

AMENITIES COMMITTEE2nd November 2010

PRESENT Councillors: V.Redpath (Chairman)  
 Mrs.G.Belcher  
 Mrs.A.Daymond  
 M.W.Dolan  
 Mrs.J.Hazel (7.32 p.m.)  
 Ms.J.Russell

Apologies from Cllrs: 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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181/10 Declarations of Interest.

None.

182/10 Allotments.

It was reported that a general meeting of the Allotment Holders Association would be taking place on the 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Hub. At a meeting held with the Town Council regarding the Core Strategy, allotments had been mentioned and the members of the Allotment Holders Association were urged to comment on allotments in the Core Strategy.

183/10 Cemetery – Clerks Report.

a) The Clerk reported that she had received information on a Cemetery Administration and Mapping Package from Pear Technology. Discussion took place and it was agreed that Councillors M.Dolan and Ms.J.Russell would investigate the package on the web site and report back to members.

184/10 Items to be put forward for inclusion in estimates of expenditure for the Cemetery for 2011/12

Proposed budgets for 2011/2012 were copied to members which included expenditure for last year and money spent to date on each of the budgets. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Finance and General Purposes Committee be requested to include the following items in estimates for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

General Rates	£200
Cemetery Maintenance	£7,500
Water	£80

Also the Finance & General Purposes Committee would be asked to add £600 to the 'Cemetery Improvement Fund' (to allow for memorial testing every 5 years) and to change the name of the Fund to 'Cemetery Fund'.

185/10 Cemetery Charges for 2011/12

The current scale of charges for the Verwood Cemetery was copied to all members. Consideration was given and after discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Finance & General Purposes Committee be requested that the following charges be raised from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

	Town Resident	Non Resident
Plots only	£115	£465
Burial Fees	£75	£370
Cremation Plot	£75	£370
Cremation additional burial	£60	£130
Monuments – Burial	£75	£160
Cremation	£65	£140
Inscription	£30	£ 60
Plaque	£65	£140

186/10 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces – Clerk’s Report

a) Members were informed that a request had been made for a banner to be displayed, for a commercial business, on the Verwood Recreation Ground. The request had been denied.

b) Information was requested on the monitoring of the glass and rubbish in and around the Boules Pitch in the Verwood Recreation Ground. The Contractor stated that no glass had been found recently in the pitch and that litter had decreased in the whole of the Recreation Ground.

c) The Clerk reported that a formal request could be made by East Dorset District Council for the Town Council to maintain the play area in Potterne Park.

187/10 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces – items of expenditure for inclusion in estimates for 2011/12.

Proposed budgets for 2011/2012 were copied to members which included expenditure for last year and money spent to date on each of the budgets. Discussion took place on the items to be considered and it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Finance & General Purposes Committee be requested to include the following items in estimates for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011.

Maintenance of Open Spaces	£ 5,100
Hanging Baskets/Planters	£10,670
Maint. of Verwood Recreation Ground	£ 9,000
Maint. of Memorial Stone	£ 150
Maint. of Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground	£ 7,400
Maint. of Play Areas	£ 5,100
Casual Labour	£ 400
Cleaning of Bus Shelters	£ 800

188/10 Data base of the footpaths in the Civil Parish.

More information had been received regarding the footpaths. Concerns were raised regarding the collecting of the information and the collation of the data. The Clerk would check which areas were left to be investigated.

189/10 Other reports and items for future agendas.

a) A request had been made for the Committee to approach the Finance & General Purposes Committee to put monies in a fund for weed killing work to be carried out around the Civil Parish by the Town Council Contractors, which is not now being carried out by the County Council. Discussion took place and members agreed in principle but requested that the Clerk find out costings from the contractor first.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.

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Chairman