

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
22nd April 2008

PRESENT: Councillor M.Simper (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors P.Baker
Mrs.G.Belcher
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.A.Daymond
M.V.Daymond
A.R.Dedden
Mrs.L.Dedden
M.W.Dolan
Mrs.J.Hazel
B.Mortimer
V.Redpath
P.Richardson
Ms.J.Russell

Apologies were received from Cllrs:- S.Gibson, A.R.Nicholls, Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls & Mrs.T.B.Coombs
Apologies were also received from 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. (8.10pm)

360/07/07 Declaration of Interests.
Councillor Mrs. G. Belcher declared a personal interest under agenda item 12(b) as she is a Trustee of the Verwood Hub Community Association.
Councillor M. Dolan declared a personal interest under agenda item 12(b) as he is a Trustee of the Verwood Hub Community Association.
Councillor Mrs.L.Dedden declared a personal interest under agenda item 7, as she is Vice Chairman of Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils.
Councillor Mrs. J. Hazel declared a personal interest under agenda item 12(b) as she is a Trustee of the Verwood Hub Community Association.
Councillor B.Mortimer declared a personal interest under agenda item 12(b) as he is a Trustee of the Verwood Hub Community Association.
Councillor P.Richardson declared a personal interest under agenda items 4(a) & 4(b) as he is a member of East Dorset District Council.

361/07 Minutes of the Meeting held 26th March, 2008 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

362/07 Clerk's Report
a) **Verwood Cemetery.** Unfortunately there has been some fly tipping in the Cemetery, therefore we will again be closing the gates every evening. This was noted. A suggestion was made that the mobile camera owned by the Neighbourhood Watch could possibly be used in the Cemetery.
b) **DAPTC Newsletter** has been received, and circulated to members. If any member wishes to raise any issues from it please inform the Clerk and she will put the Newsletter on the next Full Council agenda. This was noted.
c) **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 05/08** which includes information on: changes to CiLCA; Standing Orders and Chairmanship; 2008/09 Pay Negotiations; DAPTC Committees; Parochial Fees; Publications; Dorset County Training Partnership; Vacancies. This was emailed to Members and was noted.

d) Information was given to members on the forms to be completed by 6th May for the election of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, committees and other bodies.

363/07 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held 8th April 2008 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

364/07 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held 9th April 2008 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

365/07 Town Plan

Following the informal meeting with Mr. Mark Goodwin, who gave members information on Town Plans, members were asked to consider if they wish to support producing a Town Plan. Much discussion took place which included: what the purpose of the plan was; how the Town Council would be involved; concern that it would become a wish list; the use of the Verwood Vista to gauge residents involvement; information that the six parish plans produced so far in East Dorset have still not been accepted by the District Council; that a professional may need to be employed to lead the plan; the possibility that there may be a local resident who could lead the plan; that there is no funding available at this time. It was agreed that in the August Vista there would be information on Town Plans and a reply slip to gauge interest in carrying out a Town Plan, also that the Town Clerk would contact East Dorset District Council to see if any funding would be available.

366/07 Resolution to consecrate land at the Cemetery.

An area has now been cleared for further burials and a resolution is needed by the Town Council for the Town Clerk to write to the Salisbury Diocese for it to be consecrated. A map showing the area was copied to all members. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the Salisbury Diocese to arrange for the land to be consecrated.

367/07 Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils.

The annual subscription is due for the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils. The subscription is £1,266.88. After some discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Town Council renew their annual subscription for the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils.

368/07 Report from the Mayor.

The Mayor gave a report on the functions and events he had attended during the month which included a Civic Service at Chickerell and a Civic Day at Beaminster. The Deputy Mayor had attended the Three Tenors Concert at the Barrington Theatre arranged by the Ferndown Mayor. Information was given that Mr. Danny Cracknell, past Mayor of Ringwood had died and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of condolence.

369/07 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust.** A report was given on: the vacancy for a new Secretary; finances; increase in lettings; a theft at the hall which had been caught on the CCTV camera.
b) **Safety Action Group.** A report was given on a meeting where information was given on: policing figures; that East Dorset has the lowest crime rate in Dorset; an arson control group; beat officers; £50,000 allocated for projects; Speed Indicator Devices; educational courses.
c) **Three Legged Cross Village Hall.** Information was given on the AGM where the Chairman and other officers had been elected and that the CCTV system was now in place.

d) **Environment Theme Action Group.** Information, which was copied to all members, was given on a brainstorming session on the environment and ways to improve it for East Dorset over the next 20 years. The topics were Transport, Open Spaces, Renewable Energy and Sustainability Issues.

370/07

Internet Councillor.

It was reported that the web page had been updated.

371/07

Press & P.R.Councillor.

No report.

372/07

Verwood Community Association.

No report.

373/07

Verwood Hub Community Association.

A written report for the February Full Town Council meeting was copied to all members, minute 332/07 refers. This included information on: management issues; the Bistro; finances. A written report for April was copied to all members, which included information on: management issues; the Hub Café; finances.

374/07

Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Councillor Mrs T. Coombs gave a report on: NUT Teachers Strike; New Director for Children's Services; Dorset Rocks; Improved access to Bournemouth Airport; Great Dorset Steam Fair.

District Councillor B.Mortimer will supply a written report to be circulated to all members.

375/07

Accounts.

It was proposed and seconded and

RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £9,389.01 for April were approved for payment.

376/07

Monthly Budget Reports.

The monthly reports for March were circulated to all Members. They had been examined and no issues were raised.

377/07

Items of report and matters for future agendas.

a) Concern was raised on two school buses which were parking in Manor Road, obstructing traffic at the roundabout in the mornings. The Clerk was instructed to write to Dorset County Council regarding this matter.

b) Information was given that the Talented Youth concert would take place on 21st June and that there were already 22 entries.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

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Deputy Mayor