

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 23rd September, 2008:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor C.M. Hebditch) in the Chair.

Councillors D.J. Barrett, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, V. Black, A.J. Canning, T.C.N. Harries, L.E. Heath, S. Hosford, T. James, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger, A.J. Lyall, P.G. Mann, L.M. Phillips, R.B. Potter and M.E. Rennie.

In attendance:
Father J. Rice, Mayor's Chaplain

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors M.A. Allwood, A. Harries and E.S. Jones.

28. **MARJORIE NICHOLSON**

Members stood in silent tribute to Marjorie Nicholson who had worked for the Council from its inception in 1974 until 1992 and had died on 30th August, 2008.

29. **PRAYERS**

The Mayor's Chaplain opened the Meeting with a short prayer.

30. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22nd July, 2008, copies of which had been circulated to all Members of the Council, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record subject to Councillors D.J. Barrett and V. Black being included within the list of those apologising for non-attendance at the Meeting and to the name of the Mayor's Chaplain being corrected.

Minute 20 (11) – Post Box – South Street In response to a question from a Member the Town Clerk reported that he had still not received written confirmation of Royal Mail's agreement to install an additional post box in South Street in the Autumn. He would pursue the matter further with Royal Mail if the post box was not installed by the middle of October.

Minute 21 (b) – The Rifles Regiment The Council was updated with progress with regard to the provision of comfort boxes for members of The Rifles Regiment on overseas deployments which had been very successful. It was noted that the collections would be ongoing.

31. **COMMUNICATIONS**

(a) **Twinning Events**

The Mayor reported on her recent visit to Lübbecke and also expressed her appreciation of the support of Members at the Bayeux tree planting and Civic Reception held earlier in the month.

(b) Civic Cushion

The Mayor drew Members' attention to a new Civic cushion which had been made to replace the worn out one at St Peter's Church. The cushion had been made by the Dorchester Stitchers free of charge with materials supplied by the Council. The Town Clerk was requested to investigate whether the old cushion could be placed in the Dorset County Museum.

(c) Dorchester Cricket Club

Members were informed that a reception for Dorchester Cricket Club was to be held at 6.30pm on Thursday, 9th October, 2008 in the Town Hall to celebrate the Dorchester Cricket Club's outstanding 2008 season during which all three of their teams had won their respective leagues. The Council also felt that a formal letter of congratulation should be sent to the Club and it was

RESOLVED

That the Council's congratulations be conveyed to Dorchester Cricket Club on its outstanding 2008 season which saw the Club win the Dorset Saturday Premier League and the Dorchester Saturday Division 2 and 8 Leagues.

32. **QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order 12(3).

33. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 28th JULY, 2008**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 28th July, 2008 be adopted.

34. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 1st SEPTEMBER, 2008**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st September, 2008 be adopted.

35. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 9th SEPTEMBER, 2008**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 9th September, 2008 be adopted.

Minute 19 – Borough Gardens Event and Maumbury Rings Music Day The Mayor thanked all of the staff involved in organising and attending the summer programme of music events which had again proved very successful.

Minute 23 – Monitoring Reports The Mayor expressed her pleasure at the continuing uptake in bookings of the Borough Gardens House community facility.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 9th September, 2008 be adopted.

36. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 16th SEPTEMBER, 2008**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 16 September, 2008 be adopted.

37. **POLICE MATTERS**

The Council received a statement of recent crime statistics for the town.

One of the Council's representatives on the Dorchester and District Crime Prevention Panel informed Members that Panel members would be handing out crime prevention advice leaflets in South Street on Saturday 27th September, 2008.

The Council rose at 7.16pm.

Mayor