

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

2nd June 2009

PRESENT Councillors: M.Dolan (Mayor)
Mrs.A.Daymond
B.Mortimer
V.Redpath
Ms.J.Russell

Apologies from Cllrs: S.Gibson, Mrs.J.Hazel, A.R.Nicholls & Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls
Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk and Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the
Town Clerk.

Public: 15

25/09 Election of Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor V.Redpath was proposed and seconded and he was duly elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year, subject to the revocation/variance of part of Standing Order 48 at the next Full Town Council Meeting.

26/09 Election of Vice Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor Mrs.A.Daymond was proposed and seconded and she was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

27/09 Declarations of Interest.

None.

28/09 Allotments.

Minutes 180/08 & 313/08 refers. Information was given that an Allotment Society had now been formed and that they had had their first meeting and a committee had been formed. The Chairman allowed the committee to give information and asked that they let the Town Clerk know the details of the committee. The Clerk then gave a progress report on two pieces of land that had been highlighted in the report and informed the public that the Town Council were still actively seeking land. The Chairman asked, that if the Allotment Society knew of any land that they thought was suitable, they should contact the Town Council who would investigate and report back.

29/09 Cemetery Gates.

Minute 314/08 Cemetery Gates. The Clerk reported that the gates were still in their locked position and that they were still being opened for any funerals which were taking place. It had been reported to the office that a potted plant next to a seat had been stolen but it was difficult to ascertain when the theft had occurred. The Clerk had obtained information about CCTV provision for the Cemetery and this was noted. After much discussion it was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the gates remain in their locked position with a restricted width of 6'11" but be fully opened when a funeral takes place.

b) **Minute 315/08 Management of Memorials Policy and Procedure Document.** The Clerk reported that the relevant documents had been sent to the Diocese including the Petition for a Faculty. Notices were being put up informing residents of the impending safety testing of memorials. This was noted.

c) **Minute 317/08 (a) Community Service.** The Clerk had received the information on the Community Service project which had been copied to all Members. After discussion it was noted.

30/09 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces – Clerk’s Report

a) Information was given that Barnardo’s had made a request to hold a professional story telling for children in the Verwood Recreation Ground on Saturday 4th July and also that a mobile Library would be in attendance. The Clerk had conferred with the Chairman and had given permission for the event to be held on the Verwood Recreation Ground and the Verwood Memorial Hall had agreed that mobile Library could park in the Memorial Hall Car Park.

b) Information was given on the progress of improving access onto the Verwood Recreation Ground via the disability gate. Investigations are ongoing into a suitable lock for the gate.

c) Information was given that the Single Point Swing in the Verwood Recreation Ground play area had been rehung after an inspection by an independent Play Area Inspector and information received from other authorities who had the same piece of equipment. The Clerk informed Members that the Town Council’s insurance company would be carrying out their inspection during this week.

d) The Committee was reminded that there would be an Open Day on the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground on Saturday 15th August organised by the Police, the time will be notified at a later date.

31/09 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) An update was given on the progress of the provision of a Multi Use Games Area for the Verwood Recreation Ground following the consultation which took place at the beginning of April at the Verwood Memorial Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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Chairman