

Dorchester Town Council

Meeting of the Dorchester Town Council

30 September 2019

Present: Mayor R. Biggs and Councillors, B. Armstrong-Marshall, A. Chisholm, S. Jones, F. Kent-Ledger, A. Lyall, R. Major, R. Potter, M. Rennie R. Ricardo and D. Taylor.

Apologies: Councillors S. Biles, A. Canning, L. Fry, T. Harries, J. Hewitt, F. Hogwood, S. Hosford, G. Jones and D. Leaper.

22. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of Council held on 23 July 2019 were confirmed and signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

23. **Communications & Motions**

The Mayor reported on his recent twinning visit to Bayeux and explained the significance of a photo picture received as a gift. He announced that a Ball would take place in aid of the Firefighters Charity in March 2020.

24. **Update from Dorchester Ward Members of the Dorset Council**

Councillors S. Jones and Rennie identified a discernible acceleration in the workload of the new Dorset Council, including the establishment of a working group to hold a conversation with Town and Parish Councils.

A Member raised a question from a resident to a Dorset Councillor regarding school catchments.

25. **Planning and Environment Committee – 5 August 2019**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 5 August 2019 be adopted.

26. **Planning and Environment Committee – 2 September 2019**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 2 September 2019 be adopted.

27. **Management Committee – 9 September 2019**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

A Member commented on the issues that led to the need for the school holiday Food Bank scheme. The Mayor advised he had attended one of the distribution mornings during the summer and commended the work being done.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Management Committee held on 9 September 2019 be adopted.

28. **Policy Committee – 17 September 2019**

It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting be adopted.

Resolved

- a) That the certified Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2019 is approved and accepted
- b) That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 17 September 2019 be adopted.

Mayor

Council rose at 7.20 pm.

At a Public Question Time following the meeting a detailed response was provided to questions regarding the Council's position regarding previous consultations conducted by West Dorset District Council in relation to their policy DOR15 and submissions by developers some distance from the town.

A resident raised concerns regarding weeds in the town centre and asked that the Council investigate who was responsible for managing the issue. A Member commented about the condition of a phone box in High West Street.