

VERWOOD MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Charity No. 1055101

C/o Verwood Town Council Office, 28 Vicarage Road, Verwood BH31 6DW

Meeting held Wednesday, 25th November 2009 8.30pm
at Three Legged Cross Village Hall following a Full Town Council Meeting

Present : Messrs Michael Dolan (Chair), Vic Redpath, Boyd Mortimer, Michael Daymond, Alan Dedden, Peter Baker, Alec Nicholls, Michael Simper, Simon Gibson, Peter Richardson; Mesdames Jean Hazel, Angela Daymond (Minutes), Lindsey Dedden, Jane Russell, Gillian Belcher, Lucy Clark.

1 member of the public – Pat Morrow

Apologies : Lesley Nicholls, Toni Coombs

1. **Minutes Secretary**

The Chairman requested a volunteer to act as Secretary until the AGM is held. Angela Daymond volunteered.

Action

Secretary

2. **Report from Chairman of the Town Council Amenities Committee**

Vic Redpath reported that he was pleased with the condition of the Recreation Ground and surrounding area, happy with the contractors maintaining it and that the Ground itself was fit for purpose. There has been no request by Rossgarth Youth Football Club to use the pitch.

3. **Request from AGFA for Trustees to apply for Grants on their behalf**

Contents from a letter from Pat Morrow, Chair of the AGFA Group, explained that the only reason AGFA's request for a grant towards the cost of the MUGA from Sport England had failed, was that the AGFA group neither owned nor had security of tenure of the land. She had therefore written to the Trustees on 17th October requesting that the Trustees file any grant requests on behalf of AGFA; she stated that members of the group, two of whom were Trustees, were willing to carry out all the necessary work for all grant applications.

Pat Morrow was invited to speak and outlined the situation in more detail and explained that Sport England had liked the proposal with the fitness equipment alongside. Although Sport England might provide a large part of the funding, they needed to see that other grants had been applied for.

The cost of the scheme was quoted as £145,000 which included the paths and the fitness equipment, but because of the delay, a new quote would be required.

A Trustee advised that the VCA were also considering having a MUGA at Potterne Park; concern was expressed that this would mean over-provision; also that the Park was too far out from the community; a comment was made that no scheme was yet underway and therefore it would be some time before any progress was made; another comment was that the Recreation Ground was central and activities there could easily be viewed, thus providing a safe environment for young people.

It was suggested that the Trustees should write to VCA to clarify the situation.

Secretary

As Trustees expressed a variety of concerns, the Chairman invited Trustees to email or write to him with their concerns so that they could be analysed before the Trustees met again. He stated he was sure that the Trustees did not want the project to fail.

A Trustee recommended that future Trustee meetings should not be held following a Town Council meeting and this was agreed.

Secretary

Secretary to send out Pat Morrow's letter of 17th October to all Trustees.

Secretary

4. **Request to use the Recreation Ground**

St Michael & All Angels Church PCC had requested the use of the Recreation Ground for a Summer Fete on Saturday, 26th June 2010 in their letter dated 18th August. Trustees raised the following concerns and the Chairman will liaise with St Michael's :-

- a) The Recreation Ground is an alcohol-free zone.
- b) Health & Safety concerns with regard to repairing the ground after the removal of a proposed maypole. It was noted that insurance for an event did not cover eventualities after the event when the ground is once again the responsibility of the Trustees and the Town Council.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm