

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE9th November 2010

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

Apologies were received from Cllr: Mrs.L.Clark, Mrs.A.Daymond, Mrs.J.Hazel & 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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190/10 Declarations of Interest.

None.

191/10 Policing.

Sgt. Partridge sent a written report which included information on: crime figures; anti-social behaviour; speed checks; current PACT priorities. Discussion took place regarding shop lifting and operational matters. The Clerk was instructed to write that Members had concerns regarding the proposal to base Verwood response and patrol officers in Ferndown.

192/10 Clerk's Report

a) **Dorset County Council** wrote that the Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole Minerals and Waste Development Framework Consultation on the Draft Minerals Core Strategy has now been published. Consultation is for an eight week period, week ending 17th December at 4pm. The documents can be viewed at the Town Council Offices or by following the links from www.dorsetforyou.com/mcs. This was noted.

b) **East Dorset District Council** wrote regarding the Town Council's response to the Consultation on Reviewed Statement of Licensing Policy. They wrote that very recent changes to the law regarding proof of age in licensed premises have now made the law specific in this respect. As from 1st October 2010, a new mandatory condition has been introduced by the Government detailing exactly the type of identification required. The new condition, which is now attached to every licence, requires identification to be produced 'bearing their photograph, date of birth and a holographic mark'. Clearly there is now no need for approved lists and indeed such a policy would be illegal. The policy has now been changed to reflect the new law. Members were thanked for taking the time to consider the document. This was noted.

c) **East Dorset District Council** wrote inviting a representative to attend their annual consultation meeting with business, community and Parish and Town councils regarding 2011/12 budgets, to be held on Monday 13th December 2010 at 6pm in the Council Chamber at Furzehill. Councillor M. Dolan would attend with the Clerk if two representatives were allowed.

193/10 Monthly Budgets

The monthly budget reports for October were circulated and no issues were raised.

194/10 Partnership Behaviour Protocol.

A copy of the Partnership Behaviour Protocol had been copied to all Members. After discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Partnership Behaviour Protocol be adopted by the Town Council.

195/10 Reports on Health & Safety aspects from the Amenities Committee members and the Verwood Community Association.

The report from the Verwood Community Association for November had been received and the inspections of the Cemetery had been carried out the inspections on the Recreation Grounds and Open Spaces would be completed by the end of the week. Clerk will arrange for any necessary work to be done.

196/10 Other Reports and Items for Future Agendas

- a) An agenda item was requested to discuss expanding the work carried out by the Town Council contractors, e.g. hedge cutting and weed killing. This would be an agenda item at the December meeting.
- b) A question was asked if the Town Council were making comments about the Core Strategy. The Mayor would be collating members comments.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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Chairman