

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
26th March 2008

PRESENT:	Councillor	A.R.Nicholls	(Mayor)
	Councillors	P.Baker	
		Mrs.G.Belcher	
		Mrs.L.Clark	
		Mrs.T.B.Coombs	
		Mrs.A.Daymond	
		M.V.Daymond	
		A.R.Dedden	
		Mrs.L.Dedden	
		M.W.Dolan	
		S.Gibson	
		Mrs.J.Hazel	
		B.Mortimer	
		Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls	
		V.Redpath	
		Ms.J.Russell	
		M.Simper	

Apologies were received from Cllr.:- P.Richardson & Mr.W.Wells, Mayor's Advisor
In Attendance:- Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk.
Also in attendance: County Councillor S.Flower.
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- 331/07 Declaration of Interests.
Councillor Mrs. G. Belcher declared a personal interest under agenda item 10(b) as she is a Trustee of the Verwood Hub Community Association.
Councillor Mrs. T. Coombs declared a personal interest under agenda item 4(c) as she is a member of East Dorset District Council Planning Committee and agenda item 5 as East Dorset District Council is the owner of the adjacent car park.
Councillor M. Dolan declared a personal interest under agenda item 10(b) as he is a Trustee of the Verwood Hub Community Association.
Councillor Mrs. J. Hazel declared a personal interest under agenda item 10(b) as she is a Trustee of the Verwood Hub Community Association.
- 332/07 Minutes of the Meeting held 26th February, 2008 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.
306/07 The written report of the Verwood Hub Community Centre for February had not yet been circulated but the representative assured members a copy would be given to the Town Clerk for distribution.
- 333/07 Clerk's Report.
a) **D.A.P.T.C Chief Executive's Circular 03/08** was copied to all Members and included information on: the Royal Garden Party 2008; Insurance; Training. This was noted.
b) **Verwood Concert Brass** emailed that on 9th March they won the West of England Championships (third section). The band last won the third section 40 years ago(1968). This means that they will represent the West of England at the National Finals this September (27th) and will be promoted to the second section in 2009. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of congratulations to the Band.

c) **Blue Haze planning application.** Mr. Barry Whitlock, Regional Manager, Southern Landfill, Veolia Environmental Services wrote that Veolia have submitted a planning application for the installation for four gas engines plus related infrastructure to Hampshire County Council. This is in accordance with information given at the recent site meetings Town Councillor's attended. As promised at the meeting with the council on 3rd December, Mr. Whitlock agreed to notify the Town Council of any planning applications relating to Blue Haze that were submitted. A copy of the application and plan can be viewed at the Town Council offices. This was noted.

d) The Clerk gave information on the progress of the sponsorship of the Station Road Roundabout by Manitou.

e) **East Dorset District Council** wrote enclosing copies of the Core Strategy Issues and Options Discussion Paper and Response Paper and the Affordable Housing Development Plan Document, Discussion Paper and Response Paper. The consultations run for a six week period from 25th March until 6th May 2008. After a short discussion it was agreed that the consultations would be an agenda item at the next Plans Consultative Committee.

334/07 The Report of the Amenities Committee meeting held 4th March 2008 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

335/07 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held 11th March 2008 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

336/07 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held 12th March 2008 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

337/07 Restoration of 3.2 acres of land, previously put aside, at the Verwood Cemetery for cemetery use.

Information was circulated to all Members, including the report by the Cemetery Working Party in 2006, which had looked into setting aside the land currently within the Cemetery boundary. Discussion took place regarding: the confidentiality of the item; the original purchasing of the land; the Heathland Mitigation; the report made in 2006; land still available for burials; the number of burials carried out up to 2006; possible usage of the land; public consultation. A proposal was made that the 3.2 acres of land at Ebblake be left set aside. Discussion took place and an amendment was proposed and seconded to the proposal which was to add 'If in future there was a proposition to change the use of the land for any reason then the Town Council would go to public consultation'. The amendment to the proposal was voted on, and a recorded vote was requested.

For the amendment:

Councillors	Mrs.G.Belcher	Mrs.L.Clark	Mrs.T.Coombs
	M.Dolan	S.Gibson	Mrs.J.Hazel
	A.R.Nicholls	Mrs.L.Nicholls	

Against the amendment:

Councillors	P.Baker	M.V.Daymond	A.R.Dedden
	Mrs.L.Dedden	B.Mortimer	M.Simper
	V.Redpath	Ms.J.Russell	

Abstentions:

Councillor	Mrs.A.Daymond.
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As the vote was equal the Mayor, Councillor A.R.Nicholls gave a casting vote for the amendment, therefore the amendment was carried.

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED that the 3.2 acres of land at Ebblake be left set aside, but if in future there was a proposition to change the use of the land for any reason then the Town Council would go to Public Consultation.

For the Resolution:

Councillors	P.Baker	Mrs.G.Belcher	Mrs.L.Clark
	Mrs.T.Coombs	Mrs.A.Daymond	M.V.Daymond
	A.R.Dedden	Mrs.L.Dedden	M.Dolan
	S.Gibson	Mrs.J.Hazel	B.Mortimer
	A.R.Nicholls	Mrs.L.Nicholls	V.Redpath
	P.Richardson	Ms.J.Russell	M.Simper

338/07 Report from the Mayor.

The Mayor gave a report on the functions and events he had attended during the month which included: The Urban Heaths Partnership Seminar; the opening of Manitou's new business centre; Hillside County First School's 40th Birthday Thanksgiving Service and Reunion Tea; Mayor of Sarum's Civic Day; a concert by the Police Choir at the Verwood Hub.

339/07 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

- a) **The Urban Heaths Partnership Seminar.** A report was given on the seminar which included: the History of the Partnership and information on: The Interim Planning Framework, Implementing the Interim Planning Framework, The Arson Courtroom Drama, Dorset Explorer and Developing a Joint Development Plan Document for the Dorset Heaths. Slides on the seminar are available from the Town Clerk.
- b) **Parish and Town Council Planning Training by D.A.P.T.C.** A report was given on the planning training held at East Dorset District Council which covered: The Regional Spatial Strategy; development control and enforcement; Trees, planning context; what is expected from parish councillors; standards behaviour.
- c) **D.A.P.T.C. Larger Parish and Town Councils.** A written report was circulated to all Members which included information on: the Chief Executive's report; Parish Polls; Street Lighting; Connecting Dorset; planning training; issues raised by members; information on the date of the next meeting in June.
- d) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust.** A written report was circulated to all Members which included information on: a small increase in hire charges; an update of the improvement programme including the kitchen, roof and the front of the building; fundraising.
- e) **Verwood Memorial Recreational Ground Trustee.** A short report was given on the last meeting and information given that the AGM would be held on 16th September 2008.
- f) **Heathland Heritage Trust** a report was given on: the 5th Birthday celebration to be held on 10th May 2008 when an open day would be held; finances; information on a Macmillan Coffee morning which would be held on 26th September 2008.

340/07 Internet Councillor.

It was reported that the new laptop had now been set up and the provision to scan posters was now in place.

341/07 Press & P.R.Councillor.

No report.

342/07 Verwood Community Association.

No report.

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Verwood Hub Community Association.

A report was given on management issues, an overview as the Hub approaches the end of its first year of opening and finances.

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Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Councillor S.Flower gave a report on: the proposed arena in the Ashley Heath Forest by the Forestry Commission; the repositioning of the 30mph sign away from the controlled crossing in Verwood Road, Three Legged Cross, to the Verwood side of Joys Road; replacement of cats eyes in Verwood Road, Three Legged Cross; monitoring of speeding traffic in West Moors Road, Three Legged Cross; changes to the 300 bus service from Cranborne to Wimborne which is a demand responsive service.

District Councillor Mrs.J.Hazel submitted a written report on: local planning issues, that the East Dorset Community Partnership have approved the introduction of an annual Delivery Plan for the year 2008/9; the new (V1) bus service to Bournemouth via West Moors and Ferndown which started on 26th February; the Speed Limit Policy document; the proposed arena at Ashley Heath Forest, by the Forestry Commission and the implications to the B3081.

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Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and

RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £7,165.01 for March were approved for payment.

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Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) A request was made for information on the type of shops which would be opening adjacent to Ferrett Green.
- b) Information was given that the road by Bakers Hanging would be resurfaced in the spring.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.08p.m.

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Mayor