

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE2nd December 2008

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

Apologies were received from Cllr: Mrs.L.Clark , A.R.Nicholls, Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls & M.Simper
Apologies were also received from: W.Wells, Mayor's Advisor.

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

218/08 Declarations of Interest.

None

219/08 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report which included information on: crime figures; anti social behaviour; speed checks in the civil parish. PC Andy Robertson gave information that, following the street corner meeting at Morrisons car park with residents in the area, leaflets had been distributed giving an update on the work the Police had done to tackle the issues residents had raised. The leaflet was shown to members at the meeting. Questions were asked by members regarding: the non dwelling burglaries; a request for information on an incident at the roundabout near Burrows Lane; speeding in Margards Lane, to which PC Robertson agreed to carry out more speed checks in this location. A question was raised regarding the Springfield Distributor Road Scheme to which information was given from the Local Transport Plan Improvement Priority List.

220/08 Clerk's Report.

a) **East Dorset District Council** wrote regarding a request they have received, through the Three Legged Cross Forum, for funding to make up the informal footpath that exists between the northern end of Bay Close, Three Legged Cross and Verwood Road. It is estimated that a sum of £7,000 would be needed to carry out the works including the installation of a lighting column. The Town Council were asked whether it would be prepared to contribute towards the costs of this project and if so, what level of contribution. The letter was copied to members. This request will be an agenda item at the next Full Town Council meeting in December.

b) **East Dorset District Council** wrote requesting a contribution towards the 2009 Sting in the Tale 'A Festival of Stories' enclosing a 2007 brochure to illustrate the wide variety of storytelling events accessible to all ages. The funding they are seeking is to assist in the production and co-ordination of the brochure, festival delivery and support to the venues with their event. The letter was copied to members. This request will be an agenda item at the next Full Town Council meeting in December.

c) **Active Games for All** wrote requesting an emergency grant for hall hire and advertisement for a planned public consultation on 7th February 2009 at the Verwood Memorial Hall regarding the possible provision of a multi use games area (MUGA) situated on the Verwood Recreation Ground. This request will be an agenda item at the next Full Town Council meeting in December.

221/08 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget report for November will be presented at the next Town Council meeting.

222/08 Access & Disability Audit

No report.

223/08 Verwood Recreation Ground – New Play Equipment.

The Chairman of the Amenities Committee gave information on the preferred scheme, by Sutcliffe Play South West, to replace the play equipment at the Verwood Recreation Ground play area. Three companies had been approached. The three quotes were as follows:-

Sutcliffe Play South West	£42,774.00
Record RSS	£44,087.00
Lappsett	£46,964.75

Discussion took place after which it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the play scheme, put forward by Sutcliffe Play South West, be accepted.

224/08 Standing Order 52(a) Plans Consultative Committee.

Due to the amount of delegation of planning applications at the District Council, and that the Town Council are given 21 days to consider any planning applications, the Plans Consultative Committee will be meeting on a three weekly cycle from the beginning of the New Year. The standing order reads:- ‘ to meet four weekly’.

This means that the above standing order must be amended. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that Standing Order 52(a) be amended to read: a) Plans Consultative Committee – to meet at least once a month.

225/08 Consultation – Codes of conduct for local authority members and employees.

Minute 190/08 (b) refers.

The Chairman and the Clerk formulated comments in response to the consultation which were forwarded to members prior to the meeting. Following a short discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the comments in response to the Consultation – Codes of Conduct for the Local Authority Members and Employees be forwarded to the Conduct and Council Constitutions Team.

226/08 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 yet been received. A member of the Amenities Committee had carried out the inspection of the Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces.. An inspection of the Cemetery would be carried out this week. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

227/08 Other reports and items for future agendas

a) It was brought to members’ attention that a letter had been distributed to Three Legged Cross residents from the Defence Fuels Group, West Moors regarding Ministry of Defence emergency instructions on what residents need to do in the very unlikely event of a major accident within their establishment. As the Town Council had not been sent this letter, the Clerk was asked to contact the Defence Fuels Group requesting that any future correspondence, sent to residents, also be sent to the Town Council for information.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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Chairman