

AMENITIES COMMITTEE2nd September 2008

PRESENT Councillors: V.Redpath (Chairman)  
L.Clark  
Mrs.A.Daymond  
M.Dolan  
Mrs.J.Hazel  
B.Mortimer  
Ms.J.Russell

Apologies from Cllrs: A.R.Nicholls & Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk and Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk.

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110/08 Declarations of Interest.

None.

111/08 Cemetery – Clerks Report.

a) **Min 36/08(a) Consecration of Cemetery land.** The Clerk informed members that the Diocese of Salisbury would contact her when a Bishop was available to carry out the consecration.

b) **Min. 35/08 (b) Fly tipping.** As there had been no fly tipping to date the Cemetery gates have been left open. If the problem re-occurs a member of the public has volunteered to close the gate each evening and open it in the mornings.

112/08 The provision in budgets, 2009/2010, for memorial testing in Verwood Cemetery.

Testing of the Cemetery memorials was last carried out in 2003 by Peter Mitchell Associates. At that time West Moors Parish Council joined with Verwood to bring down the travelling and accommodation costs. In 2003 the cost to the Town Council, was £1,158 plus vat for the testing of 299 memorials. Mr. Mitchell has offered to undertake the re-assessment at a cost of £1,275 plus vat as long as West Moors Parish Council agrees to have their re-assessment at the same time. Discussion took place after which it was proposed, seconded and

**RECOMMENDED** that provision for memorial testing be included in 2009/2010 budgets and that Peter Mitchell Associates be employed to carry out the re-assessments of the memorials in Verwood Cemetery providing the work is carried out in conjunction with West Moors Parish Council.

113/08 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces – Clerk’s Report.

a) **Min 36/08 (a) Tree Planter.** The Clerk has contacted the Contractor and is awaiting prices.

b) **Min. 36/08 (b).** A new picnic bench has been erected in the Verwood Recreation Ground play area and the old one will be revamped if possible and used in Charlotte’s Place.

c) **Min. 37/08 Litter Bins.** A new steel litter bin has been placed by the youth shelter in the Verwood Recreation Ground.

- d) **Min. 38/08 (a)** The clearing of the Mares Tail has now been put into the Contractor's schedule.
- e) PCSO Louise Hamilton, Potterne & Three Legged Cross Safer Neighbourhood Team wrote thanking the Town Council for all the support given to the Three Legged Cross Fun Day which was a great success. The £225.00 raised will be given to the Three Legged Cross Village Hall, the First School and the Playgroup.

114/08 Siting of a further notice board on Ferrett Green

This item was put on the agenda because of a request by the Hub for a notice board on Ferrett Green for their sole use. The Chairman and Town Clerk had visited the Green and had identified a suitable site, should the committee agree, near the memorial tree and twinning finger post. Pictures of the site were shown to members and discussion took place regarding the size and type of noticeboard which would be acceptable. Members discussed whether more notice boards should be allowed on Ferrett Green. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMEDED that the Hub be allowed to erect a notice board on Ferrett Green, for their sole use, in the position suggested but that no further notice boards will be allowed on the Green.

115/08 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) The Manager, Verwood Leisure Centre wrote to advise the Town Council that, due to further vandalism at the play park in Potterne Park, the Verwood Community Association have closed the facility. This will be a temporary measure until the damage has been repaired. Confirmation was given that the CCTV is in place at Potterne Park.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50p.m.

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Chairman