

At the **SPECIAL MEETING** of the **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Dorchester on Tuesday, 21st June, 2011:

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

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

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors R.M. Biggs, A.J. Canning, G.M. Jones, T.F. Loakes, R.B. Potter and D. Taylor.

17. **DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998**

The Chairman of the Policy Committee referred to the recent circulation by the Town Clerk of guidance on the possible need for registration by individual councillors under the Data Protection Act 1998. Legal advice was being obtained and a report on the matter should be submitted to the next meeting of the Policy Committee, following which it would hopefully be possible to issue advice to all Members on the steps required.

18. **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2010-11 & ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

The Council considered its draft Final Accounts for 2010-11 together with the Audit Commission's Annual Return duly signed by the internal auditor. The Financial Service Provider circulated a revised version of the draft Final Accounts and of the Annual Return which had been changed to correct minor errors noticed since their initial circulation. He also submitted a report summarising the Council's financial performance against budget and answered Members' questions.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the draft Final Accounts for 2010-11 as now submitted be noted and that the Annual Return summarising the financial information contained in the Accounts and incorporating the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk accordingly.

Arising from the consideration of this matter it was also

**RESOLVED**

- (2) That the Town Clerk be requested to clarify ownership of the Dorset Martyrs Memorial in South Walks and, if necessary, arrange appropriate insurances.

The Council rose at 7.29pm.

Mayor