

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE8<sup>th</sup> September 2009

PRESENT Councillors: B.Mortimer (Chairman)  
 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 Cllrs: Mrs.G.Belcher & P.Richardson

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs R Kingsnorth, Clerical Assistant & PC.Andy Robertson.

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110/09 Declarations of Interest.

None

111/09 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report which included information on crime figures for August. PC Robertson reported that July figures had been high but had decreased this month. Questions were asked about:- restorative justice; what public order means; replacement of the PCSO's who would be leaving over the next six months and that a guarantee had been given that all the posts will be filled; thanks were given to the Police for the Three Legged Cross Fun Day and hopes that it will continue; speed cameras.

112/09 Clerk's Report

- a) **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 11/09** was copied to all Members. Information included: Staff changes; AGM Resolutions; Consultations of Interest; 'Volunteer Now'; Dorset County Training Partnership. The AGM Resolutions will be an agenda item at the next meeting where the Town Council's representative will be given permission to vote at the AGM.
- b) **Min 95/09 (b) Flats on Home Farm Road/Crane Drive** junction refers. Information had been received regarding East Dorset Housing Association's bid to buy these flats a year ago before the builder went into receivership and that this had not been successful.
- c) **Verwood Community Association** sent a copy of their financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. This was noted.
- d) **Forest FM** wrote thanking the Town Council for the Grant Aid for 2009 – 2010. This was noted.
- e) **Dorset County Council** wrote that arrangements have been made for an Open Day to outline the services delivered by the Environment Directorate of the County Council. The event starts at 9.30am until 4.00pm and there will be an exhibition in Committee Room 1 and the County Hall reception at which there will be a programme of topical presentations throughout the day in the Council Chamber. In the County Hall car park will be a selection of vehicles from the County Council's fleet. Information was copied to all Members. Any member wishing to attend the tours of sites and facilities should fill in the form and return it to the Clerk as soon as possible.
- f) **More Powers for Parish and Town Councils**, an email has been received from the National Co-ordinator of the Local Works – promoting the Sustainable Communities Act. This was copied to all Members. After discussion members agreed that it was to the Town Councils advantage to write supporting the early day motion no. 1545 in support of the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill. It was proposed, seconded and **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council write to their MP asking them to 'Please sign the Early Day Motion No. 1545 in support of the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill.'

- g) **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 12/09** was copied to all Members. Information included: Further AGM Resolutions; the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).
- h) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust** wrote enclosing a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. This was noted.
- i) **Dorset County Council** wrote regarding the introduction of a customer self service into all of its 34 libraries. This will be available at the Verwood Library from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, therefore in order to make the necessary arrangements the Library will close at 1.00pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October and will reopen at 10.00am Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This was noted.
- j) The Clerk reported that a new Internal Auditor had been found, Mr.Trevor Steel and that arrangements were being made for him to visit the Town Council and meet with the Clerk and the Financial Assistant.

113/09 Monthly Budgets

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

114/09 Access & Disability Audit

Information was given that a different type of Radar lock had not been found.

115/09 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members and the Verwood Community Association.

The report from the Verwood Community Association regarding Potterne Park had been received. A member of the Amenities Committee had carried out the inspections of the Verwood Cemetery and the inspections of the Verwood Recreation Ground and Open Spaces would be carried out later in the month. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

116/09 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) It was reported that two delivery vans had been seen on the paving outside the Spar shop. The Clerk reported that two bollards would be sited between the existing bollards and the entrance to the Car Park.
- b) Information was given that Bugdens Meadow had been purchased by Dorset Wildlife Trust and there would be a meeting at The Hub on 15<sup>th</sup> September between 6pm-8pm for anyone interested.
- c) The Clerk was asked to pass on thanks to East Dorset District Council for the work carried out on the junction of Blackmoor Road and Ringwood Road, which had stopped cars being parked there which were for sale.
- d) Information was requested on the Hub and the Mayor reported that he had asked the Manager, Mr.Peter Truman to attend the next Full meeting where he will be able to introduce himself and give an update on the current situation and answer any questions that members may have.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00p.m.

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Chairman