



DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The annual assembly of the Town Meeting for Dorchester will be held on **TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025 on the rising of adjourned Council which starts at 7.00PM** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester DT1 1HF.**

The meeting is open to the public unless the Town Meeting by resolution directs otherwise. Only the town's registered local government electors are entitled to participate at the meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Minutes**
To read, confirm and sign the Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 21 May 2024.
2. **Notices of Motion**
To consider any Motions of which due notice has been given (in writing) at least three days before the Meeting.
3. **Questions**
To deal with questions submitted in writing at least 48 hours before the Meeting.
4. **Reports**
To receive the reports of the Mayor and representatives of Town Council Committees, based on the Council's Annual Report.
5. **Any Other business considered appropriate by the Mayor**

Robin Potter
Town Mayor

At the **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN MEETING** for Dorchester held in the Council Chamber, Corn Exchange Building, Dorchester on 21 May 2024 at 7.38pm, the following business was conducted:-

Present: The Mayor (Councillor R. Potter) and Councillors S. Biles, A. Canning, P. Farmer, L. Fry, J. Germodo, W. Gibbons, J. Hewitt, G. Jones, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, D. Leaper, V. Lloyd-Jones, R. Major, M. Rennie, K. Reid, R. Ricardo and D. Taylor.

Plus one local resident and one representative of the local press.

Apologies: Councillors R. Biggs and F. Hogwood.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Annual Assembly of the Town Meeting held on 23 May 2023 were read and confirmed and signed by The Mayor as a correct record.

2. Notices of Motion & Questions

No Notices of Motion or Questions had been submitted.

3. Reports from Dorchester Town Council

Reports were submitted from the Chairmen of the Town Council's Management, Policy and Planning and Environment Committees on the activities of those Committees during the preceding year.

4. Any Other Business

A local resident reported that Natural England and Dorset Wildlife Trust had purchased Lyscombe Farm, north of Dorchester, which would enable about 3,700 new homes to be built in the catchment over the next few years while protecting local water quality. Concern was expressed regarding this development and the proposed development north of Dorchester.

One of the Town Councillors who was also a Dorset Councillor reported that he was making enquiries in respect of this matter, he had also spoken with the local MP.

Members felt that at some stage it would be useful for the Council to receive a presentation / training session on nitrate mitigation and the Local Plan.

Councillors agreed that an enquiry be made of the Dorchester Civic Society to see if it would wish to have a representative of the Council appointed to the Society.

The Meeting closed at 7.47pm.

Mayor