

VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

21st December 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
M.W.Dolan
S.Gibson
B.Mortimer
P.Richardson

Apologies were received from Cllrs: A.R.Dedden , Mrs.L.Dedden , A.R.Nicholls, Mrs.L.Nicholls, V.Redpath , Ms.J.Russell & M.Simper

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

Public: 10

231/10 Declaration of Interests.

Councillor Mrs. L. Clark declared a personal interest as she is a member of East Dorset District Council.

Councillor Mrs. T. Coombs declared a personal interest as she is a member of East Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council.

Councillor P.R. Richardson declared a personal interest as he is a member of East Dorset District Council and Dorset County Council.

232/10 Minutes of the Meetings held 24th November, 2010 as circulated, were confirmed and signed.

233/10 Clerk's Report.

a) **Dorset County Council** wrote regarding an application which has been made to stop up part of a highway at land adjoining 5 Starlight Farm Close, Verwood. The letter from DCC and a letter from Mr. R. Andrews, who has applied for the stopping up notice, were copied to all members. Discussion took place, during which Mr. Andrews gave information as to why he had applied for the stopping up order. A proposal was put forward that an objection to the order should be made and when put to the vote the proposal was lost. It was then proposed and seconded that the Town Council have no objections at the present time, but reserve the right to withdraw support later. When put to the vote it was

RESOLVED that the Verwood Town Council write to Dorset County Council in support of the proposed application to stop up part of the highway at land adjoining 5 Starlight Farm Close, Verwood stating they have no objections at the present time, but reserving the right to withdraw support later.

b) **Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils** sent a copy of the NALC Policy briefing on the Localism Bill. This was copied to all members. This was noted.

c) **Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils** Chief Executive's Circular 14/10, which included information on: DCC Budget Strategy Consultation; DCC Highways termination of partnership/agency agreements; training; DCC course; Dorset Broadcasting Action Group; severe weather guidance from CLG; essential guide –localism guide; NALC briefing on localism bill; vacancy for Parish Clerk; play and fitness equipment; University of Gloucestershire – short courses. This was noted.

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

234/10 The Report of the Plans Consultative Committee meeting held, 7th December 2010 as circulated, were confirmed, adopted and signed.

235/10 The Report of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held, 7th December 2010 as circulated was confirmed, adopted and signed after discussion took place regarding recommendation 223/10 (a).

236/10 Core Strategy.

Information had been copied to all members and after discussion it was proposed, seconded and
RESOLVED that the paper which is [attached to these minutes](#) is sent as the Town Council's response.

237/10 [Report from the Mayor.](#)

The Mayor had attended various functions which included: Verwood's Civic Day; a nativity show at Three Legged Cross 1st School; Verwood's Christmas Extravaganza; Three Legged Cross First School's Christmas Carol Service; Verwood Age Concern's Christmas Party; Verwood Brass Band's Christmas Concert.

238/10 Report of Representatives on Other Bodies.

No Reports.

239/10 Internet Councillor.

No Report.

240/10 Press & P.R.Councillor.

Information was given on various press releases.

241/10 Verwood Community Association.

No Report

242/10 Reports of the County & District Councillors.

County Councillor Mrs.T.Coombs. gave an update on the Provision Grant Settlement and Budget Strategy which would be copied to all Members.

District Councillor M.Simper. A written report was circulated to all members which included information on: the recruitment of the shared Management Team for Christchurch Borough Council and East Dorset District Council and the reduction of the senior office team; 2011/12 budget preparations; the hosting, by East Dorset DC and CBC Partnership, of the Local Government Challenge 2011 where contestants will compete to win a career enhancing scholarship from the Bruce Lockhart Leadership Programme worth £10,000.

243/10 Accounts.

It was proposed and seconded and RESOLVED that the accounts totalling £15,935.49 for December was approved for payment.

244/10 Items of report and matters for future agendas.

- a) A request was made for an item to be placed on the next Finance and General Purposes Committee agenda to discuss the provision of grit bins.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.

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Mayor

