

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE9th March 2010

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs.L.Dedden (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs.G.Belcher
M.W.Dolan
Mrs.J.Hazel
V.Redpath
Ms.J.Russell
M.Simper

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs.L.Clark, M.V.Daymond, S.Gibson, B.Mortimer & P.Richardson
Also in attendance: Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk,
PC.Andy Robertson.

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308/09 Declarations of Interest.

None

309/09 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report which included information on: crime figures for February, anti-social behaviour and speed checks carried out in the civil parish. Discussion took place regarding dangerous dogs, the 'No Excuse Campaign' which had been very successful and the Springfield Distributor Road. The Clerk was asked to write to PCSO Chris Maidment, who was leaving to commence Police training, to thank him for all his hard work in the Civil Parish and to wish him well for the future.

310/09 Clerk's Report

a) New Forest National Park wrote enclosing a copy of the Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD Submission Document along with a representation from and a statement of the representations procedure. All of the documents are also available online via the Authority's website: www.newforestnpa.gov.uk This was noted.

b) Dorset County Council wrote regarding the Planning Application Validation Checklist Consultation which can be viewed at www.dorsetforyou.com/index./jsp?articleid=345909 or alternatively can be viewed at the Town Council offices. Members are invited to comment within six weeks from the 26th February 2010. This was noted.

311/09 Monthly Budgets

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

312/09 Access & Disability Audit

No report.

313/09 Standing Orders Working Party.

Min. 269/09(h) refers. The Clerk now has a copy of the model Standing Orders. Members were asked to set up a Working Party to review the Town Council's Standing Orders. After discussion it was agreed that Councillors Mrs.L.Dedden, Mrs.J.Hazel, Ms.J.Russell and M.Simper would serve on the working party along with the Town Clerk. The Clerk would email the current Verwood Town Council Standing Orders to members.

314/09 Lengthsman Scheme Working Party.

The minutes of the meeting held 11th February 2010 were circulated to all Members and were noted.

315/09 Speed Indicator Devices.

Min. 268/09 refers. Information had been received from Colehill Parish Council on the cost to date of maintenance. No response had been received from East Dorset District Council regarding funding, therefore the matter was deferred.

316/09 East Dorset District Council's Draft Housing Strategy and Private Sector Housing Strategy.

Min/842/09(e) refers. Members can view the Draft Housing Strategy on:-

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=389529>

The Private Sector Housing Strategy can be viewed on:-

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After much discussion it was felt that the documents were well written with good intentions but did not address affordable housing issues. Members noted the documents and did not wish to comment..

317/09 East Dorset Traffic & Transport Themed Action Group.

Min. 284/09(b) refers. East Dorset Traffic and Transport Themed Action Group's letter was copied to all Members. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the following comments would be made:

- i) What are your Town/Parish views on the routes through your area and what value are these routes to your residents?
Comment – The routes are all valuable to the Town.
- ii) Doest your Town/Parish consider that these routes should continue?
Comment – Yes they should all continue.
- iii) Are there alternative routes which the Town/Parish think should be provided?
Comment - No
- iv) Is your Town/parish prepared to provide the District Council with financial assistance toward the District's subsidy on these routes?
Comment – In principle dependant on the need.
- v) Also to ask what the Town/parish thinking of other ways of moving people and services around whilst looking at bus services.
Comment – Would suggest that Morrison's be approached to provide a circular service around the town.

318/09 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 and the inspection of the Verwood Cemetery had been carried out. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out. The inspections of the open spaces will be carried out this week.

319/09 Other reports and items for future agendas.

- a) Information was given from the VCA Consultative Committee meeting regarding money obtained to refurbish the play area in Potterne Park.
- b) There will be an item on the May Agenda to discuss Service Level Agreements with regard to Grant Aid.
- c) Min. 273/09 refers. It was reported that a written quotation was to be sent for the brass plate on the War Memorial for Rifleman Phillip Allen and the Clerk informed members that donations totalling £58 had been received to date.
- d) It was reported that there was an item on the Dorset Archaeological Committee agenda regarding Ebblake, Verwood.
- e) Concern was raised regarding the SEC Lighting Scheme in the Lake Road/Blackthorn Way/Lombardy Close area.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

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Vice-Chairman