

VERWOOD MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Charity No. 1055101

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

Meeting held Wednesday, 16th December 2009 7.30pm
at the Town Council Office, Verwood

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

Apologies : Alec Nicholls, Toni Coombs, Boyd Mortimer, Peter Richardson

6 members of the public – AGFA Members : Pat Morrow, Ernest & Marilyn Whatmore, Linda Ledger;
Verwood Youth Club: Phil Cox and Stuart

1. **Election of Chairman** Action
Mike Dolan agreed to serve another year; proposed Lucy Clark; 2nd Jean Hazel and agreed.
2. **Election of Vice Chairman**
Mike Daymond was proposed by Michael Simper, 2nd Vic Redpath and agreed.
3. **Election of Secretary**
Angela Daymond agreed to act as Secretary with help from others at future meetings with the Minutes. This was agreed.
4. **Who are the Trustees?**
With the Chairman's permission, Michael Simper, a past Chairman, explained to the public that those present were not meeting as the Town Council, although they are all Town Councillors, but as Trustees of the Memorial Recreation Ground Trust. The Trust is a registered charity and the rules of the Trust are on the Town Council website.
5. **Minutes of the 2008 AGM**
Acceptance was proposed by Michael Simper, 2nd Jean Hazel and agreed.
6. **Matter Arising from 2008 AGM**
Item 15 : Ernest Whatmore was asked about progress regarding a ground source heating system for the Memorial Hall; no progress as yet. He explained that there is likely to be legislation to encourage public buildings to avoid rainwater going into the sewerage system and this would mean channelling water from the Memorial Hall gutters and pipes into the nearby stream.
7. **Minutes of the Meeting held 28th April 2009**
Gillian Belcher proposed that these be accepted; agreed.
8. **Matter Arising from 28th April Minutes**
Item 4 b) : Memorandum of Understanding would come up under discussions about the MUGA.
9. **Accounts for the Year 2008/9**
The Accounts covering Maintenance of the Recreation Ground and Insurance totalling £5,375.71 were paid by a grant from the Town Council. Acceptance was proposed by Mike Daymond and agreed. Michael Simper stressed that turnover needs to be kept under £10,000 to prevent the need for a more involved accounting process.

Jane Russell had filed the accounts on line last year and she queried whether a reminder had been received for this year to file the accounts. There had been no reminder to date.

10. **Minutes of the Meeting held 25th November 2009**

Gillian Belcher proposed that these Minutes be accepted; agreed.

11. **Matter Arising**

Item 3: Angela Daymond had not yet written to VCA, but Simon Gibson reported that he had attended the VCA meeting the previous Monday and there was no action being taken currently on a MUGA for Potterne Park.

12. **Correspondence**

- a) *Letter from AGFA regarding their request that Trustees apply for grants on their behalf as AGFA do not own the land or have security of tenure – item carried over from the previous meeting.*

The Chairman encouraged the members of the public present to take part and answer points raised by Trustees. There was considerable discussion and concerns raised included the level of maintenance that would be required, how grants could be paid, whether the land could be leased; it was stated that the Town Council cannot apply for grants on behalf of AGFA and others cannot be co-opted onto the Trust.

Ernest Whatmore estimated that maintenance in the form of H&S inspections, clearing algae and leaves from the surface would cost approximately £1,000 p.a. The surface would be guaranteed for 5 years and the surrounding stainless steel fence for 22 years. AGFA were relying on grants for most of the scheme and if grants were not forthcoming the scheme would fail. AGFA had asked Sport England for the full amount. Trustees did not accept that a grant awarded to the Trust could be paid into the AGFA account.

Phil Cox from the Youth Club was confident that the MUGA would be well used.

The Chairman stated there are two ways forward :-

Action by AGFA

AGFA to discuss becoming a lease-holding body and lease the appropriate area of land from the Trustees. This would need to be for 21 years or maybe 35 years, according to advice from EDDC. AGFA would therefore need to be constituted as a charity so they could apply for grants.

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AGFA need to provide a written estimate of maintenance costs to the Trustees and the Town Council could discuss the financial implications at the 12th January F&GP meeting. AGFA needs to obtain a revised quotation as so much time has elapsed.

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The alternative was for the Trust to take the lead and Michael Dolan would talk with the Charity Commission, Sport England and Dorset Community Action for advice. The question was raised as to whether the Town Council could become a Holding Trustee.

Chairman

- b) Request by St Michael's Church to use the Recreation Ground on 26th June
The Chairman's draft letter had been circulated, approved and sent.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of next meeting : Wednesday, 13th January at 7.30pm.

This meeting will only be held if all the required information is available for discussion.

Apologies : Alec and Lesley Nicholls