

**VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
**28<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs.J.Hazel (Mayor)  
Councillors P.Baker  
Mrs.G.Belcher  
Mrs.T.B.Coombs  
A.R.Dedden  
Mrs.L.Dedden  
M.W.Dolan  
B.Mortimer  
V.Redpath  
P.W.Richardson (7.32p.m.)  
Ms.J.Russell  
M.Simper

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs.L.Clark, Mrs.A.Daymond, M.V.Daymond, S.Gibson, A.R.Nicholls & Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls

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

Also in attendance: Mr. S. Flower, County Councillor.

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131/10 Declaration of Interests.

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

132/10 Minutes of the Meetings held 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

133/10 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Verwood & Three Legged Cross Twinning Association** wrote asking to use the Verwood Recreation Ground for their annual Companion Dog Show on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2011. It was agreed that the letter would be passed onto the Verwood Memorial Trustees for their consideration.
- b) **BDO** External Auditors wrote that they have completed the Audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. Two issues were raised, Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit and a minute reference. The Clerk had already informed members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee that the Review had not taken place and that it was now booked into be carried out in February 2011. This was noted.
  - a) **Verwood Community Association** wrote that the Association had met with the Verwood Hub Community Association to discuss the possibility of the two Associations working closer together. However it is stressed that the meeting was just a first step in the process and it is proposed that a further extended meeting be held involving the Associations' Directors and Trustees to progress the proposal further. This was noted.
  - c) **Rotary Club of Verwood**, Minute 124/10(d) refers, will be planting the crocus bulbs on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and will meet at the Potters Wheel Car Park at 10.00am. This was noted.
  - d) **Enquiries and complaints from residents.** A report had been circulated to all members for the months of August and September. This was noted. Further information was given on a complaint received regarding removal of shrubbery in Crane Drive.

- 134/10      The Report of the Amenities Committee meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- 135/10      The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 18/8/10 & 8/9/10 2010 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- 136/10      The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.
- 137/10      Report from the Mayor.  
The Mayor had attended various functions which included: Commissioning of the new Age Concern Minibus; unveiling of the bench dedicated to Phil Allen; opening of the new porch at the Memorial Hall; Three Cross Fun Day; civic services in Swanage and Ferdown; civic days in Poole, West Dorset and Sturminster Newton; Wimborne Civic Walkabout; Verwood in Bloom prize giving; Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support at The Hub.
- 138/10      Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.  
a) **Verwood Memorial Hall.** A report was circulated which included information on: the opening of the new porch; internal changes; forthcoming events.  
b) **Town Plan.** A short report was given on the draft public consultation questionnaire and how it was hoped that the Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy would be incorporated into the Town Plan.  
c) **Heathland Heritage Trust.** Information was given regarding a car that had crashed into the rear wall of the Heritage Centre and a request had been made to the District Council for a bollard to be placed in front of the wall.  
d) **PACT Meeting.** A report was given on the last meeting where previous PACT priorities were reviewed for Verwood and Three Legged Cross. New PACT priorities were discussed which included speeding, alcohol seizures over the holiday period, litter on Verwood Recreation Ground, provision of summer activities for young people and monitoring action to reduce a potential crime hotspot. The next meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- 139/10      Internet Councillor.  
No report.
- 140/10      Press & P.R.Councillor.  
No report.
- 141/10      Verwood Community Association.  
A report had been circulated to all members which included information on: the Treasurer's report; the proposed merger with Verwood Hub Community Association; the reports by the affiliated VCA groups; the funds raised by the Rotary Club at the Rustic Farye which amounted to £1,300.
- 142/10      Verwood Hub Community Association.  
No report. The Chair of the Verwood Hub Community Association who attended the meeting reported to members that discussions were underway regarding the proposed merger with the Verwood Community Association. Also it was mentioned that a letter, sent to the Town Council on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 by VHCA, regarding a request to have meetings between a representative of the Hub and the Town Council, had not been answered.

143/10      Reports of the County & District Councillors.  
**County Councillor Spencer Flower.** A report was circulated to all members with information on: Adult Social Care Inspection; Dorset Waste Partnership; Annual Budget.  
**District Councillor B.Mortimer.** A report was circulated to all members with information on: the appointment of Mr.David McIntosh as Chief Executive of East Dorset and Chirstchurch Councils; change of management structure; Core Strategy Public Consultation; Revenues & Benefits partnerships.

145/10      'Newsletter'  
No issues were discussed.

146/10      Accounts  
It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £10,164.14 for August and £20,149.17 for September were approved for payment.

147/10      Items of report and matters for future agendas.  
a) Information was given on graffiti and litter at the skate park in Potterne Park which had been raised at a LAG regarding  
b) A request was made for an agenda item at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee to discuss the way enquiries and complaints from the public were dealt with.  
c) Information had been requested by Sherborne Town Council regarding the Verwood Town Council contractor scheme.

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

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Mayor