

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 29th September, 2009:

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

Councillors M.A. Allwood, D.J. Barrett, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, A.J. Canning, A. Harries, T.C.N. Harries, L.E. Heath, T. James, A.J. Lyall, P.G. Mann, L.M. Phillips, M.E. Rennie and R.B. Potter.

In attendance:

Reverend R. Frapwell, Mayor's Chaplain

Inspector L. Fry, Dorset Police

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors V. Black, C.M. Hebditch, E.S. Jones, Trevor Jones and F.E. Kent-Ledger.

26. **THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

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

27. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28th July, 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.

28. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor read out a letter of thanks received from Lieutenant Colonel Thompson of The Rifles Regiment which had been received in response to The Mayor's letter to the Commander-in-Chief of the Regiment expressing the Town's condolences for the loss of life and injuries received by Riflemen serving in Afghanistan.

The Mayor reminded Members of the Barn Dance to be held in the Corn Exchange on 9th October, 2009 in aid of Julia's House – Dorset Children's Hospice.

29. **QUESTIONS**

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

30. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 3rd AUGUST, 2009**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3rd August, 2009 be adopted.

Minute 20 – Dorchester West Station – Northbound Platform – In response to a question the Town Clerk informed Members that representatives from First Great Western would be attending a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee to discuss access at Dorchester West Station.

Minute 21 – Poundbury – Gravel Paths – The Mayor reported that the meeting with the Duchy of Cornwall to discuss gravel paths had now been held and the matter would be considered further by the Planning and Environment Committee.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 3rd August, 2009 be adopted.

31. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 7th SEPTEMBER, 2009**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 7th September, 2009 be adopted.

Minute 30 – West Dorset Services – Members again expressed their appreciation to Mr I. Doyle, West Dorset Services Manager, who had attending the Planning and Environment Committee meeting to discuss various matters including the cleanliness of footpaths in the Town which were neither public highways or rights of way.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 7th September, 2009 be adopted.

32. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 15th SEPTEMBER, 2009**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 15th September, 2009 be adopted.

33. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 22nd SEPTEMBER, 2009**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 22nd September, 2009 be adopted.

34. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Fry circulated the Council with details of crime statistics for Dorchester over the last two months and responded to Members questions on them.

Members were reminded that the Police did have their own mobile speed monitoring device which Inspector Fry could arrange to be deployed in areas where it was felt there was an issue with speeding vehicles. Members felt that the device could usefully be deployed at Bridport Road, Cambridge Road, Herringston Road and The Grove.

In response to a question Inspector Fry reported that the Town continued to be a safe place to live and work and that there were no significant issues related to alcohol or drug misuse as a result of the new licensing laws.

Members expressed concern regarding the number of people still using mobile phones whilst driving. Inspector Fry shared the concerns and would take whatever action he could within the resources available to him. One of the Council's representatives on the Dorchester Crime Prevention Panel undertook to arrange for the Panel to consider the matter with a view to encouraging drivers to use Bluetooth technology.

Inspector Fry informed Members that skatepark users had recently tidied the park and had collected six bags of litter which they had placed next to the waste bins for removal. Members were pleased that users of the skatepark were starting to take ownership of the litter issue.

In response to a question Inspector Fry confirmed that the Police Traffic Division operated mainly outside of the Town Centre.

The Council rose at 7.33pm.

Mayor