

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
25th May 2010

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

Apologies were received from Cllr: B.Mortimer

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

Public: 5

- 9/10 Declaration of Interests.
Councillor Mrs.G.Belcher declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 18b as she is a Trustee of the Hub.
Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 13 (b) as she is a member of the East Dorset District Council.
Councillor Mrs.J.Hazel declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 12(b) as she is a Trustee of the Hub and a member of the Planning Committee of East Dorset District Council.
- 10/10 Minutes of the Meeting held 27th April, 2010 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.
- 11/10 Minutes of the Annual Assembly held 4th May, 2010 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.
- 12/10 Clerk's Report
a) **Verwood and Three Legged Cross Twinning Association** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
b) **Age Concern Verwood** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011.This was noted.
c) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
d) **Victim Support** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
e) **Verwood Community Association** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
f) **Verwood Area Fiftyplus Forum** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.

- g) **New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau Limited** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
- h) **Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils Chief Executive's Circular 04/10** included information on: staff changes; Olympics in Dorset; Sustainable Communities Act – Shortlist; recycling - a message from '2recycle.co.uk'; Trustees and the Code of Conduct; an important message from Dorbag; New Power for Local (Parish and Town) Councils to boost affordable rural housing; death of the cheque; DAPTC & Monitoring Officers Present Roadshow events; training events. This was noted.
- i) **Dorset County Council** wrote regarding highway maintenance 2010/2011. The letter was copied to all Members. Concern was raised regarding the curtailing of weed killing but information was given that this could be a job for the Town Council contractors, one of which has a licence to weed kill. A request was made for the Town Clerk to write to Dorset County to ask which areas of service specifically would be reduced.
- j) **East Dorset Citizens Advice Bureaux** wrote thanking the Town Council for Grant Aid for 2010/2011. This was noted.
- k) **The Clerk** reported that she was in the process of ordering a bus shelter for Verwood Road, Three Legged Cross. This was noted.
- l) **The Clerk** reported that there were travellers on Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground and that she had been in contact with the Gypsy Liaison Officer at Dorset County Council, who has now served notices to leave the land. This was noted.
- m) **Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils Chief Executive's Circular 05/10** included information on: The Coalition: our programme for Government; Community Resilience; Community Strategy Revision; The Dorset Broadcasting Action Group (DORBAG); Electronic Communications Toolkit; Goodbye to Clarence; Highway Maintenance 2010/11; DAPTC & Monitoring Officers Present Roadshow Events; Training Events. This was noted.
- n) **East Dorset District Council** wrote regarding their Dog control Orders which will come into force on the 1st June 2010. This was noted.
- m) **Enquiries and complaints from residents.** A monthly report had been circulated to all Members.

13/10 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held, 5th May 2009 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

14/10 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 11th May 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

15/10 [Report from the Outgoing Mayor.](#)
The Mayor had attended various functions which included: a meeting with Wilts and Dorset bus company; a Civic Day in Gillingham; unveiling of the new plaque on the War Memorial for Rifleman P.Allen; the memorial football match between the 2nd Rifles and Verwood Town Football Club; a Barn Dance in aid of the Mayor's Charity Appeal; Wimborne Thanksgiving Service; Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic at St. Michael's Playgroup; welcoming the twinning visitors from Champtoceaux and attending a Soiree at the Verwood Hub; Salisbury and Sherborne Mayor Making; Poole Civic Service.
The Outgoing Deputy Mayor reported that she had attended a Civic Day at Bridport.

16/10 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.
a) **Citizens Advice Bureaux.** A report was given on the retirement of Hilary Forest and the appointment of Tony Molloy as her replacement.

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b) **Verwood and Three Legged Cross Twinning Association.** Information was given on the visit by twinning visitors from Champtoceaux to celebrate the 25th anniversary, which included a cream tea which the Mayor hosted, a visit to Laycock and Stonehenge and an evening Soiree at which a bronze statue had been presented to the Town Council.

c) **Verwood Memorial Hall Trust.** Information was given on: the opening of the new Porch which had been delayed but members would be informed once a decision had been made; fund raising.

d) **Dorset Association of Parish and Town Council Larger Towns & Parishes.** A report was given on the last meeting held which included: a presentation on pathfinder; discussion on better liaison with the County Council; difficulties with broadband in some parts of Dorset.

17/10

Internet Councillor.

Information was given that news items had been put on the web page and that the Verwood in Bloom entry forms could now be downloaded. The Mayor was asked to give information on her charities this year.

18/10

Press & P.R.Councillor.

Information was given that the Verwood Vista has now been delivered, there had been some press coverage of Verwood and that press releases had been sent regarding the Mayor Making.

19/10

Verwood Community Association.

There was no report this month as the meeting coincided with the Mayor Making meeting. However, a short report was given by Councillor S.Flower on the progress of Morrison's redevelopment plans.

20/10

Verwood Hub Community Association.

A short report was given on a meeting of the Executive Committee which included information on finances and the recruitment of new directors.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of the Hub asking for information on how the Grant Aid money from the Town Council would be spent.

21/10

Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Councillor Spencer Flower. A report was given which included information on: a meeting to be held with residents of Springfield Road; the Coalition Programme for Government. The report would be circulated to all Members.

District Councillor M.Simper. A report was circulated to all Members which included information on: finances; partnership arrangements with Christchurch Borough Council; changes in committee structures; the committees that the Verwood and Three Legged Cross District Councillors are sitting on.

22/10

'Newsletter'.

There were no issues discussed.

23/10

Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £120,540.21 for May were approved for payment.

24/10

Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) It was reported that the rubbish in the River Crane at Ebblake had still not been cleared by New Forest District Council. The Clerk would investigate.
- b) Information was given that work was being carried out on the French Drain in Home Farm Road and that Dorset County Council would put something in place to stop people parking there.
- c) Information was given that a new market would be held every Friday in the Verwood Memorial Hall to commence on 25th June 2010 which will be called Verwood Country Bazaar, this would replace the Verwood Country Market.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20p.m.

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Mayor