

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2009
AT 7.30PM IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE, TOWN HALL,
ASHBURTON**

Present: Cllr Gill, chairman; Cllrs Hitchcock, Posner, Parker, Distin, Slater, Pugh, Brewer and the Clerk

083/09GP Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Baker, who was unwell, acceptance of this apology was proposed by Cllr Posner, seconded by Cllr Pugh and carried unanimously

084/09GP Minutes of the previous meeting

These were signed as a true record and carried unanimously.

085/09GP Matters arising from the previous minutes

There were no matters arising

086/09GP Review of Garden Competition

A general discussion took place on the current running of the town council's garden competition and it was noted that originally this was meant for tenants of council estates and now had been opened up to tenants and owners in those estates. It was generally felt that extending it more openly would create a colossal amount of additional work plus a large amount of time for judges to have to judge the competition and it must be born in mind that the judges do it voluntarily so if it took up two days this would prove to be very difficult. It was however generally felt that perhaps the businesses of the town could be included and it was agreed that an additional section would be added to the existing format and that would be for businesses in the town centre area and would be for floral displays covering all businesses in and around North, East and West Street but excluding the town hall. It was agreed that some sort of suitable cup could be donated and the Clerk was asked to investigate.

CLERK TO MAKE ENQUIRES FOR A SUITABLE PRIZE CUP

087/09GP Officer's Report

There were no reports from the Clerk

088/09GP Correspondence

There were no correspondence issues

089/09GP Any Other Business

- Noted that the fence in Mill Meadow; posts have been sited with wooden cross pieces but the chain link fencing is terribly uneven and considered dangerous as it has not been completed. Also the lower section has only half the amount of chain link fencing on it and this leaves easy access for children to the river and needs completing urgently and finishing in a proper and safe manner.

- Kerbstones; various kerbstones are dislodged within the town. Those being just below the Victoria Inn entrance to the car park, St Lawrence Lane, Valeania Terrace, Woodland Road all of these need refixing.
- Cllr Parker passed an Email from Simon Barnes regarding the hedge at Westabrook to the Clerk and it was noted that there still continues to be some confusion as to who is responsible for the cutting of the hedge.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.58pm

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Signed
Wednesday 23rd December 2009