

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 24th March, 2009:

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, A. Harries, T.C.N. Harries, L.E. Heath, S. Hosford, F.E. Kent-Ledger, P.G. Mann, L.M. Phillips and R.B. Potter.

In attendance:
Father J. Rice, Mayor's Chaplain
Inspector L. Fry, Dorset Police
Sergeant S. Yeomans, Dorset Police

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors M.A. Allwood, T. James, E.S. Jones, Trevor Jones, A.J. Lyall and M.E. Rennie.

58. **PRAYERS**

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

59. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27th January, 2009, 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.

60. **COMMUNICATIONS**

(a) **Wellworths Store – South Street**

The Council was informed that the new Wellworths store located in South Street was now open. Members agreed that a letter should be sent to the manager wishing her and her staff the Council's best wishes for a successful future.

(b) **Stiletto Showcase**

The Mayor informed the Council that the Stiletto Showcase event recently held in the Corn Exchange had been a great success with all money raised at the evening going to the Mayor's charity.

(c) **Skatepark**

Members were informed that the opening of the new permanent skatepark would be held on 25th April, 2009.

(d) **Bayeux Twinning Visit**

The Mayor informed Members that a civic evening had been arranged for Saturday 18th April, 2009 in the Corn Exchange to which all Members were invited together with a Civic Service at Holy Trinity Church at 10.30am on Sunday, 19th April.

61. **QUESTIONS**

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

62. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 2nd FEBRUARY, 2009**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2nd February, 2009 be adopted.

(Councillor T.C.N. Harries declared a personal interest in respect of Minute No. 62 as he was a taxi driver.)

63. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 2nd MARCH, 2009**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2nd March, 2009 be adopted.

64. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 10th MARCH, 2009**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 10th March, 2009 be adopted.

Minute 54(a) – Recreational Activities Panel – 10th February, 2009 In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed that once the new permanent skatepark had been opened the temporary skatepark at Charles Street would have all its equipment removed and be left in a tidy state. The area would then be returned to car parking.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 10th March, 2009 be adopted.

65. **MAYORAL SELECTION COMMITTEE – 17th MARCH, 2009**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Mayoral Selection Committee held on 17th March, 2009 be adopted.

Minute 7 – Selection of Town Mayor – 2009-10 – Councillor D.J. Barrett reported that the Member named at this Minute was Councillor S. Hosford and it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor S. Hosford be invited to fill the Office of Town Mayor of Dorchester for the 2009-10 Council year.

Councillor Hosford accepted the invitation and expressed her appreciation of the honour which it represented.

It was also

RESOLVED

- (2) That the Minutes of the Mayoral Selection Committee held on 17th March, 2009 be adopted.

66. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 17th MARCH, 2009**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 17th March, 2009 be adopted.

67. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Fry circulated crime statistics for Dorchester over the last two months and responded to Members' questions on them and other matters raised by the Council. He also introduced Sergeant Steve Yeomans to the Council who was part of the Dorchester Safer Neighbourhood team.

The Council rose at 7.23pm.

Mayor