

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE12<sup>th</sup> January 2010

PRESENT Councillors: B.Mortimer (Chairman)  
Mrs.G.Belcher  
Mrs.L.Clark  
M.V.Daymond  
Mrs.L.Dedden  
M.W.Dolan  
Mrs.J.Hazel  
V.Redpath  
Ms.J.Russell

Apologies were received from Cllrs: S.Gibson, P.Richardson & M.Simper

Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk & PC.Andy Robertson.

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236/09 Declarations of Interest.

Councillor M.V.Daymond declared a interest under Agenda Item 9 as he is Chairman of Verwood Age Concern.

Councillor Ms.J.Russell declared an interest as she is the Town Council representative on the Executive Committee of the Hub.

237/09 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report which included information on: crime figures; anti social behaviour; speed checks. Discussion took place regarding what is classed as detected crime and a request that Police regularly check the Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground as motorcycles have damaged the ground.

238/09 Clerk's Report

a) **Verwood Branch of the Royal British Legion** wrote asking that, as the Royal British Legion Club in Verwood is to close in mid February 2010, would the Town Council consider displaying the 'Book of Remembrance' in the Town Council Help Centre. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Town Council agree to display the 'Book of Remembrance' in the Town Council Help Centre.

b) **Fun Day at Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground.** Minute 229/09 (d) refers. Information has now been received that the Fun Day at Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010. This was noted.

239/09 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget report for December was circulated to all members. They had been examined and no issues were raised.

240/09 Access & Disability Audit

No report.

241/09 Lengthsman Scheme.

Minute 212/09 refers. This item was put on the agenda to set up a working party to look into the Lengthsman scheme. After discussion it was agreed that Councillors Mrs.G.Belcher, Mrs.L.Clark, M.V.Daymond, Mrs.L.Dedden and B.Mortimer would be on the working party. The working party were asked to bring back their terms of reference to the Committee, with a scoping document and a time scale.

242/09 Local Action Group.

Minute 204/09 (a) refers. Discussion took place regarding the history of how the LAG was set up, funding of the LAG, the structure of the meetings, communications between the LAG and the Town Council and the Themed Action Groups.

243/09 A Boiler for the Town Council Offices.

Minute 207/09 (b) refers. Two quotations for a replacement boiler for the Town Council Offices have now been received. They are as follows:-

Heating and Cooling Services: - £2,890 + VAT

Connaught Compliance Gas Services Ltd: - £2,782 + VAT

After some discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Heating and Cooling Services quotation of £2,890 be accepted as they are a local firm and that they already carry out servicing of the Town Council heating and air-conditioning.

244/09 Flag Pole.

Minute 229/09 (c) refers. Information was copied to Members regarding costings of a flag pole and flag. Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Clerk purchase an aluminium flag pole and flags to be sited at the Town Council Offices.

245/09 Grit Bins.

The Help Centre has been contacted by many residents who have complained about the icy pavements and asked why the Council hadn't gritted them. Dorset County Council stated that they don't grit pavements but if the Town Council buy grit bins for a row of shops or a street they will fill and re-fill them with grit free of charge. Numerous complaints have come from Manor Road, near the Post Office, Chiltern Drive, Montrose Drive, Verwood Pet Stores, Hainault Drive and Coronation Road. After much discussion about the provision of bins Members felt that it would be difficult to provide for individual streets. However, it was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact Dorset County Council to see where bins could be sited around the shops along Ringwood/Manor/Vicarage Road. Once sites had been agreed the Clerk would then contact the shops to see if they would make use of them.

246/09 Estimates for Expenditure for 2010/2011.

A schedule for the ensuing year had been submitted, the schedule was duly approved and it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that a precept of £262,942 be levied in accordance with the requirements of the schedule, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The increase for 2010/2011 for the Band D Council Tax will be £1.55.

247/09 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members and the Verwood Community Association.

The report from the Verwood Community Association regarding Potterne Park had been received. The inspections of the Verwood Cemetery and the Verwood Recreation Ground and Open Spaces had been carried out. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work.

248/09 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that the new Chief Executive of East Dorset District Council, Mr. David McIntosh, would be attending the Eastern Area DAPTC meeting this week.
- b) A request was made for an agenda item to discuss the provision of a seat on Ferrett Green in memory of Rifleman Philip Allen.
- c) Information was given that the CPRE were awarding monies for litter picking in parishes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.34p.m.

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Chairman