

# **Dorchester Town Council**

## **Meeting of the Dorchester Town Council**

**29 March 2016**

Present: Mayor R. Potter and Councillors R. Biggs, A. Chisholm, G. Duke, T. Harries, J. Hewitt, G. Jones, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, T. Loakes, A. Lyall, M. Rennie, K. Rice, P. Stein and D. Taylor.

Apologies: Councillors B. Armstrong-Marshall, C. Biggs, S. Hosford and T. Jones.

### **44. Mayoral Selection Committee – 22 March 2016**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

#### **Resolved**

- 1) That Councillor T. Harries be invited to fill the office of Town Mayor and Councillor R. Potter be invited to fill the office of Deputy Mayor during the 2016-17 Council Year
- 2) That Standing Orders be revised to require the Deputy Mayor to commence the mayoral selection process after the January Council meeting by contacting the first seven Members on the Selection List, calling a Special Meeting if required
- 3) That the minutes of the meeting of the Mayoral Selection Committee held on 22 March 2016 be adopted.

### **45. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Meeting of Council held on 26 January 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

### **46. Communications & Questions**

The Mayor advised Members regarding the recent death of Mr. Roger Brown, who had served on the Borough and Town Council in the 1970's. The Mayor had also sent the Council's best wishes to Jon Murden, Director of the County Museum, for a speedy recovery following his recent illness.

The Mayor took the opportunity to thank Members for their support during his year as Mayor and reminded them that the Beacon Lighting event to celebrate HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday would take place on 21 April 2016.

The Town Clerk advised Members that a meeting of the Selection Committee would take place on 10 May 2015 at 6.15pm.

**Resolved**

That the Calendar of Meetings for 2016-17 be approved

The Town Clerk advised Members of an approach made by one of the potential bidders for the South West Trains rail franchise and requested support from any Member who had previous experience of franchise negotiations.

47. **Planning and Environment Committee – 1 February 2016**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted. A response was provided to a question regarding a planning application related to 17 Buttermarket.

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1 February 2016 be adopted.

48. **Planning and Environment Committee – 3 February 2016**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

A number of Councillors expressed their strength of feeling regarding the provision of affordable housing on the Prison site.

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3 February 2016 be adopted.

49. **Policy Committee – 23 February 2016**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

The Town Clerk confirmed that works on the Borehole would commence in the first week of April 2016.

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 23 February 2016 be adopted.

50. **Planning & Environment Committee – 7 March 2016**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted. Members commented on the bollards in New Street.

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 7 March 2016 be adopted.

**51. Management Committee – 15 March 2016**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

**Resolved**

- 1) That a lozenge be painted to recognise the Queen becoming the longest reigning Monarch
- 2) That the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 15 March 2016 be adopted.

**52. Policy Committee – 22 March 2016**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

**Resolved**

- 1) That Council adopts the General Power of Competence
- 2) That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 22 March 2016 be amended to note the plan to commemorate Great War sites in the town, then adopted

The Council rose at 7.30pm.

Mayor