

Also in attendance: Cllr M C Birr, Cllr S Butler, Cllr A A J Clarke, Cllr R D Cook,
Cllr S Gibson, Cllr S M Lugg, Cllr D Morgan, Cllr D W Shortell,
Cllr Mrs A Warman and Cllr J L Wilson

Apologies: Cllr S G Flower and Cllr G W Russell

119. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made on this occasion.

120. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 July 2014 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

121. Community Governance Review - Draft Recommendations

The Chairman of the Community Governance Review Task and Finish Group, Councillor S Butler, submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The report asked Members to consider the proposals of the Task and Finish Group and to recommend to Council the draft recommendations for public engagement as detailed in the report.

The Committee was advised of a couple of corrections to the report relating to the number of seats in Shapwick and the number of properties in the current parish wards of Ferndown Stapehill East and Ferndown Stapehill West. As a consequence of these corrections, a number of alterations were required to the report and these were highlighted in a revised report for these parishes, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

During the debate, an amendment was proposed by Councillor D G L Packer seeking the insertion of an additional recommendation to follow (a) which read as follows:-

“(b) the Council offers to facilitate discussions between parish councils where two or more parishes appear to be in dispute over the Community Governance Review Draft Recommendations with a view to reaching and publishing mutually agreeable alternative recommendations for public consultation.”

The amendment, as proposed, failed to obtain a seconder.

The Chairman then sought any further representation from non-Committee Members and Councillor S M Lugg took the opportunity to address the Members on the impact changes would have on Ferndown, particularly the Heatherlands Community.

Members noted that in the next phase of the Consultation exercise there would be a more targeted approach to those residents significantly affected by the proposals.

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (a) the Community Governance Review Task and Finish Group draft recommendations, as set out in the schedules appended to the attached reports, be approved for publication and consultation with interested parties;**
- (b) the Community Governance Review Timetable be amended to permit the final recommendations to be considered by a Special Meeting of the Resources Committee on 15 December 2014 and subsequently approved by full Council at its meeting scheduled for 15 December 2014, permitting sufficient time for the required calculations to be made to the Tax Bases for each parish, engagement with the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, and the related electoral registration changes to be applied.**

Voting: 7:2 (No abstentions)

The meeting ended at 5.35 pm

CHAIRMAN