

**VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**24th June 2009**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M.W.Dolan(Mayor)  
Councillors P.Baker  
Mrs.G.Belcher  
Mrs.L.Clark  
Mrs.A.Daymond  
M.V.Daymond  
A.R.Dedden  
Mrs.L.Dedden  
Mrs.J.Hazel  
B.Mortimer  
V.Redpath  
P.W.Richardson  
Ms.J.Russell

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs.T.B.Coombs, S.Gibson, A.R.Nicholls, Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls & M.Simper

Also apologies were received from: County Councillor S.Flower

In Attendance:- Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk.

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50/09 Declaration of Interests.

Councillor Mrs. G.Belcher declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 11 (b) as she is a Trustee of the Hub.

Councillor Mrs.J.Hazel declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 5(b) and 11 (b) as she is a member of the Planning Committee of East Dorset District Council and a Trustee of the Hub.

Councillor B.Mortimer declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 5(b) as he is a member of the Planning Committee of East Dorset District Council.

51/09 Minutes of the Meetings held 26th & 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 as circulated, were confirmed and signed, after Councillor Mrs.J.Hazel's name had been taken off the Plans Consultative Committee membership.

52/09 Clerk's Report

a) **Minute 11/09(f) Run to Pegasus 2009 Project 65.** The Mayor, some Town Councillors and staff were at Three Legged Cross to cheer the runners on, however many of the runners had gone through earlier than anticipated. A letter had been received from one of the Trustees, Major M.Massy-Beresford, stating their appreciation of the response by the Town in providing a reception team and a water point for the runners as they passed through Three Legged Cross and for the donation of £130 which had been collected.

b) **Minute 24/09 (b) Bus ID & Bus ID+ Scheme.** Information has now been received that the Bus ID scheme does cover the Verwood area. This was noted.

c) **The Verwood and District Carers Group** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid 2009/2010. This was noted.

d) **The Clerk** reported that her recent submission of Section 7 for the Certificate in Local Council Administration had been passed. The certificate now fulfils the eligibility criteria for a qualified Clerk as prescribed in the Parish Councils (Power to Promote Well-Being) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2008. Members were informed that the next step was for

training of the Town Councillors, which would be arranged by the DAPTC. The Clerk would contact them and arrange for training in September.

e) **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 08/09** included information on: Dorset Police; Charles Arnold Baker's National Training Strategy Clerks Bursary Scheme 2009; The Digital Britain Report of the Department of Culture, Media and Sport; Ninth NALC/SLCC Clerks' Networking Lunch; Putting People First – NALC Annual Conference and Exhibition 4 & 5 September 2009; 2009 NALC Leadership Academy; The Law of Parks and Open Spaces; Dorset County Training Partnership; Job Vacancies. The circular was copied to all Members and was noted.

53/09 Committees & Sub-Committees Standing Order 48.

At the Amenities and Plans Consultative Committee meetings it was decided by committee members that the previous Chairman would be re-elected. Both have been Chairman of the said committees for two years. Members were asked to revoke part of Standing Order 48 for one year which is 'The term of office shall not exceed two consecutive years, subject to the provisions of Standing Order 19(ii)'. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that part of Standing Order 48, 'The term of office shall not exceed two consecutive years, subject to the provisions of Standing Order 19(ii)' will be revoked for one year.

54/09 The Report of the Amenities Committee meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2009 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

55/09 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held, 3rd June 2009 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

56/09 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

57/09 Verwood and District Chamber of Trade.

The Verwood and District Chamber of Trade had asked if a Town Council representative could be appointed to attend their monthly meetings. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that Councillor B.Mortimer would attend the meetings of VADCOT as a representative of the Town Council.

58/09 [Report from the Mayor.](#)

The Mayor had attended various functions which included: an Open Day at the Verwood Opportunities Centre; Project 65 Pegasus Run which came through Three Legged Cross; a meeting where the future of the Verwood British Legion Club was discussed; the High Sheriff of Dorset's Garden Party at Crichel House; opening the new nature garden at Hillside First School; the East Dorset District Scout Council's Annual Review; opening of an exhibition 'Embroidery of the Century' at the Verwood Memorial Hall; a Civic Day at Wareham. The Mayor would be writing to the British Legion stating his concern on the future of the Verwood British Legion Club.

59/09 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) Verwood and Three Legged Cross Twinning Association. A report was given on the visit to Liederbach am Taunus which had been a great success. Information was given on visits to Verwood by French and German twinning in the next two years. A request was made for host families to contact the Association.

- 60/09 Internet Councillor.  
It was reported that the monthly Mayor's report would soon be available to view on the Town Council's website.
- 61/09 Press & P.R.Councillor.  
It was reported that there had been good coverage of press releases sent by the Town Council over the last month. However there had been a few errors made by the newspapers.
- 62/09 Verwood Community Association.  
There was no report this month.
- 63/09 Verwood Hub Community Association.  
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- 64/09 Reports of the County & District Councillors.  
**County Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs.** A written report was circulated to all Members which included information on: County Council Elections; Weymouth Relief Road; Icelandic Banks; the official opening of the first phase of the new Q.E School; information that Verwood CE First School had decided to close for a week following the confirmation of a child having swine flu.  
**District Councillor Mrs L.Clark.** A written report was circulated to all Members which included information on: the work carried out by the District Council staff at the County Council and European elections; the Housing Advice and Homelessness Agency which is being transferred from the East Dorset Housing Association to the District Council; consultation on Concessionary Bus Fares by the Government with Local Authorities to gauge support for countrywide schemes; an update on the Regional Spatial Strategy.
- 65/09 Accounts  
It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £20,931.37 for June were approved for payment.
- 66/09 Items of report and matters for future agendas.  
a) A request was made for the Town Council to acquire questionnaires relating to 'Assessing South East Dorset's Transport Needs'.  
b) An update was given on the MUGA project.  
c) A reminder was given to the Town Council that the 'Talented Youth' Concert would take place on 4<sup>th</sup> July at the Hub.  
d) Concern was raised regarding the new street lighting scheme which was being carried out in the Civil Parish. Complaints had been received about the contractors, regarding the notification of the work being carried out and the negative response to resident's enquiries. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council and ask for a meeting with the officer responsible for this project.  
e) It was reported that the Three Legged Cross First School had received an outstanding Ofsted report. A letter of congratulations would be sent to the School.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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Mayor