

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE13<sup>th</sup> April 2010

PRESENT Councillors:

B.Mortimer (Chairman)  
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: Mrs.G.Belcher, 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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341/09 Declarations of Interest.

None

342/09 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge had sent a written report which included information on: crime figures for the month of March; anti-social behaviour; speed checks that had been carried out in the Civil Parish. Questions were raised by members regarding motorists turning right on exiting the Lloyds Bank car park, concern of parking on the footpath outside the Vets next to the Doctors Surgery in Station Road and two fraud cases from the crime figures. Also a concern was raised regarding the opening times of the reception office at the Police Station when the receptionist is on holiday. Following discussion regarding this matter the Clerk was instructed to write to the East Dorset Section Commander with this concern.

343/09 Clerk's Report

a) **East Dorset District Council** wrote enclosing a draft of their Operational Response Plan (ORP) for Flooding at Woolsbridge. The document describes the actions that would be taken by the District and County Councils in response to a flooding emergency. It has been approved by Dorset Police and Dorset Fire & Rescue Service, but comments would be valued from the Town Council as a representative of the Community. The letter and map were copied to all Members and were noted. The Clerk was asked to find out if there are any areas in the Civil Parish that are prone to flooding.

b) **Dorset County Council** wrote enclosing the Mobile Library Schedules for the year 2010/2011 for the visits to Three Legged Cross. The times will be put on the noticeboard at Three Legged Cross, on the Town Council website and can be viewed at the Town Council Offices.

c) **Bournemouth & West Hampshire Water** wrote that as part of their ongoing network improvement programme they plan to lay a strategic main linking the towns of Verwood and Ringwood. The work will be divided into three sections:

1. Between Moneyfly Road and Ebblake Bridge from May to September 2010
2. Ringwood Forest from June to August 2010 (this will not affect any traffic)
3. Between the B3081 Junction and A31 Slip Road during September and October 2010.

Traffic lights will be used and may cause some delays, however they will of course do everything they can to minimise disruption during these periods. After a short discussion the Clerk was asked to find out more information regarding the location of the work to be carried out between the B3081 junction and the A31 slip road during September and October 2010 as the details supplied were not clear.

d) **East Dorset District Council** wrote they are now in the process of developing a new six-year Corporate Plan to cover the period 2010 to 2016. The key priorities and long term outcomes have been set out on the sheet attached and will form the basis of the new Corporate Plan. The closing date for comments is 30<sup>th</sup> April. The letter and attachment were copied to all Members. After discussion issues raised included, affordable housing to buy and let and with affordable housing light industry should be

considered to ensure young people had the chance to stay in the area. Concern was raised that the plan was in draft but that it is already four months into the 2010-2016 timescale. Members would contact the Clerk if there were any other points they wished to raise.

e) **St. John Ambulance** wrote advising that they will be carrying out a door to door fundraising initiative in Dorset. The fundraisers will be calling on households across East Dorset from week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April for approximately 12 weeks. This was noted.

f) **The Trussell Trust** e mailed information that they have recently taken over the Pramacare charity shop in Verwood and gave details of a foodbank they opened in Salisbury in 2000 which provides food for individuals and families who find themselves in some kind of temporary crisis. They are hoping to launch the service here in Verwood and are approaching as many professional agencies in Verwood with the view to all becoming "Distributors". A request was made that the Town Council act as one of the distribution sites for the scheme and members were given details of how the scheme worked. After discussion the Clerk was asked to e mail the letter and information regarding the scheme to all members and invite a representative from the Trusseltrust to speak to members at the next Finance and General Purposes meeting.

#### 344/09 Monthly Budgets

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

#### 345/09 Access & Disability Audit

It was reported that a request had been made by a disabled resident for a handrail to be placed alongside the footpath that runs from the East Dorset District Council car park next to the Doctors Surgery to Station Road as there is a considerable slope on the path which can be dangerous in the winter months. Both East Dorset District Council and the Doctors Surgery have denied ownership. After discussion the Clerk was asked to make further enquiries as to the owner of the footpath and in the meantime obtain an estimate for a handrail which can be considered by the Town Council, under the Power of Well Being, if the owner is not established.

#### 346/09 Roundabouts

Information has now been received regarding enhancing the three remaining roundabouts.

Holly Hedge Nurseries will provide the plants at a cost of:-

Newtown Roundabout	£166.80 including VAT	
Morrisons Roundabout	£172.80 including VAT	
Manor Road Roundabout	£171.80 including VAT	

Four quotations have been received from contractors to prepare the ground and plant the plants.

R.D.W.Landscapes	£900	+ vat
D.E.Perkins	£580	+ vat
Banyards	£465	+ vat
Dorset Works Organisation	£368.38	+ vat

Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and

**RECOMMENDED** that the quotations from the Holly Hedge Nurseries and Dorset Works Organisation be accepted.

#### 347/09 Sting in the Tale.

The co-ordinator of The Sting in the Tale has written with a request for funding towards The Sting in the Tale 'a festival of stories' 2010. The letter was copied to all Members. The Clerk was asked to contact The Sting in the Tale co-ordinator to ask if there were any events in Verwood this year. If there are events in Verwood and they are to be held in The Hub, as last year, the Clerk was instructed to write "that as the Town Council heavily subsidise the Hub anyway, they feel that they are unable to make a contribution to the Festival at this time."

348/09 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members and the Verwood Community Association.

The inspection of the Verwood Cemetery had been carried out. The report from the Verwood Community Association on Potterne Park had not been received to date and the inspections of the Recreation Grounds and open spaces had also not been received. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be carried out.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.

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Chairman