



VERWOOD VISTA

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THE DRAFT HAMPSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE PLAN

~ LOOKING AFTER HAMPSHIRE'S FUTURE (PURPLE HAZE)

All minerals and waste planning authorities have a statutory duty to prepare development plans for minerals and waste development. To fulfil this duty, Hampshire has prepared the draft Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, which will help shape the county's future by protecting its environment whilst ensuring that Hampshire's economy is supported.

In Hampshire, the plan has been developed jointly with the city councils of Southampton and Portsmouth and the two national park authorities for the South Downs and New Forest. This plan will guide decisions made on future planning applications. The plan does not get rid of the normal planning process and does not mean that sites identified within the plan will automatically receive planning permission. Land identified in the Plan would be released only if planning applications fully satisfy the stringent environmental and other tests which an approved Minerals and Waste Plan will set out. This includes measures to manage and mitigate the impact of development on the local communities and surrounding environment, not only in Hampshire, but as far as the significant effects of any minerals or waste development may reach.

The Plan has been prepared through a long process of gathering technical evidence, the results of consultations, sustainability appraisals and impact assessments. It was then agreed to publish the plan for comments. Hampshire County Council did this at an Extraordinary Meeting convened specifically to discuss it in October.

Councillor Mel Kendal, Executive Member for Environment and Transport at Hampshire County Council, said: "Not having a Plan in place would leave Hampshire in a very vulnerable position with the potential for planning inspectors imposing sites on us to arbitrarily fulfil the Government's expectation of Hampshire's share of national sand and gravel requirements, which is significantly higher than the proposed figures in our draft Plan.

We must ensure that the right development is in the right place at the right time. By having the Plan in place, future decisions about minerals or waste development can be taken on the basis of full and proper consideration of local circumstances which will help give us proper control over the development, to ensure it does not threaten the character and special qualities of Hampshire or its neighbours."

The next stage for the Plan is that it is published for public representations between 7 November and 19 December 2011 before being submitted to the Secretary of State next Spring for public examination by a Planning Inspector. Representations, via a response form, can be made to Hampshire County Council who can be contacted by email: planning.policy@hants.gov.uk or by calling: 01962 845515

All submission documents are available on the County Council's website at <http://consult.hants.gov.uk>



TALENTED YOUTH CONCERT

The 8th Talented Youth Concert will take place at The Hub on Saturday, 11th February 2012 with concerts at 2.30pm and 7pm.

We endeavour to accommodate all applicants but also ensure that there is a variety of performers and different types of entertainment at each concert.

Applicants must be under 19 years of age, live in either Verwood or Three Legged Cross; where there is a group of performers, as long as one member lives in the Civil Parish, then that is acceptable.

Contact Angela Daymond with details of age and type of entertainment – preferably by email: angela_daymond@talktalk.net and headed "Talented Youth Concert", by letter c/o the Town Council Office or by phone on 822549

ACTIVE GAMES FOR ALL

There has been an excellent response towards the project for additional facilities in the Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground. Donations have been received from Verwood Rotary out of the Rustic Fayre proceeds, VADCOT – Verwood Chamber of Trade, Synergy Residents Committee, Hall & Woodhouse Community Fund and Dorset Link who have given grants, as well as local groups such as the Jenny Porter Singers, Neighbourhood Watch and Mr & Mrs Dodd of West Close who displayed apples at their gate and asked for donations to AGFA in exchange. They raised £125! So thank you to those who bought apples.

As a result of this excellent support, AGFA will be arranging for the installation of the Fitness Equipment in the Recreation Ground during March 2012 – in time for the Easter holidays. The big push is on now to raise funds for the Multi-Use Games Area and it is hoped that residents might hold their own coffee morning or social evening with friends and neighbours to raise funds for the project.

Anyone wishing to join a Fundraising Committee or who wish to contact AGFA, should phone Marilyn Whatmore 826303 or Angela Daymond 822549

Message from the Mayor

'The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress'
(Charles Kettering).

There are mixed views on how change has affected our community, I take a positive view that change can be the door to new beginnings or new ideas. Our community spirit has kept the village heart as we changed to a town. However there are times when change is a challenge especially when we are not in control of the outcome; this is certainly true with the Purple Haze extraction proposals by Hampshire County Council.

The collective voice and action of residents and local councillors has brought about some amendment to the proposals – the site is halved and 1/2 mile further away from the Town and any use for landfill will be as a 'reserve' (Hampshire are working towards a zero landfill position in the future) and would be used for inert material not household black bag waste. The battle is not yet over, there will be another round of consultation, running up to 19th December, before the plan is passed to the independent inspector when there will be the opportunity to raise further comment before the final decision.

Whilst I am on the subject of the future, our future is our young people and I thought I would take this opportunity to mention one or two individuals. My Mayor's Guide this year is Ciara O'Doherty and my Scout is Ben Milward.

The winner of my Christmas Card Competition is Beth Stevens aged 9, who very cleverly linked the celebration of Christmas with the competition theme of the Wizard of Oz. Tickets are now on sale for Verwood Panto's January production at the Hub of this classic story.

Sixteen year old Jack Peters is ranked 3rd nationally for his gymnastic ability and the Town Council has awarded him a special grant of £500 towards the expenses of taking part in the World

Age Games in Birmingham this month. Next step the Olympics?

As I write the sun is shining and Christmas seems so far away, yet all too soon the season will be upon us. To help you slide into the party season, don't forget the 70's Party Night at the Hub on Saturday 19th November in aid of Verwood Pantomime Society and Help for Heroes. Tickets are only £10 in advance. Get your Boogie shoes on to dance to DJ Michelle Poole and 70's tribute band Party Animalz. There's a prize for the best 70's costume.

This year our Town Extravaganza will be on Saturday 10th December from 5 pm to 8 pm on Ferrett Green. Father Christmas, with the help of the Rotary Club, will be visiting. There will also be a roundabout for small children, steam engine rides, carol singing, band music, food and drink stalls. A great community occasion for children of all ages that gets better every year!

Since becoming Mayor in May it has been wonderful to meet so many different local organisations and groups around the area, all playing their part in keeping our community spirit alive. On behalf of Verwood & Three Legged Cross I would like to add my thanks to all of you for what you achieve.

Cllr. Mrs. Toni Coombs
Verwood Town Mayor



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Council Meetings

THREE LEGGED CROSS

VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday 23rd November 2011

TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

Tuesday 20th December 2011

Farmers Markets

FERRETT GREEN

Saturday 26th November 2011

Friday 23rd December 2011

Remembrance Sunday

FERRETT GREEN

Sunday 13th November 2011

Christmas Extravaganza

FERRETT GREEN

Saturday 10th December 2011

Churches Together Carols

THE HUB, BROCK WAY

Sunday 11th December 2011

Verwood Pantomime Society

THE HUB, BROCK WAY

The Wizard of Oz

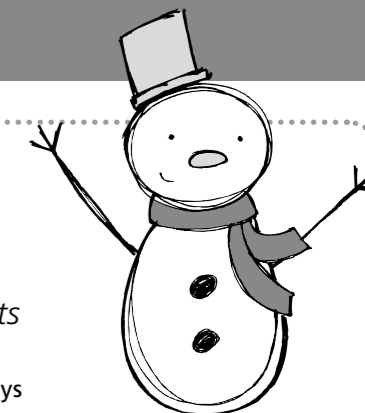
Sat 21st Jan 2012 - 2pm & 6.30pm

Wed 25th Jan - 7.30pm

Thurs 26th Jan - 7.30pm

Fri 27th Jan - 7.30pm

Sat 28th Jan - 2pm & 6.30pm



PRESENTATION OF A CHEQUE TO JACK PETERS

Verwood Town Council unanimously agreed to give Jack Peters a 16-year-old sixth former at Queen Elizabeth School a cheque for £500 towards him representing Great Britain at the Tumbling World Age Group Championships to be held in Birmingham in November.

Jack is currently ranked third in the country for his age group and his outstanding achievement to date was winning the British tournament at Stoke last year.

The presentation took place in front of the Town Council Offices where the Mayor stated that Jack was a great Youth Ambassador for Verwood and wished him much success in the Championships.

Jack thanked the Town Council and said how much he was looking forward to taking part in the Championships.

If you wish to see Jack 'Tumbling' attached is a link. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6w5P6pHtLo>

CLEARING SNOW AND ICE FROM PAVEMENTS YOURSELF

Follow the **SNOW CODE** when clearing snow and ice safely from pavements or public spaces:

- **Prevent slips** – pay extra attention to clear snow and ice from steps and steep pathways – you might need to use more salt on these areas.
- **If you clear snow and ice yourself, be careful** – don't make the pathways more dangerous by causing them to refreeze. But don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured.
- **Remember, people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves.** Follow the advice below to make sure you clear the pathway safely and effectively.

Clear the snow or ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow rather than hard snow that has packed together from people walking on it. So if possible, start removing the snow and ice in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning any sunshine during the day will help to melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall to stop it refreezing overnight.

Use salt or sand – not water

If you use water to melt the snow, it may freeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries as it is invisible and very slippery. You can prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt – a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins this will be needed to keep the roads clear.

Be careful not to spread salt on plants or grass as it may cause them damage

If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as well as salt, but will provide good grip under foot.

Take care where you move the snow

When you're shovelling snow, take care where you put it so it doesn't block people's paths or drains. Make sure you make a path down the middle of the area to be cleared first, so you have a clear surface to walk on. Then shovel the snow from the centre of the path to the sides.

Offer to clear your neighbours' path

If your neighbour will have difficulty getting in and out of their home, offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Check that any elderly or disabled neighbours are alright in the cold weather. If you're worried about them, contact the Police.

YOUR TOWN COUNCIL

Dewlands Ward

- Cllr. Mrs. T.B. Coombs (Mayor).....(827376)
- Cllr. S.G. Flower(821231)
- Cllr. Mrs. S.L. Grove.....(826449)
- Cllr. S. Hazel.....(827010)
- Cllr. A.R. Nicholls.....(01305 760140)
- Cllr. Ms. J. Taylor.....(828411)

Newtown Ward

- Cllr. Mrs. L. Dedden(824473)
- Cllr. B. Mortimer.....(820880)
- Cllr. Mrs. L.A.K. Nicholls(01305 760140)

Stephen's Castle Ward

- Cllr. C. Appleby.....(822667)
- Cllr. Mrs. L. Clark(822275)
- Cllr. S. Gibson (Deputy Mayor).....(820822)
- Cllr. Mrs. P. Morrow(814733)
- Cllr. Mrs. S.P. Shaw(813526)
- Cllr. Mrs. N.Thompson(828369)

Three Legged Cross & Potterne Ward

- Cllr. P.W. Richardson(829778)
- Cllr. Mrs. R.A. Richardson(829778)
- Cllr. Ms. J. Russell(822236)

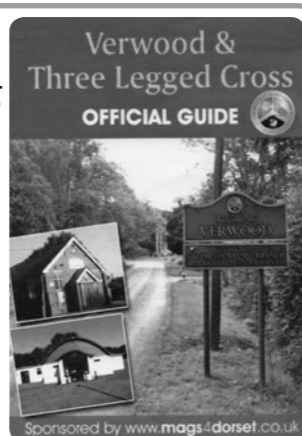
TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES: OPENING & CLOSING HOURS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2011

- Wednesday 28th December 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon
- Thursday 29th December 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon
- Friday 30th December 2011 ~ 9 am to 12 noon

NEW VERWOOD & THREE LEGGED CROSS OFFICIAL GUIDE

A new Verwood & Three Legged Cross Official Guide, produced by the Town Council, is now available full of useful information for new and existing residents.

A copy can be obtained from the following locations:
Verwood Town Council Offices, 28 Vicarage Road; The Heathland Heritage Centre on Ferrett Green; The Hub, Brock Way; The Verwood Leisure Centre, Chiltern Drive; Verwood Library, Manor Road; the Post Offices in Verwood and Three Legged Cross.



VERWOOD MEMORIAL HALL

There will be a New Year's Eve Party at Verwood Memorial Hall 8pm for 8.30pm.

Lin and Geoff are back by popular request with music from the 60s and 70s and the usual party night finale. All types of music to dance to, or just sing along to familiar tunes.

Tables will be reserved so you can sit with your friends; bring your own food and drink, plus glasses. The newly refurbished floor is great for dancing and by then the main hall will have been fully decorated.

Tickets are just £5 from Angela Daymond on 822549.



BUYING OF THE FIRST POPPY

Verwood Mayor, Councillor Mrs. Toni Coombs purchased the first poppy for the town's Poppy Appeal launch from Mr. Norman Egerton who served in the Royal Navy during and after the Second World War.

He served as a Medic aboard a tank landing craft on D-Day, delivering Sherman tanks and their American crews to Omaha Beach where they lost 6,000 personnel, killed on the first day. Later he served on the destroyer Volage, which was sunk by a mine in the Mediterranean, and then on a fleet minesweeper making the seas safe again after the war.



CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

Father Christmas will be visiting Ferrett Green again this year at Verwood's Christmas Extravaganza which will be held on Saturday, 10th December 2011 between 5.00pm & 8.00pm.

