

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

24th November 2010

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

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs.G.Belcher & Mrs.T.B.Coombs

Also apologies were received from County Councillor S.Flower

In Attendance:- Mrs. V. Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs.R.Kingsnorth, Clerical Assistant.

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202/10 Declaration of Interests.

None.

203/10 Minutes of the Meetings held 26th October, 2010 as circulated, were confirmed and signed after it was agreed that in minute 180/10 the abbreviation of SLA should be changed to Service Level Agreements.

204/10 Clerk's Report.

- a) **Age Concern Verwood** wrote requesting for the Town Council's crest to be displayed on their new Age Concern minibus as recognition of the Town Council's consistent support to their Charity. After discussion it was agreed that permission be given to Age Concern to display the Town Council's crest on their mini bus.
- b) **The Vice Chair of the Dewlands Park Residents Association** wrote requesting that the Town Council provide a grit bin for the Dewlands Park site which they would be happy to fill and keep the roadway maintained. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to find out the cost of a grit bin and also find information regarding the provision by Dorset County Council of a bag of Rock Salt.
- c) **Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils, Chief Executive's Circular 12/10.** Information on: provision of broadband for Dorset; new

coastal access rights – Weymouth Bay consultation; CLG announcement on financial payments; NILDRAM switch to Opal – yet more info for those councils affected; Trading Standards – ‘Buy with Confidence’ scheme; funding possibilities; East Dorset District Council’s launch of a consultation on the future of the district; volunteer and make a difference; Purbeck’s plea answered; plea for advice from Winterborne Strickland Parish council on play areas, in particular BMX-tracks; relief staff required – DCC; Christmas lights for sale. This was noted.

d) **Dorset County Council** sent an email with information on a press release regarding the closure of Christchurch and Wimborne household recycling centres.

e) **Dorset County Council** sent an email regarding the closure of Lake Road which will come into force on 6th December for a period of 5 days. The Clerk was instructed to find out what work would be carried out and for consideration to be given for the work to be carried out in two stages.

205/10 The Report of the Amenities Committee held 2nd November 2010 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

206/10 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meetings held, 10th November 2010 as circulated, was confirmed, adopted and signed.

207/10 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 9th November 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed.

208/10 [Report from the Mayor.](#)

The Mayor had attended various functions which included: Remembrance Day and the Remembrance Parade; Verwood Fire Station where Dorset Fire and Rescue Service were running a Safer People and Responsible Communities Scheme; Colehill Parish Council Reception; the Mayor’s Charity Coffee morning which raised over £160.

209/10 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

a) **Transport Themed Action Group and Environment Themed Action Group.** Both groups have been examining the Core Strategy.

b) **Town Plan Group.** It was reported that the survey is now on line and that a paper copy will be distributed to all houses. Also that the response to the survey has been extended.

c) **DAPTC Annual General Meeting.** A report was given on the three motions put forward at the meeting which included the Audit, Heavy Goods Vehicles and rate relief on council owned buildings.

d) **Heathland Heritage Centre.** A report was given on staffing.

e) Verwood Memorial Hall Trust. A report was given on work being carried out in the hall and future functions.

210/10 [Internet Councillor.](#)
No Report.

211/10 Press & P.R.Councillor.

It was reported that the Verwood Vista was being delivered.

212/10 Verwood Community Association.

A report was given on the Executive meeting where matters discussed included finances and the future of the VCA and the Hub. Discussion took place regarding where the facilities would be sited, staffing, merger of the two charities, concern that the Town Council had not been kept informed during the various stages.

213/10 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Councillor S.Flower. A written report was circulated to all Members which included information on: meeting future challenges to achieve balance budgets; spending review announcements; Dorset Waste Partnership.

District Councillor Mrs. J.Hazel. A written report was circulated to all Members which included information on: Dorsetforyou.com is live on Facebook; Local Government Challenge; Staffing; Dorset Roads and Transport survey; Moors Valley update; 2011 Census. Information was also requested on the P & R Committee meeting where Verwood Contributions Policy list of proposed projects had been discussed.

214/10 Accounts

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £15,761.77 for November were approved for payment.

215/10 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) Concern was again raised on the queues of traffic at Three Legged Cross whilst passengers were disembarking buses. It was requested that this matter be brought up at the next Transport Themed Action Group meeting.
- b) Information was given that planning approval had now been given for the fencing around the proposed Multi Use Games Activity.
- c) A request was made for a Councillor to open and close the toilets on a Sunday for the month of December.
- d) A request was made for information about a report on the Enquiry and Complaints list regarding Church Hill at the top of Margards Lane. The Clerk would investigate.
- e) Members were reminded to give their comments regarding the Core Strategy to the Mayor as soon as possible.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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Mayor