

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE14<sup>th</sup> July 2009

PRESENT Councillors: B.Mortimer (Chairman)  
Mrs.G.Belcher  
Mrs.L.Clark  
M.V.Daymond  
Mrs.L.Dedden  
M.W.Dolan  
S.Gibson  
Mrs.J.Hazel  
V.Redpath  
Ms.J.Russell  
M.Simper

Apologies were received from Cllr: P.Richardson

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk & PC.Andy Robertson.

Public: 5

67/09 Declarations of Interest.

None

68/09 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report which included information on:- Crime figures for the month; anti social behaviour; speed checks carried out around the Civil Parish. Members asked questions , which included, if the CCTV cameras had played a role in apprehending offenders, problems on the development on Crane Drive, an update on an incident at the Memorial Hall; details of the speed checks carried out recently.

69/09 Clerk's Report

- a) **East Dorset District Council** wrote regarding the consultation on the proposed dog control orders across the district. Following the consultation some modifications have been made to the proposals that are intended to go out to public consultation. The information was copied to all Members and was noted.
- b) **Dorset County Council** wrote regarding 'Town /Parish Council Highway Lengthsman Scheme and the letter was copied to all Members. Also copied to members were the East Dorset District Council's Environment and Health & Housing Scrutiny Development Sub Committee's report on the Ferndown Lengthsman scheme and a letter from a resident supporting the scheme. Much discussion took place on: the financing of the scheme, including the purchasing of an electric vehicle and equipment; the positive benefit felt by residents to the scheme; the cost to the town and the contributions from the Council; whether the District Council would contribute; how funding would continue in future years; that consultation would have to take place with residents ensuring they are aware of what the costs will be. It was felt that some jobs, which should be carried out by the District and County Council were having to be chased by Town Council to ensure the work was carried out. The Chairman allowed a member of the public to speak in favour of the scheme. The Mayor stated that at his quarterly meeting with the new Chief Executive this matter would be an agenda item at the meeting. East Dorset District Council were investigating the scheme looking at the cost/benefit of the Lengthsman service and would be reporting back to their Scrutiny Committee. This would be a future agenda item once the report had been received.
- c) **East Dorset District Council** wrote regarding Gambling Act 2005 – Consultation on Draft Policy. This was noted and the Policy is available to view at the Town Council Offices.

d) **Dorset County Council** wrote regarding the review of Dorset's Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy. The responses were collated and carefully considered before a final draft of the waste strategy was produced. It has now been approved by councillors at all the partner councils taking part in the review and as a result, the strategy has now been formally adopted as policy across the councils. The final waste strategy review plus other supporting information can be viewed at

[www.dorsetforyou.com/futureofwaste](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/futureofwaste) . This was noted.

e) **Hampshire County Council** wrote regarding the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework: Consultation on Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (ISA) 13<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2009. The relevant information would be sent to the Environment Councillor.

f) **PCSO Louise Hamilton** wrote regarding a request from a group of young people to improve the sports facilities that they have access to in their area of Three Legged Cross. This was noted and would be an agenda item on the next Amenities Committee Agenda.

g) **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Licensing Forum, Public Health Services, East Dorset District Council**. The Clerk copied a report to all Members of the meeting which she had attended. This was noted.

h) **Power of Well Being Training**. The Clerk reported that she had been able to book training for Members on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm at the Town Council Offices. Members were reminded that 80% of Councillors must be trained. The Clerk gave a brief outline as to the benefit of the Power of Wellbeing to the Town Council. Members were asked to inform the Clerk if they were able to attend the training.

i) Past and Present requested to use the Town Council logo on a calendar they were producing, which will show early views of Verwood from the 1900s, to be sold in the Verwood Post Office. Discussion took place and the Clerk was asked for more information which included, would the money raised benefit the community, would consideration be given to a contribution to the Mayors Charity Fund and ensure that they would not have the wording of the Town Council on the logo. Any information received will be reported at the next Full Town Council meeting.

#### 70/09 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget report for June was circulated to all members. They had been examined and no issues were raised.

#### 71/09 Access & Disability Audit

No report.

#### 72/09 Staff coverage of the Town Council Help Centre.

Minute 45/09(d) refers. Information was given to members on the amount of visitors to the Help Centre, staff coverage and the problems which occurred if one member of staff was on holiday and another unwell. Discussion took place on the Clerk's Report and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the report be accepted and the Clerk would proceed to recruit a person on an Ad Hoc basis to provide cover when the need arises.

#### 73/09 "Risk Assessment & Working Practice for Managing Personal Safety Risks in the Public Sector".

Minute 45/09(e) refers. A copy of the policy was copied to all members. After some discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Policy be adopted.

#### 74/09 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members and the Verwood Community Association.

A member of the Amenities Committee had carried out the inspections of the Verwood Recreation Ground and Open Spaces and of the Cemetery, but would carry out the inspection of the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground the next day. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out. No report to date had been received from the Verwood Community Association regarding Potterne Park.

75/09 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) An update was requested on the progress of the Lighting Scheme being carried out in Verwood. It was reported that a meeting would be held with Dorset County Council, Southern Electric Contracting and several members of the Town Council the next day.
- b) Information was given by the Mayor on the closure of the Verwood branch of HSBC Bank.
- c) The Mayor gave a report on the closure of St.Gabriels and that he would be meeting with the Chief Executive of the Health Authority regarding care issues of the residents.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32p.m.

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Chairman