

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

1st June 2010

PRESENT Councillors: P.Richardson (Deputy Mayor)
Mrs.G.Belcher
Mrs.A.Daymond
A.R.Nicholls
Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls
V.Redpath
Ms.J.Russell

Apologies from Cllrs: M.Dolan and Mrs.J.Hazel

Also in attendance Cllrs: A.R.Dedden and Mrs.L.Dedden

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

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32/10 Election of Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor V.Redpath was proposed and seconded and he was duly elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year, subject to the revocation/variance of part of Standing Order 48 at the next Full Town Council Meeting.

33/10 Election of Vice-Chairman.

Upon nominations being called for Councillor Mrs.A.Daymond was proposed and seconded and she was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

34/10 Declarations of Interest.

None.

35/10 Allotments.

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had spoken to Dorset County Council, Valuation Estates Department who had written to Children's Service regarding the piece of land by Emmanuel Middle School for use as allotments as they own the land. The Valuation Estate Department were still awaiting a response.

36/10 Cemetery – Clerk's Report.

The Clerk gave information that the new area of land for burials was now being used.

b) Members were reminded that staff were attending burials out of their normal working hours due to the signing of the notification of burial form.

37/10 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces – Clerk's Report

a) Verwood & Three Cross Twinning Association sent an email asking if the Amenities Committee would investigate the feasibility of moving the bench which is beside the Boules pitch due to anti-social behaviour from youths gathering in the area. The email was copied to all members. Discussion took place after which it was agreed that the situation would be further monitored to see if the problem persists. In the meantime the Association will be asked to make the Police aware when there is a match and

notify the Town Council in order that the site can be cleared of litter etc if necessary. If the problem persists and it is felt that the seat should be moved to another area of the Recreation Ground, the Twinning Association would be responsible for the cost of the removal and installation on a new site.

b) Members were informed that the member of staff who opens up the toilets and barrier on Sundays and Bank Holidays would not be able to carry out these tasks after 31st October. It was suggested that an advertisement be placed on the Town Council notice boards and in the next Verwood Vista in August.

c) Rossgarth Football Team wrote that, as Rossgarth Youth FC were expanding, they require more football pitches and requested to use the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground on Sunday afternoons for league/cup fixtures throughout the football season. As the goal posts are in reasonable condition they would purchase nets and corner flags. They understood that the Town Council's current contractors maintain the pitch but the marking out of it would need to be addressed. Rossgarth would be willing to pay for the hire of the pitch. After discussion members agreed to allow the land to be used by Rossgarth for football matches on a Sunday afternoon. The Clerk was asked to seek information about the charges of pitches in the area. It was agreed by members that a formal contract would need to be drawn up between Rossgarth and the Town Council. The Chairman and the Town Clerk would liaise with Rossgarth on this matter.

38/10 Data base of the footpaths in the Civil Parish.

A template of a form to list the footpaths in the Civil Parish was copied to all Members. Discussion took place on various ways that the information could be gathered which included: by Councillor's collecting data from their wards; the Town Plan; residents who call at the Town Council regarding a footpath to complete a form; request for information via the website and the Verwood Vista. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that to start the process Councillors would be asked to compile information on the footpaths in their wards and that forms would be made available in the Town Council Help Centre for residents to complete.

39/10 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) Information was given that the travellers, who had been camping on the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground had now left the site and that most of the rubbish had been cleared. Tree work will need to be carried out and the site has been secured.

b) An update was requested on the planting of three roundabouts in Verwood. Information was given that it was too late to plant the shrubs now but that it would be done at the end of summer but some preparation work may be carried out before then.

c) A request was made that shrubs on Champtoceaux and Liederbach Greens be shaped individually. The Clerk would investigate.

d) It was reported that the brick work around the roundabout at the end of Champtoceaux & Avenue was in need of attention. The Clerk would report this to Dorset County Council

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.18 p.m.

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Chairman