

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE8th April 2008

PRESENT Councillors: Ms.J.Russell (Chairman)
Mrs.L.Clark
M.V.Daymond
M.W.Dolan
B.Mortimer
A.R.Nicholls
Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls
V.Redpath
M.Simper

Apologies were received from Cllrs: S.Gibson & Mrs.J.Hazel

Apologies were also received from: W.Wells, Mayor's Advisor.

Also in attendance: Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk & Mrs.R.Kingsnorth, Clerical Assistant
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347/07 Declarations of Interest.

None

348/07 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge sent a written report which included information on: crime figures for March 2008; anti social behaviour; speed checks in the area; PCSO Darren Wildman's Divisional PCSO of the year award for 2008. The Clerk was instructed to send a letter of congratulations regarding the Divisional PCSO of the year award. Members asked questions that would be forwarded to Sgt. Partridge for his attention which included, requests for information on the type of vehicle crimes that had occurred during last month and details of the assault at the local convenience store in Verwood. A short report was given by a member who attended a Crime and Safety meeting at East Dorset District Council.

349/07 Clerk's Report.

a) **Dorset County Council Changes to Service 300 Cranborne-Wimborne.** In April 2007, service 300 was reconstituted as a demand responsive service to try to extend the availability of the bus in the communities between the two centres. Unfortunately the number of passengers using the bus has not shown the level of growth that should be expected. From April 8th the service will become semi scheduled which means that more of the stops will become fixed timing points. The timetable is attached for Members. This was noted.

b) **Dorset County Council Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) Update.** The letter was copied to all Members and was noted.

c) **East Dorset District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2008.** The District Council is proposing to consolidate its earlier Car Parking Orders into a brand new Order which at the same time seeks to revise the pay and display charges for the Wimborne and Ferndown car parks. A copy of the Order can be viewed at the Town Council Offices for our information as off-street car parks in Verwood, controlled by the Council, will now be subject to the new Order but there will be no introduction of charging to the Verwood car parks. This was noted.

d) **Dorset County Council** wrote regarding the mobile library schedules for 2008/09 which include Three Legged Cross. The schedule will be displayed on the Three Legged Cross notice board.

350/07 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget reports for March will be presented at the next Full Council meeting.

351/07 Access & Disability Audit

No report.

352/07 Policing as an Agenda Item at the Full Town Council Meetings.

(325/07 (b) refers) Discussion took place on moving the Police item from the Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings to the Full Council meetings. Also an email from Sgt. Partridge regarding this matter was read out by the Chairman, after which it was proposed and seconded and RECOMMENDED that Policing should stay as an agenda item at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meetings.

353/07 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members and the Verwood Community Association.

The report from the Manager of the Verwood Leisure Centre would be sent by the end of the week. Members of the Amenities Committee had carried out the inspections of the Cemetery and the Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out. A short report was given on the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground inspection.

354/07 Other items of report or future agenda items.

a) It was brought to the Committee's attention that the Town Planning meeting arranged for Monday 14th April 2008 clashes with the meetings of the Local Action Group and The Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.57 p.m.

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Chairman