



357/09 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed after a question was asked about maintenance of the roundabouts reference Minute 346/09.

358/09 The Reports of the Plans Consultative Committee Meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010 as circulated were confirmed, adopted and signed.

359/09 Local Action Group.

Min. 330/09 refers. The Chairman of the Verwood Local Action Group (LAG) and Vice Chairman were welcomed to the meeting to discuss what the responsibility would be for a Town Council representative on the LAG and how to further improve communications between the Town Council and the LAG. Mr. Fiander, Chairman of the LAG, spoke of the aims of the LAG and the format of the meetings. A lengthy discussion took place on: the concern that the LAG are by-passing the Town Council which is the democratically elected body; the public participation at the LAG where some matters brought up are dealt with directly by District and County Councillors instead of channelling issues through the Town Council; that information sought is available through the Town Council meetings and from the Help Centre; a suggestion that a representative from the LAG could attend Town Council meetings and take information back to the LAG; the disappointment that the minutes of the LAG meetings are not sent to the Town Council; the projects taken on by the LAG. Subsequently it was agreed that the minutes of the LAG meetings would be sent to the Town Council. Following the discussion it was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Town Council agree to a member attending meetings of the LAG in a personal capacity and that they would report any relevant issues back to the Town Council. Mr. Fiander thanked members for listening and hoped that the LAG and the Town Council would be able to work together in the future.

360/09 Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Subscriptions.

Information had been circulated to all Members regarding the annual subscription for 2010/2011 which was less than last year due to a surplus refund. It was proposed, seconded and RESOLVED that the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils subscription of £1,222.42 be paid for 2010/2011. The Clerk was asked to contact the married couple members to see if they required one or two copies of the Local Council Review.

361/09 Report from the Mayor.

The Mayor gave a report on functions and meetings he had attended which included: a concert by the Jenny Porter Singers; a meeting regarding St. Gabriel's to identify the current position of the project and the views on behalf of residents; Civic Days in Yeovil, Swanage and East Dorset; Civic Services in Sturminster Newtown and Weymouth; Civic Evening in Bridport; a Verwood Concert Brass concert at the Hub; the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St. Gabriel's.

362/09 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust.** A report was given on: the official opening of the new porch, by the Mayor, which would take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> May; fundraising; concern that the Police had not got back to the Hall regarding an incident involving youths on the roof of the Memorial Hall which had been reported by a resident. A request was made that this matter be brought up at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

b) **DAPTC Eastern Area.** A report was given on the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010 where matters discussed included: DAPTC subscriptions; representation on the East Dorset Community Partnership; NALC consultations; Member Council interests; joint working between Christchurch Borough Council and East Dorset District Council.

- c) **Police Liaison Councillor.** A report was given on the last PACT meeting where matters discussed included: speeding on the Verwood Road and Margards Lane; untaxed vehicles; parking issues outside Meadow Court, Newtown Lane; the decline of anti social behaviour in Morrisons car park and Verwood Recreation Ground; new PACT priorities for specific areas the Civil Parish.
- d) **Highways Liaison Councillor.** A request was made for the Highways Liaison Councillor to be informed of any highway enquires as they are reported to the Town Council.
- e) **Rights of Way.** An update was requested on the compiling of a data base of the footpaths in the Civil Parish (Min. 210/09 refers). This is to be an agenda item at the next Amenities Committee meeting. A request was made for the Rights of Way Councillor to be informed of any footpath enquiries as they are reported to the Town Council.
- f) **Citizens Advice Bureau.** It was reported that the partnership with North Dorset CAB was working well.

363/09 Internet Councillor.

A short report was given on items yet to go onto the website and discussion took place on possible additional items that could be put on the website.

364/09 Press & P.R.Councillor.

It was reported that the summer edition of the Verwood Vista would be distributed end of May. It was suggested that Dorset Fire and Rescue Service be contacted for an article for the next Vista as they had given a very interesting presentation at a meeting of the Dorset Strategic Partnership.

365/09 Verwood Community Association.

No report.

366/09 Verwood Hub Community Association.

No report.

367/09 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

**County Councillor S.Flower.** A report, which will be circulated to all members, was given on: Businesses across Dorset which are offering free training courses to help staff sharpen their skills; information on the East Dorset District Council's new DES computer system; future financial challenges of the District Council.

**District Councillor Mrs. J. Hazel .** A report, was circulated to all members and included information on: dog controls orders; a visit by EDDC Councillors to see the new terminal at Bournemouth Airport; the new EDDC committee structure which will commence from May 2010 and will be reviewed in autumn 2011.

368/09 Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £11,232.89 for April were approved for payment.

369/09 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) A report was given on an article in the press about an attack of a dog by another dog in Verwood.
- b) Information was given on the compilation of a Fairtrade Directory for the Civil Parish which was circulated to all members.
- c) It was reported that there was an updated leaflet available for Age Concern Verwood which was circulated to all members.
- d) An update was requested on the fly tipping situation at Ebblake.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.03 p.m.

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Mayor