

f) **Run to Pegasus 2009 Project 65.** The Run to Pegasus is an historic challenge run involving over 200 sponsored runners who will complete an amazing 65 mile run in under 24 hours from Tarrant Rushton in Dorset to Pegasus Bridge, Benouville, Normandy, France as part of the commemorations for the 65th Anniversary of D-Day on Thursday 4th June 2009. Members are reminded that the runners will be at Three Legged Cross between 5-6pm and were urged to turn out to support the runners.

g) **East Dorset District Council** wrote that they have received a request for a new street name to serve the block of 18 flats and 10 houses that are replacing 'Montrose'. The new street, as planned by EDHA, will be in addition to Montrose Close which will remain to serve phase 2 of the redevelopment. The new name proposed is – MONTROSE DRIVE. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to respond that the Town Council had no objections to the name Montrose Drive.

h) **Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils.** Chief Executive's Circular 07/09 regarding:- Annual General Meeting- Timetable; Employment Act 2008; Planning Aid – Now in Dorset; Devon & East Devon (Jurassic) Coast – Draft World Heritage Site Management Plan; CRC/NALC Guidance Papers; The Balance of Power: Central and Local Government- Report of the House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee; Dorset County Training Partnership. This was noted.

i) **East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2009/2010. This was noted.

12/09 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 5th May 2009 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

13/09 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held, 13th May 2009 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

14/09 Report from the Outgoing Mayor.
The Mayor had attended various functions which included: Civic Days at Bridport, Salisbury and Dorchester; Civic Thanksgiving Services at Wimborne and Poole; the AGM of The Friends of St.Gabriels; judging a Best Dressed Teddy competition at the Wednesday Playgroup in the Parish Rooms; the Verwood Carnival; the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Verwood Memorial Hall; a coffee morning at the Town Council offices raising monies for both her charities.
A vote of thanks was given to Councillor Mrs.Lucy Clark for all her work over the past year.

15/09 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.
a) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust.** A written report was circulated which included information on:- the Annual Report and accounts which will be available shortly; that the Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday 9th July at 7.30pm; the Golden Jubilee celebrations which had been a great success; fund raising.
b) **Citizens Advice Bureaux.** Information was given on the last board meeting where the planning structure for Dorset as a whole was discussed. An information sheet was copied to all Members with the services provided by CAB.
c) **Fairtrade.** Information was given that the next meeting will be held next week and that a register of producers and suppliers of Fairtrade goods is to be produced in the form of a leaflet and should be available July/August.
d) **Transport Action Group.** Information was given on two meetings which had been held where matters discussed included: a suggestion to provide a service whereby passengers are able to telephone or text to find out when the next bus is due at a bus stop; a grant for bus stop numbers to be displayed on bus shelters. It was also reported that there have been changes to

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bus routes and a new booklet should be available shortly. The new timetable is available to view on the Wilts and Dorset website.

16/09 Internet Councillor.

Information on the new memberships of Town Council committees and Town Council representatives on other bodies will be put on to the web site soon.

17/09 Press & P.R.Councillor.

Information had been sent to the Press regarding the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Also the Verwood Vista will be delivered in the next week to residents.

18/09 Verwood Community Association.

There was no report as the meeting, due to be held on the 12th May, had been cancelled.

19/09 Verwood Hub Community Association.

There was no report as the Trustees had not met this month. As the Trustees would not be meeting monthly the Town Council representative on the Executive Committee would give a report on any meetings attended. Concern was raised that a business plan had not been submitted but it was reported that a Rescue Business Plan had been seen by all the Trustees.

20/09 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Councillor Spencer Flower. There was no report for this meeting as the elections will be held on Thursday 4th June.

District Councillor Mrs L.Clark. A written report was circulated to all members which included information on: the new Chairman of the Council, Councillor Mrs.Pauline Reynolds and the Deputy is Councillor Mike Dyer; the new Chief Executive Mr.David MacIntosh who will take over from Mr.Alan Breakwell on 3rd August; that the District Council will be handling the counts for the County Elections and the European Elections.

21/09 'Newsletter'.

No issues were raised.

22/09 Annual Return of the Audit for the year ended 31st March 2009.

A copy of the accounts and supporting statements for the year end 31st March 2009 was circulated to all Members. The accounts were approved and signed by the Mayor and the Responsible Financial Officer and the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement was completed.

23/09 Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £129,100.49 for May were approved for payment.

24/09 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

a) Information was given that there was funding available from the East Dorset Community Partnership – Local Project Funding but that the closing date was the 8th June. Up to £2,000 is available for 5 local community projects at this year's conference.

b) Concern was raised that the Bus ID and Bus ID + schemes for young people up to 18 was only available in the Salisbury Saver Area and the Poole Saver Area and went only as far as Ferndown. Members were asked if they felt that the Town Council should find out if it could be extended to Verwood. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the Mayor would write a letter to Wilts and Dorset asking them to consider extending the scheme.

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- c) The Clerk was asked to arrange for the removal of the old Verwood Sign on the Alderholt Road.
- d) The Clerk was asked to contact Southern Electric Contracting and request that, when they are replacing the street lights, that they ensure that the new lights are positioned so that the entrances to the footpaths are well lit.
- e) Information was given that branches and grass clippings had been dumped on the piece of land at Church Hill. The Clerk would investigate and organise for them to be removed..
- f) It was reported that the 'Aggis Farm' sign and a water sign was now in the middle of the pavement due to a hedge which had been cut back and concern was raised that the signs were a trip hazard. The Clerk would contact the appropriate authorities to have the signs repositioned.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.

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Mayor