

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 27th July, 2010:

PRESENT The Mayor (Councillor L.M. Phillips) in the Chair.

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

In attendance:

Reverend V. Thurtell, Mayor's Chaplain

Inspector L. Fry, Dorset Police

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors M.A. Allwood, A. Harries and C.M. Hebditch.

18. **PRAYERS**

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

19. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 24th May, 2010 and of the Adjourned Annual Meeting held on 25th May, 2010, 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.

20. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor thanked Members and Officers for their support at various events which included The Rifles Homecoming Parade, Dorchester Carnival, Armed Forces Day and the Mayor's Civic Service. The Mayor then went on to remind Members of the Love Parks events being held in the Borough Gardens the following day.

21. **QUESTIONS**

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

22. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 25th MAY, 2010**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 25th May, 2010 be adopted.

23. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 7th JUNE, 2010**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 7th June, 2010 be adopted.

Minute 2(2) – Street Lighting Replacement Works – The Chairman of the Committee reminded Members that if they wished to invite members of the public to meetings of Committees they should consult the Chairman and the Clerk to the Committee prior to doing so.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 7th June, 2010 be adopted.

24. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 15th JUNE, 2010**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 15th June, 2010 be adopted.

Minute 8 – Planning Application 1/D/10/0763 – Redevelopment at Charles Street – In response to a question the Town Clerk informed Members that the indications were that West Dorset District Council would consider this application during September. He also confirmed that he would speak on behalf of the Council at that meeting. It was agreed that Members should be informed of the date for the meeting as soon as it was known.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 15th June, 2010 be adopted.

25. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 23rd JUNE, 2010**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 23rd June, 2010 be adopted. The Chairman of the Committee informed Members that the format of the Council's accounts had changed and the Council's Financial Services Provider had been unable to satisfactorily respond to Members questions about them so the matter was deferred to a reconvened meeting of the Committee to allow for a narrative report explaining the substance of the accounts and the reasons for the level of deficit to be prepared.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 23rd June, 2010 be adopted.

26. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 28th JUNE, 2010**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Reconvened Policy Committee held on 28th June, 2010 be adopted.

27. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 5th JULY, 2010**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th July, 2010 be adopted.

Minute 11 – Traffic Panel – The Vice-Chairman of the Committee requested that the matter of the election of Chairman of the Traffic Panel be referred back to the next meeting of the Committee for further consideration.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the election of Chairman of the Traffic Panel be referred back to the Planning and Environment Committee for further consideration.
- (2) That, subject to (1) above, the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th July, 2010 be adopted.

(The Mayor (Councillor L.M. Phillips) and Councillor T.C.N. Harries declared personal interests in respect of Planning Application 10570 as The Mayor had shares in the business as did Councillor Harries' wife.)

28. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 13th JULY, 2010**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 13th July, 2010 be adopted.

Minute 3 – Steps Leading from Barnes Way to Sandringham Sports Centre – In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed that a number of quotations for the work would be sought nearer the time should the Council agree to setting aside funding for this project; a single quotation had been obtained to date to give an indication of the level of expenditure involved.

Minute 8 – Sponsorship of Hanging Baskets – Some Members felt that it would be beneficial to discuss the issue of sponsorship further with Waitrose as it seemed a shame to pass up the opportunity. It was also felt that it might be a matter worth asking Dorchester BID to consider. It was reported however that Waitrose had now found an alternative way to achieve its aims. It was also noted that Policy Committee at its meeting held on 20th July, 2010 had agreed that the matter of sponsorship as a whole should be investigated.

Minute 12 – Fordington Green – Members were pleased that the work undertaken at Fordington Green had stopped people from parking on the Green. Arising from the

consideration of this matter the problem of people parking on The Walks, particularly on Colliton Walk, was raised and it was requested that further consideration should be given to locating a bollard in Colliton Walk to prevent it. The Town Clerk reminded Members that this had already been considered by Management Committee but it had not been possible to take effective measures due to there being a right of access to 1 Colliton Walk. The Council felt however that the Management Committee should give further consideration to this issue.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Management Committee be requested to give further consideration to the issue of parking at Colliton Walk.
- (2) That the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 13th July, 2010 be adopted.

29. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 20th JULY, 2010**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 20th July, 2010 be adopted.

Minute 5(2) - Minutes of Management Committee – Members felt that it would be more appropriate for the Policy Committee rather than the Management Committee to consider the wider issue of commercial sponsorship.

Minute 7 – Panels – 2010-11 – The Council gave consideration to the appointment of Chairmen to the Risk Panel and the Resources Panel.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Recommendation at Minute 5(2) be amended to read as follows:

‘That the Committee give consideration to a wider exploration of potential areas for commercial sponsorship of facilities provided by the Council.’
- (2) That Councillor Trevor Jones be elected Chairman of the Resources Panel and Councillor R.M. Biggs be elected Chairman of the Risk Management Panel for the 2010-11 Council year.
- (3) That, subject to (1) and (2) above, the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 20th July, 2010 be adopted.

30. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Fry updated Members on the crime statistics for Dorchester for the period from 1st April, 2010 to date and various other matters and responded to Members' questions.

One Member expressed concern regarding the locations of some of the new street lighting columns which were being installed throughout the town. Some of the previous columns had been positioned at the ends of passageways and cast some light to them. In some cases the new columns had been installed in different positions which had resulted in a number of passageways no longer receiving any lighting whatsoever. Inspector Fry reported that he was not aware of any problems associated with this issue as yet. Members felt that this is was important and could usefully be discussed further at the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

The Council rose at 7.39pm.

Mayor