

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 27th September, 2011:

**PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor T. James) in the Chair.

Councillors V.J. Allan, K.E. Armitage, D.J. Barrett, R.M. Biggs, A.J. Canning, T.C.N. Harries, E.S. Jones, G.M. Jones, Trevor Jones, T.F. Loakes, A.J. Lyall, P.G. Mann, R.B. Potter and D.S. Roberts.

In attendance:

Inspector L. Fry, Dorset Police

Mr. D. Horsfall, Dorchester Quaker Meeting

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors C.S. Biggs, S.C. Hosford, F.E. Kent-Ledger, M.E. Rennie and D. Taylor.

29. **MR JOHN RENNIE**

The Council stood in silent tribute to Mr John Rennie husband of Councillor M.E. Rennie who had served as Mayor's Escort in 1993-94 and 2003-04 and who had passed away on 3rd September.

30. **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The Mayor introduced David Horsfall of the Dorchester Quaker Meeting who briefly addressed the Council by way of a poem followed by a short contemplative silence.

31. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26th July, 2011, 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.

32. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor informed Council that she would be taking part in the Great South Run on 30th October, 2011 to raise money for her charities .

The Council was reminded that there was a twinning reception for the German Rifle Club at 4.00pm on 30th September, 2011 in the Town Hall.

33. **QUESTIONS**

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

34. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 1st AUGUST, 2011**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st August, 2011 be adopted.

Minute 21(2) – Queens Park Development In response to a question from a Member the Town Clerk drew attention to Planning and Environment Minute 25(b) which contained confirmation that the layout of the access road to this development accorded with the planning consent, and that the County Council hoped to complete the residents parking scheme in the area during October, 2011 and that double yellow lines would be reinstated at the junction of Poets Way at the same time.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st August, 2011 be adopted.

35. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER, 2011**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5th September, 2011 be adopted.

36. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 13th SEPTEMBER, 2011**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 13th September, 2011 be adopted.

Minute 15(b) – Outdoor Services Panel In response to concerns expressed regarding a lack of toilet facilities at the Great Field for girls youth football teams it was agreed that the Duchy of Cornwall be asked whether it would be possible for the Council to locate portable toilets in the area and that the matter be considered at the next Meeting of the Management Committee.

Minute 16 – Management Arrangements It was noted that the correct name for Cowden Farm was Cowden Care Farm.

Minute 19 – Chaseborough Square Water Feature It was reported that local residents were very pleased with the Council's proposals for the retention of this water feature and had expressed their appreciation of the Council's co-operation.

Minute 20 – Elizabeth Place Play Area A Member expressed his opinion that more positive action should be taken in respect of fencing Elizabeth Place Play Area which he considered vital in the interests of public safety. It was agreed that the matter should be referred back to the next meeting of the Management Committee for further consideration and that, in the meantime, officers be requested to investigate the possibility of attracting external funding for the project.

It was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 13th September, 2011 be adopted.
- (2) That officers be requested to investigate the possibility of external funding being attracted in respect of the fencing of Elizabeth Place Play Area and that the matter be further considered at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

37. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 20th SEPTEMBER, 2011**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 20th September, 2011 be adopted.

Minute 19 – Winter Maintenance In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed that none of the existing grit bins would be removed whether or not they fulfilled the criteria for the future installation of new bins and that all grit bins would continue to be filled by the County Council.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 20th September, 2011 be adopted.

38. **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2010-11**

The Town Clerk informed Members that the Council was only required to note the audited Annual Returns of the Council and the Dorchester Joint Burial Committee rather than consider them.

It was further explained that the audited Annual Return for the Council had yet to be received but that an unqualified opinion was expected prior to 30th September and that, subject to this, it would be published in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011. The Council would receive a copy of the audited annual return for formal note at its next meeting.

The Council did have before it an unqualified Annual Return for the Dorchester Joint Burial Committee which Members were pleased to note. The Return would now be published in accordance with the Regulations.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the audited Annual Return for the Dorchester Joint Burial Committee for 2010-11 be noted.

39. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Fry addressed the Council and answered Members' questions about various Police initiatives and recent developments in the Town.

The Council rose at 7.29pm.

Mayor