

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

26th October 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs.J.Hazel (Mayor)
Councillors P.Baker
Mrs.G.Belcher
Mrs.L.Clark
Mrs.T.B.Coombs (7.49p.m.)
Mrs.A.Daymond
M.V.Daymond
A.R.Dedden
Mrs.L.Dedden
M.W.Dolan
S.Gibson
B.Mortimer
V.Redpath
Ms.J.Russell
M.Simper

Apologies were received from Cllrs: A.R.Nicholls, Mrs.L.A.K.Nicholls & P.W.Richardson

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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166/10 Declaration of Interests.
None.

167/10 Minutes of the Meetings held 28th September, 2010 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

168/10 Clerk's Report.

a) **East Dorset District Council** wrote to inform the Town Council that they have formally adopted a Partnership Behaviour Protocol a copy of which was enclosed. The letter and Protocol were copied to all members. The District Council commends the document through its Standards Committee for consideration by the Town Council as to whether or not a similar Behaviour Protocol may be established by the Town Council to regulate ethical behaviour when dealing with other organisations. This would be an agenda item at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

b) **Mr. Adrian Wareham** wrote with details of the community charity firework display event Flame Burst which will take place on 30th October 2010 at the Fuzzy Bit, Verwood. The letter was copied to all members and was noted.

c) **Dorset County Council** wrote regarding the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee: Annual Report 2009-10 a copy of which was enclosed. The report is available to download from the Dorset website at www.dorsetforyou.com/healthscrutiny This was noted.

d) **Rallye Sunseeker 2011**, wrote with information on the event which will take place on Saturday 26th February 2011. This was noted.

e) **Enquiries and complaints from residents**. A monthly report was circulated to all Members. This was noted.

169/10 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held, 29th September 2010 and 20th October 2010 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

170/10 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 12th October 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

171/10 Report from the SLA Working Party
It was reported that meetings had been held with Verwood Community Association and Verwood Hub Community Association after which the Draft SLAs had been amended and sent to both Associations for their consideration.

172/10 [Report from the Mayor.](#)
The Mayor had attended various functions which included: the opening of the new cycle way at Moors Valley; a concert by the Verwood Concert Brass Band; Gillingham Civic Church Service. The Mayor had received two tickets to a musical event by The Newgarth Light Orchestra at the Woodlands Village Hall on Saturday 13th November to which she could not attend and these were offered to any councillor who would be available.

173/10 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.
a) **Town Plan**. A report was given which included: details on the survey to be sent out to every household in the Civil Parish; how the survey was to be distributed; residents would be encouraged to complete the survey on line; publicity of the survey; details of the closing date which would be near Christmas.
b) **Verwood Memorial Hall**. A written report, which was circulated to all members, included information on: the continuing improvements to the Hall; fundraising; details of the new style New Year's Eve event.
c) **Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Larger Parishes and Towns Committee**. A report was copied to all members on the meeting held Friday 1st October 2010. Two speakers attended the meeting, one regarding an update on Delivery through Partnerships and the other regarding the consultation exercise about provision of Gypsy and Traveller Sites. Other matters discussed included: faster Broadband for more rural parts of Dorset; DorBAG; Section 106 monies; Chief Executives Report; the possibility of capping Town and Parish Councils; the raising of the DAPTC subscriptions; rateable value of burial grounds; issues raised by individual councils.
d) **Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils Eastern Area Committee**. A report was copied to all members on the meeting held on 20th October 2010. A presentation was given on the consultation exercise about provision of Gypsy and Traveller Sites. Other matters discussed included: representation on the East Dorset Community Partnership; a written report from the Chief Executive; a report on a meeting of the Standards Board regarding ethical governance in the light of the Standards regime to be

abolished; a report on East Dorset District Council issues of interest to Town and Parish Councils in the District; issues raised by member councils.

b) **Heathland Heritage AGM.** A report was copied to all members and information was given on: finances; archivist report; thanks were given to all the staff, volunteers and the Chairman for all their continuing hard work.

174/10 Internet Councillor.

No report.

175/10 Press & P.R.Councillor.

It was reported that an article has been sent to the Press regarding the buying of the first Poppy by the Mayor and that the winter edition of the Vista was being collated ready for distribution at the end of November.

176/10 Verwood Community Association.

No report.

177/10 Verwood Hub Community Association.

It was suggested that this item be removed from the agenda as the Town Council do not have a representative on the Verwood Hub Community Association, since they became an Incorporated Charitable Company. The Chair of the Association had, at a previous meeting, stated that a representative of the Hub would be willing to attend a meeting of the Council at anytime. It was agreed by members that a meeting would be arranged after the Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Town Council and the Hub had been agreed.

178/10 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Councillor Mrs. Toni Coombs. A report was given on: the impact of the changes to assessment and inspection procedures; meeting of future financial challenges; spending review announcements; the relationship between Dorset Direct and parish and town councils.

District Councillor Mrs. Toni Coombs. A report was given which included: dates of meetings regarding the Core Strategy; concerns shown by residents who are adjacent to the areas of search in Verwood in the Core Strategy; interviews to reduce the senior management team at both East Dorset District Council and Christchurch Borough Council; an update on licensing hours at Morrisons supermarket.

179/10 Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £109,040.13 for October were approved for payment.

180/10 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

a) Concern was raised that the lights in the Potters Wheel car park were being turned off at 9.30 p.m. leaving the car park in total darkness since October. East Dorset District Council suggested that one light could be kept on until 11.00 p.m. and the Police were in agreement. Members also agreed that this would be the best solution.

- b) Concern had been raised, at a LAG meeting, regarding the cutting back of some conifers at the entrance to the Verwood Cemetery. An explanation of why the trees were cut back this way was given by the Chairman of the Amenities Committee.
- c) An update was requested, and given, on a complaint to the Council regarding fly tipping in the River Crane by the Ebblake Industrial Estate.
- d) An email had been received from the Rural Intelligence Foundation which is a new research centre and independent think-tank dedicated to developing and promoting fresh ideas that benefit rural people and the countryside. They requested organisations to complete a Rural Insight survey. Anyone wishing to complete the survey should contact the Clerk who will pass the e mail onto them.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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Mayor