

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE12th October 2010

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs.G.Belcher, Mrs.A.Daymond, M.V.Daymond & B.Mortimer
Also in attendance: Mrs J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk, Mrs.R.Kingsnorth, Clerical Assistant
& PC Andy Robertson.

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154/10 Declarations of Interest.

None.

155/10 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge sent a written report which included information on: crime figures for September; anti-social behaviour; speed checks carried out in the Civil Parish; staffing. Further information was given on two incidents that had occurred in the Town Centre. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Sgt. Partridge for his monthly reports to the Town Council.

156/10 Clerk's Report

- a) **Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils, Chief Executives Circular 10/10**, included information regarding: Register your views on 'The Big Society'; NILDRAM switch to Opal – Info for those councils affected; Historic Towns Forum – Conference – Oxford – 20/22 October 2010; West Dorset District Council Parishes to note; External Grant Funding Sources; DCC Structural Maintenance Schemes for 2011-2012; Standards Board Regime – Important Announcement; training events; Vacancy for Parish Clerk. This was noted.
- b) **Dorset County Council** sent a copy of the Dorset Data Book 2010, which can be viewed at the Town Council Offices. This was noted.
- c) **Remembrance Sunday**. Members are asked to inform the Clerk if they will be attending the Remembrance Service on Sunday 14th November at St. Michael & All Angels Church. The service will start at 9.45am.
- d) **Dorset County Council** wrote giving advance notice of the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals Development Framework – Draft Minerals Core Strategy public consultation. The consultation commences on 29th October and will run until 17th December 2010. Responses can be made online at www.dorsetforyou.com/mwdf or by letter, email or paper response form. Information will be given nearer the time. This was noted.
- e) **Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils, Chief Executives Circular 11/10**, included information regarding: Purbeck plea for a new Secretary; NALC Larger Local Councils Committee's election for four members; Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole draft Minerals Core Strategy public consultation; Code of Practice on Local Authority Publicity – consultation; New charity fundraising courses for autumn; a visit to Dorset Direct; future of the Audit Commission; Volunteering in Sport conference; NILDRAM switch to Opal for affected councils; special offer from Blachere Illumination UK: training events. This was noted.

f) **124/10 (e) refers. East Dorset District Council** sent an e mail in reply to a letter sent by the Town Clerk asking for the District Council's position on fly-posting which was read out to members. The e mail stated that policy in respect of fly posting was being complied with by the District Council and gave information which included: that low level signs were in the lowest category and would be dealt with if all other work is not outstanding, which is not a situation that is ever likely to occur; how large hoardings were dealt with; who they felt were the most frequent offenders; the Policy and Resources Committee's authorisation of the commencement of a Policy to charge for the removal of low level signs; staff shortages. After discussion the Clerk was asked to write to the District Council to ascertain what the legal position was if the Town Council took down the low level signs around the town.

157/10 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget reports for September will be circulated at the Full Town Council meeting.

158/10 Access & Disability Audit

No report. A question was raised as to whether this item needed to be on the agenda each month. The Clerk would be consulted.

159/10 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members and the Verwood Community Association.

The report from the Verwood Community Association for October had been received and the inspections of the Cemetery and Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces had been carried out. The Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be done.

160/10 Other Reports and Items for Future Agendas

- a) Concern was raised regarding problems with trees on public land interfering with the signals from satellite dishes.
- b) A question was raised regarding publicity for the Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy Consultation and as to what the Town Council could do to alert residents to its existence. The District Councillors present gave information of how they were informing affected residents in their wards of the consultation.
- d) An agenda item was requested at the next Full meeting for a progress report from the SLA Working Party.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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Vice-Chairman