

AMENITIES COMMITTEE2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

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

Apologies from Cllrs: Mrs.A.Daymond, B.Mortimer & S.Gibson

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk and Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk

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296/09 Declarations of Interest.

None.

297/09 Allotments.

The responses received from residents and businesses near Blackmoor Road were circulated to all members. Discussion took place which included objections concerning, security of the site, noise which would emanate from the site by allotment holders, loss of trees, drainage and flooding on the site, parking and whether it was legal for an open space to be changed to an amenity space. Ways of addressing the concerns of residents and owners of the industrial units were discussed, including rules and regulations for allotment holders. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the project be taken forward and that the Clerk would approach the Legal Department, East Dorset District Council regarding a change in the designation of the land in Blackmoor Road from open space to amenity land. A meeting would be arranged between the Chairman and the Allotment Society.

298/09 Cemetery – Clerk’s Report.

a) The Clerk and Assistant to the Town Clerk had attended a Burials/Burial Grounds Training event, which was held jointly between Dorset Association of Parish Town Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

299/09 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces – Clerk’s Report

a) **Verwood & District Horticultural Society** wrote that they are holding a Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in the Memorial Hall on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am to 12 Noon and asked for permission to put their plant stall on the grass area in the Verwood Recreation Ground by the Memorial Hall. It was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that permission be granted for the use of the grass area in the Verwood Recreation Ground next to the Memorial for the plant stall and a risk assessment would be requested.

300/09 Roundabouts in the Civil Parish

Mins.108/09, 176/09 (b) & 288/09 (h) refers. It was reported that there had still not been any success in finding any businesses to sponsor the roundabouts at Manor Road, Black Hill and Burnbake Road. Discussion took place regarding the Town Council taking over the landscaping and maintenance of them and various landscaping ideas were put forward. The Clerk was asked to contact a local nursery to obtain landscaping designs and costings of planting and maintenance after which it would be an agenda item at the next Amenities Committee meeting in June.

301/09 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) Concern was raised regarding the plethora of estate agents boards outside the flats in Foxes Corner and A boards on the highway. The Clerk would take advice from East Dorset District Council.
- b) A question was raised regarding the three tier planter, which had been sited in front of the Town Council Offices over the winter period, whether it was to be put back on the closed part of Edmondsham Road in the summer? The Clerk reported that it would be taken back once spring bedding had been planted. Discussion took place on buying a similar planter and leaving one outside the Council Offices and it was agreed that no further planter would be bought this year.
- c) An update was requested on the complaint of a trip hazard outside the Heathland Heritage Centre. The Clerk would investigate.
- d) It was reported that the French drain in Home Farm Road had been flooding. The Clerk would investigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

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Chairman