

**Minutes of the A.G.M. of Verwood Recreation Ground Trustees
Held Tuesday, 17th October 2006**

<u>Present</u> :	Nigel Christopher	Angela Daymond
	Mike Daymond	Alan Dedden
	Lindsey Dedden	Vic Redpath
	Jane Russell	Michael Simper
	Ernest Whatmore	Marilyn Whatmore

There were no members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Diana Baker	Peter Baker
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2. Chairman's report

The chairman explained that a bid to the lottery fund for a MUGA had not yet been submitted, but that the method of applying for lottery funding had changed, as had the way the money was allocated. He reiterated that any bid for a MUGA should be led by the Trustees as they would be eligible for funding which would not be available to the Town Council. He suggested that the Trustees should now prepare a bid for January 2007, in the hope of receiving an award in April. He expressed the hope that the East Dorset District Council audit of sports and recreation facilities in their area would provide public consultation results in support of the bid.

Rossgarth Football Club have been given permission by the Town Council to continue to use the Recreation Ground for 10 scheduled matches and any other dates once consultation had taken place to ensure that no other activities were being carried out on the ground.

3. Election of Chairman

Nigel Christopher: proposed by Vic Redpath, seconded Angela Daymond. Elected unopposed

4. Election of Vice Chairman

Michael Simper proposed by Lindsey Dedden, seconded Vic Redpath. Elected unopposed

5. Election of Secretary

Jane Russell: proposed by Nigel Christopher, seconded Lindsey Dedden. Elected unopposed

6. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM, held on 18th October 2005, were approved and signed

7. Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous AGM

Availability of public toilets for recreation ground users: The public toilets on Ferret Green are now open 7 days per week and provide a facility quite close to the recreation ground.

8. Approval of the accounts for the year 2005/2006

The accounts had been prepared to include the money spent on the play area. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground Trust and Verwood Town Council explicitly states that the Verwood Town Council may run and maintain a children's playground on the Verwood Memorial Recreation Ground. The costs incurred in the running and maintenance of the play area are therefore met entirely by the Town Council. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that

"The accounts be approved subject to the deletion of the play area costs and that the Chairman and Secretary clarify the way accounts are prepared in the future"

9. Minutes of the meeting held 10th January 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2006, were approved and signed

10. Matters arising from the meeting held 10th January 2006

A draft letter to confirm the tenure of the land and support the MUGA was prepared and passed to Dave Auburn and a copy placed on file.

11. Report from Chairman of Recreation Ground & Open Spaces Committee.

Vic Redpath reported that there had been few problems with the Recreation Ground over the past year and that the Town Council were pleased with the work done under the new maintenance contract. Rossgarth Football Club has repaired the old goal mouth area as agreed and the pitch is now in good condition. A gate to allow wheelchair access to the ground from Vicarage road has been ordered and the Town Clerk is still trying to obtain a replacement litter bin.

12. AOB and items for future discussion

- a) There was discussion about a letter from the East Dorset District Council Head of Legal Services, Keith Mallett, to the Verwood Town Council Planning sub-committee, which clarified the basket of items to which developers' contributions collected under the Section 106 agreement could be applied. As one of the items is "the provision of social or other community facilities including playing fields", the Trustees agreed that we should write to Keith Mallett asking that some of the developers contributions should be released to fund a MUGA.
- b) The secretary reported that she had received the Charity Commission's Annual Information Update form and asked the Trustees for any updates to their contact details.

13. Public Questions.

None

Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.