

AMENITIES COMMITTEE7th September 2010

PRESENT Councillors: V.Redpath (Chairman)
Mrs.G.Belcher
M.Dolan
Mrs.J.Hazel
Ms.J.Russell

Apologies from Cllrs: Mrs.A.Daymond, A.R.Nicholls, Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls
P.Richardson

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

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112/10 Declarations of Interest.

None.

113/10 Allotments.

A report had been received from the Verwood and Three Legged Cross Allotments Holder Association (VAHA). At their AGM Mr.Jon Pearson stood down as Chairman and Mr.Bill Seymour has taken his place. Vice Chairman is Mr.Eric Burton, Mrs.Emma Prince continues as Secretary and Derek Scruby continues as Treasurer. Membership continues to increase and the Association continues to look for suitable land. The Clerk gave information on the correspondence she had had with Dorset County Council concerning the land adjacent to the Emmanuel Middle School, which stated that they could not support a lease for allotment purposes because it would difficult and possibly costly to regain possession of the site. They agreed to keep the correspondence on file and inform the Council if the situation changed and if they become aware of any other suitable land they will let us know. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council again to ask if they would support a shorter lease of five years. Discussion took place regarding allotment membership and the list held by the Clerk and other avenues investigated for allotments.

114/10 Cemetery – Clerk’s Report.

- a) The Clerk gave information that tree work had been carried out in the Cemetery.
- b) The Clerk had received information regarding Cemetery Mapping and Burial Administration Systems and members were asked to give permission for the matter to be investigated further. Following a short discussion the Clerk was given permission to make further investigations.

115/10 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces – Clerk’s Report

- a) Minute 37/10(a) refers. Verwood and Three Legged Cross Twinning Association wrote again with another request to move the seat by the Petanque pitch. The letter was copied to all members. Discussion took place after which it was agreed that the Clerk would ask the Town Council’s contractor, employed to pick up litter on the Verwood Recreation Ground, to monitor the amount of glass in and surrounding the pitch for the next two weeks and report the information back to members of the committee.

b) Verwood Family Church emailed asking if they can hold a carol singing event at the Farmers Market on 23rd December 2010. After a short discussion it was agreed that permission be given and the Clerk would contact the representative of the Farmers Market.

c) East Dorset District Council, Play Facilitator emailed asking if they could use the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground and Charlotte's Place once a fortnight during school term time right thorough to June next year. Following short discussion permission was granted.

f) Ms.L.Dillingham, Staccato School of Music, emailed asking for permission to display a 6ft x 2ft banner on the Verwood Recreation Ground railings for one month from September 19th and again from November 20th – December 21st. Members were unhappy that the banner would be advertising a private company and because of this reason permission would not be granted for it to be displayed on the Verwood Recreation Ground railings.

116/10 Data base of the footpaths in the Civil Parish.

Information has been received from several members who have walked the paths in their wards. The information will not be collated until all members' reports have been received. Some members of the Amenities Committee were in the process of gathering information on the footpaths in their wards and it was hoped that all members would complete the work by November.

117/10 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) A letter had been received from a resident of Evergreen Close concerning the lighting to a car park and footpath near Evergreen Close. As the car park is private and is not the responsibility of the Town Council the Chairman agreed to speak to the resident.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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Chairman