

At the **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING** for Dorchester held in the Pavilion, Weymouth Avenue Recreation Ground, Dorchester on Thursday, 25th March, 2010 at 7.00pm.

The Mayor (Councillor S. Hosford) in the Chair.

PRESENT Forty-nine townspeople and two representatives of the local press.

1. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Town Meeting for Dorchester held on 24th March, 2009 were read and were confirmed and signed by The Mayor as a correct record.

2. **NOTICES OF MOTION**

The Town Clerk reported that no Notices of Motion had been submitted in writing as required by the Notice of the Town Meeting.

3. **QUESTIONS**

No formal Questions had been received.

4. **REPORTS FROM DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

Reports from the Chairmen of the Town Council's Management, Planning and Environment and Policy Committees on the activities of those Committees during the preceding year were submitted and Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee and the Chairmen of the Planning and Environment and Policy Committees addressed the meeting in amplification of the written reports..

Those attending were invited to address any questions to the Chairmen of the various Committees via the Town Council Offices.

5. **REPORT FROM DORCHESTER JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE**

A report from the Chairman of the Dorchester Joint Burial Committee on the activities of the Committee during the preceding year was submitted and the Chairman of the Joint Committee addressed the meeting in support of it.

6. **CALL FOR PARISH POLL**

At the instigation of a number of local residents the Meeting considered whether to call for a parish poll in respect of the proposal of the West Dorset District Council to have new offices for itself constructed.

On the question being put to the Meeting forty people voted in favour, significantly exceeding the statutorily-required minimum threshold.

The meeting then went on to discuss, at some length, the question to be posed at the parish poll and thirty-nine people voted in favour of the question "Do you agree with the proposal of West Dorset District Council to move from their present headquarters in

High West Street to a new multi-million pound office block which they propose to build?"

Two of those attending voted against the question and two more indicated their abstention.

The Meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Mayor