

**VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**23rd February 2010**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M.W.Dolan (Mayor)  
Councillors P.Baker  
Mrs.L.Clark  
Mrs.T.B.Coombs  
Mrs.L.Dedden  
S.Gibson  
Mrs.J.Hazel  
B.Mortimer  
A.R.Nicholls  
V.Redpath  
P.W.Richardson  
Ms.J.Russell  
M.Simper

**Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs.G.Belcher, Mrs.A.Daymond, M.V.Daymond, A.R.Dedden & Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls**

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

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282/09 Declaration of Interests.

Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 4(a) as she is a member of Dorset County Council and 4(b) as she is a member of the East Dorset District Council Planning Committee

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

Councillor.P.Richardson declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 4(b) as he is a member of the East Dorset District Council Planning Committee.

283/09 Minutes of the Meetings held 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

284/09 Clerk's Report.

a) **Victim Support** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.

b) **East Dorset Community Partnership** – Traffic and Transport Themed Action Group, wrote in regard to the provision of bus routes. The letter was copied to all Members. After discussion it was agreed that this item should be an agenda item at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting. Members were asked to give any comments to the Clerk before the meeting.

c) **East Dorset District Council** wrote regarding the revised members Code of Conduct. Standards for England have notified the District Council that there is now insufficient parliamentary time available to lay the appropriate regulations before Parliament and so any new Code will not now be coming forward until after the General Election. This was noted.

d) **DAPTC Newsletter – Autumn/Winter 2009/2010** was sent to all Members. This was noted.

e) **East Dorset District Council** wrote that their draft Housing Strategy is now available for consultation. It can be viewed on <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=389529> , comments should be made by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 either by email [slhayes@eastdorset.gov.uk](mailto:slhayes@eastdorset.gov.uk) or by telephone. Their Private Sector Housing Strategy is also now available for consultation. It can be viewed on <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=389529> and comments should also be made by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010. This would be an agenda item at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

f) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.

g) **The Hub** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011 and their continued support. This was noted.

h) **Verwood Local Action Group** wrote that, at their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February, it was agreed that they should ask the Verwood Town Council to send a formal Council Representative to their meetings in order to report back to the Council on relevant issues. The next meeting of the Local Action Group takes place at The Hub at 7pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010. This would be an agenda item at the next Full Town Council meeting.

i) **Enquiries & complaints from residents.** A monthly report was circulated to all members and was noted. A request was made that the County Council be contacted again about the road surface on Church Hill leading into Dewlands Way and the roundabout by Margards Lane.

285/09 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

272/09 The Clerk reported that she had met with Mrs. Charman-Allen who was in the process of choosing a seat.

273/09 It was reported that Rev. Sinclair had obtained a verbal cost for Rifleman Allen's name to be added to the War Memorial.

277/09 (b) The Clerk would contact the Verwood and Three Legged Cross Twinning Association with regard to the Town Council hosting an event for visitors from Champtoceaux.

286/09 The Reports of the Plans Consultative Committee Meetings held 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 as circulated were confirmed, adopted and signed.

287/09 [Report from the Mayor.](#)

The Mayor gave a report on functions and meetings he had attended which included: the opening of Montrose Walton Court; the opening of the new Care Wey; the AGM at the Hub; a Civic afternoon at Ferndown. The Mayor reminded members of his Charity Mystery Murder event which is to take place at The Hub on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

The Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended a music concert at the Lighthouse, Poole

288/09 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) **Verwood Memorial Hall.** A written report, which was circulated to all Members, was given on: a new Secretary and new Booking Officer; interior works; external works; fundraising.

b) **D.A.P.T.C. Larger Parishes and Towns Committee.** A written report, which was circulated to all Members, which included information on: election of a Chairman; developers' contributions; emergency pharmacy provision; Corporate Property Review; election of the new Chairman of the Dorset Strategic Partnership; Chief Executive's report; DorBAG; items of interest raised by Member Councils.

d) **Talented Youth Concert.** Information was given that the concert will take place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Hub with concerts at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

e) **PACT Panel.** A report was given, and was circulated, regarding the last meeting which was held on 27<sup>th</sup> January, where matters discussed included:- crime figures; ASBO notices; local surgeries; work undertaken by the safety camera partnership; PACT priorities identified for the next 3 months.

f) **Heathland Heritage.** A report was given on: finances; external works; success of the coffee shop; the Asset Management Plan.

g) **East Dorset CAB.** Information was given that East Dorset CAB was exploring joining with North Dorset but it was in the early stages.

h) **Highways Liaison Councillor.** A short report was given on the sponsorship of roundabouts in the Civil Parish. This item would go back to Amenities Committee for discussion.

289/09 Internet Councillor.

It was reported that a new picture of the office staff had now been put on the web page.

290/09 Press & P.R.Councillor.

It was reported that the Verwood Vista would be delivered this week. Several Members stated that they had received their copy.

291/09 Verwood Community Association.

Information was given on the last Executive meeting where matters discussed included: Finances; that there were now two sub committees, one for the Leisure Centre and one for Potterne Park, the minutes of these two meetings are available for viewing at the Town Council Offices; information on a proposed MUGA as an income stream. Information was given that a charity football match was being arranged in memory of Rifleman Phillip Allen.

292/09 Verwood Hub Community Association.

A short report was given on the AGM where it was resolved that they would take on Incorporated Status. A letter had been received from Councillor Mrs.A.Daymond regarding the AGM which she requested be read out but members agreed to have it copied to them.

293/09 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

**County Councillor S.Flower.** A report was given on:- Revenue Budget 2010/11; the agreed capital programme now which includes the Springfield Distributor Road; Fiscal tightening 2011/14.

**District Councillor B.Mortimer.** A written report was circulated to all Members which included information on: Revenue Budget 2010/2011; Fiscal Tightening 2011/14; Change Programme; Proposed changes to Governance Arrangements; Pathfinder Clustering.

294/09 Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £14,085.26 for February were approved for payment.

295/09 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

a) Information was given on fly tipping in the River Crane by Ebblake Industrial Estate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26p.m.

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Mayor