

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WAREHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
27TH APRIL IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, EAST STREET, WAREHAM
AT 10.00 AM**

Present: Councillors Mrs P J W Bowyer-Davis, Mr D A Budd, , Mr D Critchley, Mr K Critchley, Mrs S D Elmes, Mr K Green, Mrs L I Kenyon, Mrs M A Selby, Mrs C E Turner,

Also present: Mr R M Curtis, Town Clerk

186. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TIME** - an opportunity for members of the public to raise issues of concern or interest, ask a question or make a statement *This item is also an opportunity, in accordance with paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct, for any Member to speak who has a prejudicial interest on a matter to be considered at this meeting.* Public participation time shall not exceed 30 minutes for full Town Council meetings and any speaker shall not exceed 3 minutes.

There were no members of the public present.

187. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs D Cleaton, Mrs V Green, M. Russell, Mrs M Wainwright and T. Williams.

188. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Nil

189. **POLICY ON EARLY RETIREMENT**
Council considered a **recommendation** of the Human Resources Panel to adopt an early retirement policy for staff members from the minimum age of 55.

Following discussion on the notification of one month's notice by the Administrative Officer/ Mayors Secretary, it was proposed by Councillor Mrs Elmes, seconded by Councillor Mrs Selby and unanimously:

RESOLVED that the recommendation be adopted and that a policy of permitting early retirement from the minimum age of 55 years be adopted for Wareham Town Council employees.

It was delegated to the Town Clerk to initiate the full terms and conditions of the early retirement policy - to be brought back to the Human Resources Panel in the new Civic Year for consideration of its full details.

Discussion took place on the role of the Proxy Proper Officer following the retirement of the Administrative Officer/Mayor's Secretary. It was agreed that the Finance administrator be nominated as Proxy Proper Officer from May 10th, Mrs Dominy's final date of service, until her replacement had joined the Council, and that it be:

Recommended to Council that this be ratified at the next Town Council meeting.

190. **ANY OTHER ITEMS THE MAYOR DEEMS URGENT (for report or for the next Agenda only)**
Nil

Meeting closed at 10.28 am.

.....Mayor