

At the **MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 26th July, 2011:

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

Councillors V.J. Allan, K.E. Armitage, C.S. Biggs, R.M. Biggs, T.C.N. Harries, S.C. Hosford, E.S. Jones, G.M. Jones, Trevor Jones, F.E. Kent-Ledger, P.G. Mann, R.B. Potter, M.E. Rennie, D.S. Roberts and D. Taylor.

In attendance:

Ms B. Brooke, Dorchester Quaker Meeting

Inspector L. Fry, Dorset Police

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors D.J. Barrett, A.J. Canning, T.F. Loakes and A.J. Lyall.

19. **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

The Mayor introduced Beth Brooke of the Dorchester Quaker Meeting who briefly addressed the Council by way of introduction to a short contemplative silence.

20. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 23rd May, 2011, of the Adjourned Annual Meeting of the Council held on 24th May, 2011 and of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 21st June, 2011 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

21. **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Mayor reported the receipt of a letter from Councillor M.E. Rennie thanking the Council for the presentation of a hamper of Dorchester china to mark her 25 years of membership of the Council.

The Mayor also congratulated Councillor Rennie and the Town Clerk on the recent award to them of Paul Harris Fellowships by Dorchester Rotary Club.

A Member reminded the Council of the Love Parks Week celebration which would be held in the Borough Gardens tomorrow.

22. **QUESTIONS**

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

23. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 6th JUNE, 2011**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 6th June, 2011 be adopted.

Minute 2 – A-Boards – Town Centre By way of clarification, Councillor D. Taylor explained that his interest in this matter arose because he was a shop manager within the town centre, not a shop owner.

Minute 7 – Planning Applications Arising from this Minute a Member expressed appreciation of the attendance of the Chairman of the Committee at a recent meeting of the West Dorset District Council’s Development Control Committee which had helped to reinforce this Council’s objections to certain planning applications.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 6th June, 2011 be adopted.

24. **MAYORAL SELECTION COMMITTEE – 21st JUNE, 2011**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Mayoral Selection Committee held on 21st June, 2011 be adopted.

25. **PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 4th JULY, 2011**

It was proposed, seconded and

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 4th July, 2011 be adopted.

26. **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 12th JULY, 2011**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 12th July, 2011 be adopted.

Minute 13 – Dorchester Bowls Club Councillor Trevor Jones declared a Personal Interest in this Minute as he was a member of the Club.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Management Committee held on 12th July, 2011 be adopted.

27. **POLICY COMMITTEE – 19th JULY, 2011**

It was proposed and seconded that the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 19th July, 2011 be adopted.

Minute 9 – Dorset Martyrs Memorial A Member welcomed the clarification as to ownership set out at this Minute and the Council noted that the Dorchester Joint Heritage

Committee would now consider the need for renovation or replacement of the explanatory plaque associated with the Memorial.

It was

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Policy Committee held on 19th July, 2011 be adopted.

28. **POLICE MATTERS**

Inspector Fry addressed the Council and answered Members' questions about various Police initiatives and recent developments in the Town. In particular he referred to the difficulty of enforcing the prohibition of cycling on the River Walk and suggested that improvements to the signage of the weight restriction in the town centre might result in better observance of it. It was agreed that this matter should be considered by the Planning and Environment Committee at its next meeting.

The Council rose at 7.32pm.

Mayor