

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE6<sup>th</sup> May 2008

PRESENT Councillors: Ms.J.Russell (Chairman)  
Mrs.L.Clark  
M.W.Dolan  
Mrs.J.Hazel  
B.Mortimer  
P.Richardson  
V.Redpath  
M.Simper

Apologies were received from Cllrs: M.V.Daymond , S.Gibson, A.R.Nicholls & Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls  
Apologies were also received from: W.Wells, Mayor's Advisor.

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk & P.C.Andy Robertson.

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378/07 Declarations of Interest.

None

379/07 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report which included information on: crime figures for April 2008; anti social behaviour; speed checks in the area. Inspector Henley's quarterly newsletter was also copied to all Members. Discussion took place regarding the Potters Wheel Car Park, recent petrol thefts and crime figures. A question was asked if the Police were carrying out any prevention initiatives? A reply would be given at the next meeting.

380/07 Clerk's Report.

- a) **The Dorset Association for the Disabled** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid awarded for 2008/2009, this was noted.
- b) **Ringwood and Fordingbridge Citizens Advice Bureau** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid awarded for 2008/2009, this was noted.
- c) **Friends of St.Gabriels** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid awarded for 2008/2009, this was noted.
- d) **Verwood and Three Legged Cross Twinning Association** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid awarded for 2008/2009, this was noted.
- e) Information was given that the Town Clerk, with the Chairman of the committee, had considered insurance quotations from Norwich Union and Zurich Municipal, for the Town Council. After consideration it was agreed that the Town Council will renew their policy with Zurich Municipal for a five year term.
- f) Information was given regarding bus pads which the County Council wished to use in a few locations in Verwood and Three Legged Cross. Members had no objections; therefore the Clerk would contact Dorset County Council to agree to them being sited at Furzels Road, Three Legged Cross and Hillside Road, Verwood.
- g) Information was given that Trinity 1<sup>st</sup> School would be holding a debate in the Town Council Offices.

381/07 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget reports for March 2008 had been presented at the Verwood Town Meeting.

382/07 Access & Disability Audit

No report.

383/07 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 had not yet been received. The Chairman of the Amenities Committee had carried out the inspection of the Cemetery. The Clerk would contact the relevant member of the Amenities Committee regarding the inspection of the Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

384/07 Other items of report or future agenda items.

- a) Concern was raised on the amount of 'To Let' signs on Home Farm Road. The Clerk would investigate to see if they could be removed.
- b) Members thanked the Chairman for all her hard work over the last year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.56p.m.

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Chairman