

**Minutes of a Meeting of Verwood Recreation Ground Trustees  
held Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

<u>Present:</u>	Nigel Christopher (Chairman),	Jane Russell (Secretary)
	Diana Baker	Peter Baker
	Alan Dedden	Lindsey Dedden
	John Green	Vic Redpath
	Michael Simper	Ernest Whatmore
	Marilyn Whatmore	

<u>Apologies:</u>	Peter Aisthorpe-Buckley	Angela Daymond
	Mike Daymond	

<u>Absent:</u>	Toni Coombs	Alec Nicholls
	Lesley Nicholls	Phil Irving

No members of the public were present

1. Chairman's Report

The chairman explained that he wished to stand down as his new employment meant that he was away from Verwood too much to continue as chairman. Also he would not be standing as a Town Councillor again in the May elections.

He reported that he had been unable to make much progress on the MUGA, which would need significant investment. The lottery fund no longer appeared to be a suitable source of funding, and the public consultation to prove the need for a MUGA had not been completed. He suggested that a fresh start was needed and that the Youth Opportunities Fund might be a suitable source of funding.

2. Election of Chairman

There were no candidates for Chairman, and after discussion it was agreed that Nigel Christopher would continue until the local council elections in May, when it was likely that newly elected members, who would then automatically become Trustees, would replace some councillors. A Chairman could be elected from the new Trustees after the elections.

3. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Mrs Marilyn Warburton, requesting a surfaced footpath all round the Recreation Ground. After discussion it was agreed that we would reply to Mrs Warburton explaining that funds were not available for this project, which would be comparable in cost to a MUGA. As the Town Council funds all maintenance and improvements to the Memorial Recreation Ground by money raised as part of its precept, a project of this magnitude would need to be budgeted for in advance.

Meeting closed at 7:10 pm

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Chairman