

**VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June 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  
B.Mortimer  
P.W.Richardson  
M.Simper

Apologies were received from Cllrs: S.Gibson, A.R.Nicholls, Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls, V.Redpath & Ms.J.Russell

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

Public: 4

57/10 Declaration of Interests.

Councillor Mrs.G.Belcher declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 10b as she is a Trustee of the Hub.

Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 5 (b) as she is a member of the East Dorset District Council Planning Committee & Agenda Item 3 as she is a member of the Dorset County Council.

Councillor Mrs.J.Hazel declared a personal interest under Agenda Item 5(b) as she is a member of the Planning Committee of East Dorset District Council & Agenda Item10(b) as she is a Trustee of the Hub.

58/10 Minutes of the Meetings held 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

59/10 Clerk's Report

- a) **Minute 12/10(i) refers.** Dorset County Council responded to the Town Council's query on highway maintenance. The letter was copied to all Members and was noted.
- b) **Verwood Pantomime Society** wrote regarding a request for grant aid for the provision of storage for their equipment. The letter was copied to all Members. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Pantomime Society and inform them to apply for Grant Aid for the next financial year.
- c) **S.E.Dorset Transport Study.** The Transport Councillor attended the S.E.Dorset Transport Study Road Show. The main areas affected are Poole/Bournemouth/Christchurch. Although Verwood is part of the study, it's really only included in the traffic model, which they will use to test the bottom of Hurn. Leaflets can be viewed at the Town Council offices, the web address is [www.sedorsetmms.com](http://www.sedorsetmms.com). This was noted.
- d) **Enquiries and complaints from residents.** A monthly report was circulated to all Members.
- e) **Verwood Recreation Ground Trust** wrote regarding the MUGA project. The letter was copied to all Members. After discussion it was agreed that this would be an agenda item at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

- f) **Summer Blast Fun Day** have asked if they can put a banner on the Verwood Recreation Ground Fence. After discussion it was agreed to give permission for the banner to be placed on the railings of the Verwood Recreation Ground.
- g) **Dorset County Council** sent an email regarding the temporary closure of a part of Meadow Way, Verwood. This was noted.
- h) **East Dorset District Council** sent an email that DAPTC has recently asked that copies of Licensing applications could be sent to all parish and town councils. Whilst it is accepted that the Town Council cannot make comments on the applications, the request has been granted on the basis that the Members may like to inform persons in the vicinity of the premises, who could ask the Council to represent them in hearings. An application was attached to the email from St. Michael & All Angels Church. This was noted.
- i) **Help Centre**. The Clerk reported on the extended opening hours in February, 9am to 2pm and that the next trial month would be in September. Publicity would be sent out in August.
- j) **Speed Indicator Device (SID)**. An email had been sent from East Dorset District Council regarding finances available for half of a SID. This would be an agenda item at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

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Committees & Sub-Committees Standing Order 48.

At the Amenities and Plans Consultative Committee meetings it was decided by committee members that the previous Chairman would be re-elected for the ensuing year. Both have been Chairman of the said committees for three years. Members were asked to revoke part of Standing Order 48 for one year which is 'The term of office shall not exceed two consecutive years, subject to the provisions of Standing Order 19(ii)'.

RESOLVED that part of Standing Order 48. 'The term of office shall not exceed two consecutive years, subject to the provisions of Standing Order 19(ii)' will be revoked for one year.

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The Report of the Amenities Committee meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 as circulated, was confirmed adopted and signed.

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The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held, 26th May & 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

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The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

47/10 It was agreed that the details of the Freeman/Freewoman Status would be discussed at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

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[Report from the Mayor.](#)

The Mayor had attended various functions which included: The Verwood Carnival; a concert by the Verwood Choral Society; a Civic Service at Wareham; the Annual Review of the East Dorset District Scout Council; a Falls Prevention event by the Verwood Area Fiftyplus Forum at The Hub.

The Deputy Mayor attended a Civic Service in Bridport.

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Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) **Verwood Memorial Hall**. A short report was give on: vandalism which had occurred to the rear fascia, exterior light and a CCTV camera; update on the new porch; details of the new Verwood Country Bazaar which is due to open on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2010; that the Annual meeting was to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 p.m.; finances; fundraising.

b) **Heathland Heritage Centre.** A short report was given which included, that a commercial dishwasher had been purchased, two W I members were still supplying cakes for sale and details on their financial position.

c) **Bournemouth International Airport Consultative Committee.** The Council representative informed members that he had attended the opening of the new airport terminal.

66/10 Internet Councillor.

No report.

67/10 Press & P.R.Councillor.

It was reported that the unveiling of a seat on Ferrett Green in memory of Rifleman Phil Allen will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 2.00 p.m. A suggestion was made that the future programmes of The Hub be advertised in the Verwood Vista.

68/10 Verwood Community Association.

A reported was given on the AGM held 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010 which included information on, the Financial Statements for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 which would be available at the Town Council offices, the VCA's Constitution and new initiatives.

69/10 Verwood Hub Community Association.

No report this month.

70/10 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

**County Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs.** A report was given on: the provision of Gypsy & Traveller Sites in Dorset. A 'call for sites' is being issued to landowners, inviting them by letter and public advertisement to come forward with potentially suitable land; the emergency budget – the big picture in relation to Dorset County Council; information on the meeting held with residents regarding the making up of Springfield Road.

**District Councillor Mrs. L.Clark.** A report was given on the new Corporate Plan 2010-2016 and the partnership working between East Dorset District Council, North Dorset and Christchurch Borough Council.

71/10 Annual Return of the Audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

A copy of the accounts and supporting statements for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 was circulated to all Members. The accounts were approved and signed by the Mayor and the Responsible Financial Officer and the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement was completed.

72/10 Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £11,633.79 for June were approved for payment.

73/10 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) **A338** Information was given on the road improvement scheme.
- b) **Fair Trade.** Information was given that Verwood was getting close to becoming a Fair Trade Town.
- c) **MUGA.** Information was given on the last meeting of the AGFA group.
- d) **Litter.** Concern was raised on the amount of litter on the Verwood Recreation Ground. The Clerk would monitor and discuss extra visits by the contractor.

- e) **Verwood Hub.** Concern was raised that no response had been received from the letter sent regarding how grant aid money from Verwood Town Council has been spent. (Minute 20/10 refers) Discussion took place regarding the grant monies given to the Hub and the Verwood Community Association. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite the Chairmen of the Hub and Verwood Community Association and a representative from East Dorset District Council to discuss how the grant aid monies are spent and what future plans they both have.
- f) **Verwood Youth Centre.** Information was given that at the last meeting an outline of all the outings for the summer was given.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.44p.m.

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Mayor