

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

1<sup>st</sup> September 2009

PRESENT Councillors: V.Redpath (Chairman)  
Mrs.A.Daymond  
M.Dolan  
S.Gibson  
Mrs.J.Hazel  
A.R.Nicholls  
Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls  
Ms.J.Russell

Apologies from Cllr: B.Mortimer

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk and Mrs.R.Kingsnorth, Clerical Assistant.

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104/09 Declarations of Interest.

None.

105/09 Allotments.

The Clerk gave information on two sites which had been looked at for allotments, one owned by the District Council and one by the County Council. The land owned by the District Council was allocated as Open Space therefore it could not be used for allotments. The land owned by the County Council is being leased out but when the lease expires they would contact the Town Council. It was also reported that the Verwood Allotment Holders Association had written with a number of queries and asked that a response be given in the next four weeks. The Chairman permitted the members of the Verwood Allotment Holders Association to speak to the Committee and agreed that the committee would try to reply to their questions as soon as possible.

106/09 Cemetery – Clerk’s Report

a) A request has been made for a memorial to be made out of bronze. The Regulations state that all memorials in the Cemetery should be constructed from natural stone or granite. Information was attached to all members. After a lengthy debate and much consideration the request was refused as members of the committee felt that, as stated in the regulations memorials should only be in natural stone or granite.

107/09 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces – Clerk’s Report

a) Minute 69/09 (f) refers. A letter has been received from PCSO Louise Hamilton on behalf of four young people requesting consideration to be given for a new area in Three Legged Cross for multi games usage. The letter was copied to all Members. After much discussion the Clerk was asked to respond that the committee did not feel that Charlottes Place would be suitable for this type of facility. Also that the committee were quite willing to hear the ideas from the young people and would suggest that they get together with any others who would like this type of hard standing area and then meet with members of the Amenities Committee to discuss their ideas and progress where possible any ideas.

b) A letter has been received from a resident of Three Legged Cross regarding the various issues about Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground and the Doorstep Green site. The letter was copied to all Members. After much discussion on the various issues it was agreed that the Chairman would respond to the letter.

c) A request has been made to place a seat in the Doorstep Green area of the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground. The letter was copied to all Members. After discussion it was agreed that the Chairman and Town Clerk would visit the area and find a suitable site. The Clerk also reported that there was a bench available if a suitable site was found.

d) Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association wrote to request permission to use the Verwood Recreation Ground for a Companion Dog Show on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Twinning Association giving permission with the usual conditions.

e) An email has been received from Barnardos, West Moors Children's Centre asking for permission to use the Verwood Recreation Ground to put on a family activity event as it is "National Sure Start Children's Centre Week". After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write giving permission with the usual conditions.

f) St.Michael and All Angels Church have written to the Trustees of the Verwood Recreation Ground asking permission to hold a Summer Fete on the Verwood Recreation Ground on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010. The Chairman of the Trustees has received the letter and it has also been copied to all Town Councillors. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write giving permission with the usual conditions.

g) The Clerk has been in contact with Dorset County Council regarding the provision of bus shelters in Three Legged Cross. The site next to Furzelds Road, was unsuitable for a shelter but the Clerk had met with an officer from the County Council who agreed in the next financial year to clear the rest of the undergrowth and extend the bus pad. A site had been found on Verwood Road near Church Road and Broadmead Road, where a seat was already sited and it was felt that the seat could be removed and a shelter put in its place. The Clerk would contact the County Council Highways Department for approval. She would also ask if the site opposite Furzelds Road, could be investigated for the siting of a shelter.

#### 108/09 Sponsorship of roundabouts.

Information was given on the progress of sponsoring the three other roundabouts. The Clerk reported that she was waiting to hear from the Valuation Office to find out the business rates for these roundabouts. Discussion took place, which included the possibility of the Town Council taking over all three roundabouts and costings had been sought, and the possible approach to businesses on the Ebblake Industrial Estate. Members agreed that Councillor A.R.Nicholls would approach some of the businesses on Ebblake, once the Clerk had ascertained costings.

#### 109/09 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) A request had been made for a fruit and vegetable stall to be sited on Ferrett Green. Discussion took place and the committee agreed that this would not be suitable on this site.

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b)A resident had asked a member why the trees had been removed on land at Blackmoor Road. The Clerk informed members that the trees had been cut as they were arcing by the pylons.

c) Information was given on the application for the funding of the MUGA.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15p.m.

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Chairman