

VERWOOD MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Charity No. 1055101

Minutes of the A.G.M. of Verwood Recreation Ground Trustees

Held Tuesday, 28th October 2008

<u>Present:</u>	Lucy Clerk	Peter Baker
	Gillian Belcher	Toni Coombs
	Lindsey Dedden	Alan Dedden
	Michael Dolan	Simon Gibson
	Jean Hazel	Boyd Mortimer
	Vic Redpath	Peter Richardson
	Jane Russell	Michael Simper

1. Apologies for absence

Angela Daymond	Mike Daymond
Alec Nicholls	Lesley Nicholls

2. Chairman's report on the workings of the Trust over the past year

The Chairman reported that the Trustees had met only twice during the past year as there had been little business relating to the Recreation Ground. He noted that a group of members of the public are looking into the provision of a MUGA and that two Trustees, Angela Daymond & Simon Gibson, are involved in that group in a personal capacity and not as representatives of either the Trustees or the Verwood Town Council. He had also been invited to their first meeting and had confirmed that we are not opposed to this development, but would have to approve any detailed proposals.

3. Election of Chairman

Michael Dolan: proposed Simon Gibson, seconded Toni Coombs, elected unopposed.

4. Election of Vice Chairman

Michael Simper: proposed Lindsey Dedden, seconded Boyd Mortimer, elected unopposed.

5. Election of Secretary

There were no nominations or volunteers for this position and it was agreed to defer the election of a secretary until the next Trustees meeting. It was pointed out that the secretary does not have to be a Trustee. Jane Russell agreed to act as minutes secretary for the AGM.

6. To receive and approve the Minutes of the previous AGM held 19th September 2007

The minutes were approved with one spelling correction.

7. Matters arising from the minutes of 19th September 2007

None

8. To receive and approve the Accounts for the year 2007/2008

The accounts were approved. It was noted that the annual income must remain under £10,000 for the Trust to be eligible for the simpler form of Annual Return to the Charity Commission, known as an Annual Update

9. To approve the Minutes of the previous Trust meeting held 25th March 2008

The minutes were approved

10. Matters arising from minutes of 25th March 2008

None

11. Legal implications of the Disability Discrimination Act

There was a long discussion about the responsibility of the Trust under the Disability Discrimination Act. Verwood Town Council is the body responsible for the day to day maintenance of the Recreation Ground and play area. It was noted that it has taken advice from the legal department of East Dorset District Council (EDDC) on its responsibilities under the Act and that no problems have been brought to its attention.

It was also noted that the legal department of EDDC, Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils (DAPTC) and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) are all sources of advice on the responsibilities, under the Act, of bodies owning a Recreation Ground.

12. Report from Chairman of the Amenities Committee

The Chairman reported that the Recreation Ground is in good condition due to ongoing maintenance and that the hedges have been cut and the ditches cleared. There had been a problem with broken glass, but this has been overcome by arranging for a contractor to clear glass immediately if a significant amount is reported. The contractor always clears glass from the ground weekly.

Rossgarth Youth Football Club have again had permission to use the ground, but they have not given any match dates to the Town Clerk. The ground has been used by East Dorset Housing Association for football training and matches during school holidays and by the Twinning Association for their companion dog show.

13. Correspondence

- a) A letter had been received from the Twinning Association about their annual companion dog show. It was agreed that the new secretary will write and give permission.
- b) The Annual Return to the Charity Commission is due before the end of 2008. Jane Russell agreed to do this online.

14. AOB and items for future discussion

None

15. Public Contribution.

Ernest Whatmore informed the Trustees that the Memorial Hall Trustees were investigating the installation of a ground source heat system and asked if they would be able to install plastic pipe 1.5m deep under the recreation ground. It was agreed that this should be an item on a future agenda if the scheme progressed further. The Memorial Hall Trustees would need to provide an outline proposal detailing the area of land to be used, project funding, making good of the ground and maintenance issues.

Marilyn Warburton commented on a number of issues, including her previous requests for a footpath and the MUGA.

Meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.