

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE9th February 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
M.Simper

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

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

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267/09 Declarations of Interest.

None

268/09 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report which included information on: crime figures; anti-social behaviour; speed checks. Information was given on the duties of a Special Constable and the duties of a PCSO.

269/09 Clerk's Report

- a) **Minute 244/09** refers. The Flag Pole for the Town Council has been ordered. This was noted.
- b) **Verwood Concert Brass** emailed thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
- c) **East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
- d) **New Forest National Park**, wrote enclosing a copy of the revised draft Recreation Management Strategy, which can be viewed at the Town Council Offices. This was noted.
- e) **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 02/10**. Training Update. This was copied to all Members. The Clerk asked that if any member wished to attend any of the Training to contact the office.
- f) **Active Games for All** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
- g) **Verwood Area Fiftyplus** Forum wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
- h) **DAPTC Chief Executive's Circular 03/10**. Included information on: NALC Model Standing Orders; Local Government Pay 2010/2011; Planning system overhaul announced; Guide Dogs for the Blind; 'On Your Bike'; Parish Litter Warden Scheme, as funded by Keep Britain Tidy, administered by CPRE. This was copied to all Members and was noted.

270/09 Monthly Budgets

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

271/09 Access & Disability Audit

No report.

272/09 Seating at Ferrett Green.

The Clerk reported that she had met with Mrs. Charman-Allen and had discussed a site for a seat on Ferrett Green in memory of her son, Rifleman P. Allen. Mrs. Charman-Allen will contact the Town Council, to officially ask permission, once she has chosen a seat and the wording to be placed on it.

273/09 War Memorial at St. Michael & All Angels Church.

Reverend Andrew Sinclair asked for the placing of Rifleman Allen's name on the War Memorial in the Church grounds to be discussed by the Town Council. Information was given that Reverend Sinclair would be contacting a Funeral Director regarding the cost of placing a brass plate on the War Memorial and once this information was given funding would be sought.

274/09 Lengthsman Scheme Working Party.

The minutes of the first Working Party meeting was copied to all members and noted. Discussion took place regarding East Dorset District Councils attitude to the scheme and on information which was being sought by the Working Party.

275/09 Risk Management Statement.

A copy of the Risk Management Statement was circulated to all Members. It was proposed, seconded and
RECOMMENDED that the Risk Management Statement for the Verwood Town Council is accepted.

276/09 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.

277/09 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) Information was requested about the notice board with a map which had previously been discussed. The Clerk would write to the Chamber of Trade and ask if they would be interested in putting funds toward the notice board.
- b) It was suggested that a small reception should be given by the Town Council in May to the visitors from France and funded from the Mayor's Allowance.
- c) An agenda item was requested for members to discuss Service Level Agreements with regard to Grant Aid.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.04p.m.

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Chairman