

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 28th July, 2009:

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

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

In attendance:
Reverend R. Frapwell, Mayor's Chaplain.

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Councillors A.J. Canning and P.G. Mann.

17. **THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN**

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

18. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 18th May, 2009 and of the Adjourned Annual Meeting held on 19th May, 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.

19. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor reported that on behalf of the Council and the people of Dorchester she had written to the Commanders of the 2nd and 4th Battalions of the Rifles and the Commander-in-Chief of the Regiment expressing the Town's condolences for the loss of life and the injuries received by those Riflemen serving in Afghanistan.

A Member also reported two letters of thanks that she had received from Riflemen who had received a comfort box from the Dorchester appeal and she urged Members to write a letter about Dorchester which could be included in future comfort boxes.

20. **QUESTIONS**

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

21. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 1st JUNE, 2009**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st June, 2009 be adopted.

Minute 9 – Traffic Panel – Councillor M.A. Allwood volunteered to fill the remaining vacancy on the Traffic Panel for the 2009-10 Council year and it was

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor M.A. Allwood be appointed to serve on the Traffic Panel for the 2009-10 Council year.
- (2) That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 1st June, 2009 be adopted.

22. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 25th JUNE, 2009**

It was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 25th June, 2009 be adopted.

23. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 6th JULY, 2009**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 6th July, 2009 be adopted.

Minute 15 – Poundbury – Gravel Paths – In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed that the Duchy of Cornwall had agreed in principle to participate in a meeting to discuss the continuing use of gravel within the Poundbury development and that the Council's representation at that meeting would be considered by the Planning and Environment Committee at its next meeting.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 6th July, 2009 be adopted.

24. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 14th JULY, 2009**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 14th July, 2009 be adopted.

Minute 3 – Highway Trees – Members of the Management Committee expressed their appreciation of the work being undertaken by the County Council with regard to highway trees in Dorchester and also wished to thank again the officers from the County Council who had attended the Management Committee meeting to explain the work that had been carried out and would be undertaken in the future.

Minute 7 – Land Adjacent to West Walks / Tennis Courts – The Town Clerk informed the Council that he understood that the enhancement works to this area were unlikely to commence until the end of August.

It was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 14th July, 2009 be adopted.

25. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 21st JULY, 2009**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 21st July, 2009 be adopted.

Minute 13 – Information Technology Service Provision – The Town Clerk updated Members on the proposed method of data back up which would include off-site storage of a weekly data tape and regular back ups via the internet.

Minute 15 – Dorchester Stop the Drop - Councillor D.J. Barrett was nominated to represent the Council on the Dorchester Stop the Drop group for the 2009-10 Council year.

It was

RESOLVED

- (1) That Councillor D.J. Barrett be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Dorchester Stop the Drop group for the 2009-10 Council year.
- (2) That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 21st July, 2009 be adopted.

The Council rose at 7.23pm.

Mayor