

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE9th September 2008

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs.G.Belcher, A.R.Nicholls, Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls & M.Simper
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.

116/08 Declarations of Interest.

None

117/08 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report for July and a report for August was given out at the meeting which included information on: crime figures; anti-social behaviour and speed checks.

P. C. Robertson gave further information on: two new Specials who are now in place; alcohol seizures from young people, which had declined this month; details of thefts from vehicles; police participation in the Fun Day at Three Legged Cross; update of speed checks; prosecutions for turning right out of Manor Road; the "Street Corner Meeting" next to the Kabin in Morrisons car park to address community concerns about anti-social behaviour in Morrisons car park, to which local residents had been invited.

Members raised questions regarding CCTV cameras at Potterne Park and Potters Wheel car park and why the two Police Liaison Councillors had not been invited to PACT meetings. It was reported that a speed camera in Three Legged Cross was obscured by foliage.

118/08 Clerk's Report.

a) **D.A.P.T.C. Chief Executive's Circular 10/08** regarding: Quality Council Scheme; Connecting Dorset; Dorset County Council Waste Strategy; National Concession Card for Young Peoples' Travel; Parish Clerk vacancy. This had been circulated to all Members and was noted.

b) **East Dorset District Council** wrote enclosing a CD-ROM of their most recently updated constitution. This can be viewed at the Town Council Offices. This was noted.

c) **Hampshire County Council** sent a copy of their Minerals & Waste Development Framework Newsletter 6. This can be viewed at the Town Council Offices. This was noted.

d) **Dorset County Council** wrote regarding the Town Council's request for the reinstatement of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) on West Moors Road at Three Legged Cross (Min 47/08 refers). They have now received the necessary speed data and can confirm the criteria were fully met. The next stage will be to assess a suitable location for a post. Given the previous history of the SID at this location, should there be any further problems in the future, any further deployment would be suspended. This was noted.

e) **Verwood Community Association** wrote enclosing a copy of their Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2008. This can be viewed at the Town Council Offices. This was noted.

f) **Dorset County Council** sent a copy of their Corporate Plan Summary 2008-2011. This can be viewed at the Town Council Offices. This was noted.

g) **Dorset County Council** wrote enclosing a full summary copy of the draft revised joint municipal waste management strategy for Dorset, which is now open for public consultation until 7th November 2008. The letter was copied to all Members. This would be an agenda item at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

- h) **East Dorset District Council** wrote regarding a training seminar – update on the Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councillors. It is proposed to run the training seminar, both during the day and on an evening. The day time meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd September at 10.00am in the Council Chamber and the evening session will be on Wednesday 24th September at 7.00pm, again in the Council Chamber at the Council Offices Furzehill. Those wishing to attend please let the Clerk know as soon as possible. This was noted and members should contact the Clerk if they wished to attend.
- i) **DAPTC Chief Executives Circular 11/08** regarding :- 2008-09 pay negotiations; Consultation on Draft Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Energy Efficiency Strategy and Action Plan; Dorset Waste Forum; AGM Resolutions; Good Practice for selection of candidates being co-opted to a local council; Dorset County Training Partnership; up and coming external conferences. This was emailed to Members. This was noted. Any member wishing to attend the ‘Which Way?’ – A Highways Seminar should inform the Clerk.
- j) **DAPTC Chief Executives Circular 12/08** regarding:- DAPTC AGM resolutions; Play Forum; Regional Spatial Strategy proposed changes; Want to keep your red telephone box?; Play areas; appointments to the Commission for Rural Communities(CRC);CSV make a difference day. This was emailed to Members. The Clerk reported that the number for the Commission for Rural Communities (CRC) was incorrect. This was noted.
- k) **Dorset County Council** wrote regarding Structural Maintenance Draft List of Schemes for Year 2009-2010. There are no projects being carried out in Verwood or Three Legged Cross. This was noted.
- l) **Dorset County Council** emailed with information about the proposed diversion route for the upcoming closure of Manor Road in Verwood. The road will be closed from 7th October for 1 day, at the request of Bournemouth and West Hants Water, to carry out some road repairs. This was noted.
- m) **Dorset Age Partnership**. Information has been received by e mail about the Dorset Age Partnership with a view to having a representative from Verwood Town Council attending. The information was emailed to Members. The Clerk would contact Councillor Mrs.G.Belcher to see if she wished to attend.
- m) **Town Council Offices**. A progress report was given that tenders would be sent out by the end of the week and returned by mid October.
- n) **Hampshire County Council** wrote enclosing a copy of the Deed of Dedication of Bridleway at the Parish of Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley – Ebblake Verwood Dorset/Hampshire Border. This was noted.
- o) **Town Council Staff**. An item will be added to the October agenda to discuss pension provision for the Assistant to the Town Clerk.
- p) **East Dorset District Council** wrote inviting a representative from the Town Council to attend a Business Breakfast Event – “Doing Business in Difficult Times” on 17th September 2008 at Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna. A subsidised non-refundable fee of £10 per person is payable. Councillor M.W. Dolan agreed to attend.
- q) **Benefits Awareness Morning**. The Clerk gave information on a benefits awareness morning which had been arranged to take place at the Town Council offices on Friday 19th September 2008 between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. Any member who could attend should inform the Clerk.
- r) It was reported that Darren Kenny had now won, to date, two gold medals at the Paralympics in Beijing. It had been arranged for a congratulatory sign to be erected at the entrance to Verwood for his return.

119/08 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget report for July 2008 had been circulated to all Members and the August report was circulated at the meeting. They had been examined and no issues were raised.

120/08 Access & Disability Audit

No report.

121/08 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 been received to date. A member of the Amenities Committee had carried out the inspections of the Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces. An inspection of the Cemetery would be carried out the next day. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

122/08 Other reports and items for future agendas

- a) An update was given on residents interested in helping in the production of a Town Plan for Verwood.
- b) The Mayor reported that she had sent a letter of congratulations to a young man who had designed a poster for recycling.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.18 p.m.

.....
Chairman