

**VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**19<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

<b>PRESENT: Councillor</b>	<b>M.W.Dolan (Mayor)</b>
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>P.Baker</b>
	<b>Mrs.G.Belcher</b>
	<b>Mrs.L.Clark</b>
	<b>Mrs.T.B.Coombs</b>
	<b>Mrs.A.Daymond</b>
	<b>M.V.Daymond</b>
	<b>Mrs.J.Hazel</b>
	<b>B.Mortimer</b>
	<b>V.Redpath</b>
	<b>P.W.Richardson</b>
	<b>Ms.J.Russell</b>

**Apologies were received from Cllrs: A.R.Dedden, Mrs.L.Dedden, S.Gibson , A.R.Nicholls, Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls & M.Simper**

**In Attendance:- Mrs.V.Bright, Town Clerk, Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk and County Councillor S.Flower.**

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249/09 Declaration of Interests.

Councillor Mrs. G.Belcher declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 4(a) & 9(b) as she is a Trustee of the Hub.

Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 4(a) as she is a member of Dorset County Council.

Councillor Mrs.A.Daymond declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 4(a) as she is a Hub Trustee, a member of AGFA, a Trustee of the Verwood Memorial Hall, a Member of the Twinning Association and that her husband is the Chairman of Verwood Age Concern and he is a member of Verwood Concert Brass.

Councillor Mrs.J.Hazel declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 4(a) & 9(b) as she is a Trustee of the Hub.

250/09 Minutes of the Meetings held 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

251/09 Clerk's Report.

a) **East Dorset District Council** wrote inviting a representative from the Town Council to attend a breakfast event on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Dudsbury Golf Club between 7.30am – 11.30am. The event is called "Opportunities and Threats". Councillor M.Dolan would represent the Town Council at the event.

b) **East Dorset District Council** sent a copy of their Emergency Response Plan which can be viewed at the Town Council Offices. This was noted.

c) **Enquiries & complaints from residents.** A monthly report was circulated to all members and was noted.

252/09 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

**Minute 246/09** RESOLVED that the District Council be advised that this Town Council would require a Precept of £262,942 in accordance with the schedule attached to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

253/09 Report from the Mayor.

The Mayor gave a report on functions and meetings he had attended which included: Christmas Carol Services in Three Legged Cross, Wimborne Minster and Ringwood; Age Concern's Christmas Party; a Verwood Concert Brass Christmas Concert; a meeting to hear the formal announcement of the closure of the Verwood Royal British Legion Club in mid February. The Mayor congratulated all the volunteers at Age Concern for their hard work and dedication.

254/09 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) **Verwood Memorial Hall.** A short report was given on the success of the New Years Eve event and information given that work on the new porch was to commence in early February 2010.

b) **Bournemouth International Airport.** A short report was given on the progress of the airport and that minutes of meetings were available to view from the Clerk.

c) **D.A.P.T.C. Eastern Area.** A short report was given on the last meeting where the Chief Executive of East Dorset District Council had attended which included discussion on Lengthmans schemes and provision of grit bins.

d) **Heathland Heritage Trust.** A short report was given on the purchase of a commercial dishwasher and the continuing success of the coffee shop.

255/09 Internet Councillor.

A request was made for previous Mayoral reports for the web site.

256/09 Press & P.R.Councillor.

Information was given that items were being collated for the next Verwood Vista, due out mid February. Also information was given on the Mayor's fundraising events which include a Murder Mystery Night on 6<sup>th</sup> March and a Barn Dance on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

257/09 Verwood Community Association.

No report.

258/09 Verwood Hub Community Association.

A report was given on the last Trustee meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January which included information on: the approval of the accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009; the decision, by the Constitution Change Sub Group, to change the status of the Hub to an 'Incorporated Charitable Company'.

259/09 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

**County Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs.** A report was given on the gritting situation in the County and how the County Council is dealing with the problem, including side roads to schools and access to farms. Questions were asked about the grit stocks held by the County Council and grit bins.

**District Councillor P.Richardson.** A written report was circulated to all Members which included information on the approval of the Council's new Housing Strategy and the Dorset Equality Strategy where action plans have been produced which will be reviewed every six months. A question was asked if monies had been allocated in the budgets for affordable housing.

260/09 Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £7,456.16 for January were approved for payment.

261/09 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Information was given that St.Michaels Croft site, Three Legged Cross had now been cleared on the instructions of East Dorset District Council.
- b) Information was given that the Talented Youth Concert would take place on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

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

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Mayor