

AMENITIES COMMITTEE7th November 2017

PRESENT Councillors: S.Hazel (Vice-Chairman)
 Mrs.L.Dedden
 Mrs.S.Grove
 Mrs. A.Manley
 M.Parker
 Ms.J.Russell
 Mrs.S.Shaw

Apologies:Cllr: A.Biggs & M.Hudson

In attendance: Mrs.V.J.Bright, Town Clerk & Mrs.J.Gaskell, Assistant to the Town Clerk.

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154/17 Declarations of Interest.

None.

155/17 Allotments.

No report.

156/17 Cemetery items to be put forward for inclusion in estimates of expenditure for the next financial year.

Discussion took place and it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Finance and General Purposes Committee be requested to include the following items in estimates for the year commencing 1st April 2018.

General Rates	£ 3,050
Maintenance	£ 7,500
Water	£ 50
Memorial Testing	£ 700

157/17 To consider the Cemetery Charges for the next financial year.

The current scale of charges for the Verwood Cemetery was copied to all members. Consideration was given and after discussion it was proposed, seconded and RECOMMENDED that the Finance and General Purposes Committee be requested that the following charges be raised from 1st April 2018.

	<u>Town Residents</u>	<u>Non-Residents</u>
	£	£
Plots	170	525
Burial Fees	115	420
Cremation Plot	85	390
Cremation Burial Fee	85	85
Cremation additional burial	70	140
Monuments – Burials	85	170
Cremation	75	150
Inscription	40	70
Plaque	75	150

158/17 Recreation Ground & Open Spaces – Clerk’s Report

a) Minute 94/17(b) refers. Information was copied to members regarding the three small play areas at Kiln Way, Ebblake Close and Crane Close. The Clerk and Assistant to the Town Clerk had met with an officer from East Dorset District Council regarding the Town Council taking over these three play areas. It was suggested that they would give us the Freehold, with a covenant that if we sold the land that they would be entitled to X amount of monies. If this is recommended to Full Council, the Clerk will meet with our contractors and EDDC’s to discuss any issues that need to be addressed before the Town Council take on the sites. Discussion took place which included the possible revamping of the sites in the future, after which it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council take over the three sites from April 2018 and that the Town Clerk meet with EDDC to take this forward.

b) Rotary Club of Verwood wrote that they would like to provide one or perhaps two substantial planters in the Ferrett Green Area. The letter was copied to all members. Discussion took place regarding the position and cost of the maintenance of the planters and it was agreed that they should be positioned at the top end of Edmondsham Road near Irvings Estate Agents. Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the offer from Rotary Club to provide planters for the Town be accepted and that the details of maintenance and position be sorted out later.

159/17 To consider items to be put forward for inclusion in estimates of expenditure for the next financial year.

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and

RECOMMENDED that the Finance and General Purposes Committee be requested to include the following items in estimates for the year commencing 1st April 2018.

Maintenance of Open Spaces	£ 7,000
Hanging Baskets/Planters	£ 5,200
Maint. of Verwood Recreation Ground	£ 10,000
Maint. of Memorial Stone	£ 150
Maint. of Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground	£ 8,000
Maint. of Play Areas	£ 10,000
Casual Labour	£ 500
Cleaning of Bus Shelters	£ 1,500

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.49p.m.

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Vice-Chairman