

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
14th April 2009

PRESENT Councillors: Ms.J.Russell (Chairman)
Mrs.L.Clark
M.V.Daymond
M.W.Dolan
Mrs.J.Hazel
B.Mortimer
A.R.Nicholls
Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls
V.Redpath

Apologies were received from Cllr: Mrs.G.Belcher, P.Richardson and M.Simper

Apologies were also received from: Mr. W.Wells, Mayor's Advisor.

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk, PC Andy Robertson & Mrs. Nicole Thomson, Chairman, Verwood & Three Legged Cross Town Plan Steering Group.

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344/08 Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. Mrs. Jane Russell declared a personal interest under agenda item 5 as she has attended Town Plan Steering Group meetings.

345/08 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report which included information on: crime figures; anti social behaviour; speed checks in the civil parish; that all three of Verwood PCSO's had been successful with their applications to join the police service as regular constables. Members asked for more information on the thefts and assaults figures, whether under age-drinking had decreased recently and how the new shops were dealing with this matter.

346/08 Clerk's Report

- a) Mins. 39/06(c), 130/06(a),210/06 & 316/07 refers. The Clerk gave an update on the progress of roundabout sponsorship.
- b) Mins. 265/06(c), 292/06, 194/07(a), 36/08(a), 113/08(a) & 184/08(a) refers. The Clerk informed members that the flower planter for Edmondsham Road had arrived today.

347/08 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget report for March was circulated to all Members. It had been examined and no issues were raised.

348/08 Access & Disability Audit

The Clerk reported that a tarmac path had been constructed from the disability gate to the new entrance gate of the play area in the Verwood Recreation Ground.

349/08 Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils

The annual subscription for membership of the Association has been received. The subscription is £1,306.04. After a short discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Town Council renew the subscription for the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils.

350/08 Town Plan

Mrs. Nicole Thomson, Chairman of the Town Plan Steering Group attended the meeting and gave a progress and funding report. Information was given on: what is a town plan; town plans in East Dorset; the plan format; distribution; a public meeting which had been held at the Hub to gauge public opinion;

a draft timetable for the plan; stakeholder awareness; funding. Further information was given on the request to the Town Council for £3,000 towards the funding of the Town Plan. Questions were asked by members which included: a break down of the amount of funding required for the plan; what the make up of the steering committee was; was a business plan available; where had the steering group sought information on funding. After further discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that £3,000 from balances be allocated for a Town Plan for Verwood and Three Legged Cross.

351/08 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 been received. A member of the Amenities Committee had carried out the inspections of the Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces. The inspection of the Cemetery would be carried out this week. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.14 p.m.

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Chairman