

## **EAST DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd March, 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

### Present:-

Councillor R. C. Dudman - Chairman

Councillor Mrs P. A. Reynolds - Vice-Chairman

Present: Councillors P. G. Bennett, M. C. Birr, D. B. F. Burt, Mrs L. J. Clark, A. A. J. Clarke, Mrs Q. N. D. Comfort, Mrs T. B. Coombs, P. G. Cuckston, R. E. Daw, Mrs J. Dover, M. R. Dyer, Mrs G. S. Elliot, S. G. Flower, S. C. Hearn, P. Holden, Mrs A. Holland, J. P. Holland, Mrs P. A. Hymers, J. E. Little, D. Morgan, Mrs M. B. Osner, D. G. L. Packer, T. J. Palmer, G. W. Russell, M. G. Simper, N. Smith, S. S. Tong, D. J. Wallace and Mrs A. Warman.  
Mr D. W. Atkinson (Independent)

### 482. Prayers

Prayers were led by the Reverend Derek Tighe, of the Wimborne Minster.

### 483. Mr David Cozier

The Chairman announced the death of Mr David Cozier who had represented the Alderholt Ward on East Dorset District Council from 2003 to 2008. Further to this the Chairman informed that David Cozier had been an active Member of the local community within Alderholt, and that during his time on the District he had held seats on the Planning Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.

### 484. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs J. M. Hazel, Mrs B. T. Manuel, I. J. Monks, B. E. Mortimer and P. W. Richardson.

### 485. Declarations of Interest

Councillors A. A. J. Clarke, D. B. F. Burt, Mrs P. A. Hymers and Mr A Breakwell (Chief Executive) declared personal and prejudicial interests in Minute No. 489 (Committee Reports) Minute No. 477 recommendation (c) and left the room during the discussion and voting thereon.

### 486. Chairman's Announcements and Review of Civic Functions Attended

The Chairman submitted a schedule of Civic Functions attended since his election as Chairman of the Council, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these minutes in the Minute Book.

The Chairman advised Members that the Charity Dorset Police Concert had been an enjoyable event which had raised £883 for his charity.

In addition to this the Chairman reminded Members that the Annual Council photograph would be taken prior to the start of the next Council meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2009. Members were requested to arrive at the Council Offices for 6.45pm on that date in order for the photograph to be taken.

487. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January, 2009 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

488. Presentations by the Public

A question was submitted by letter from Mrs Jackie Collins, resident of West Parley in relation to a recently held Standards Hearing. In the absence of Mrs Collins who was unable to attend the meeting and in accordance with Part 4 of the Constitution paragraph 8.8 the Chief Executive read out the question as follows;

“I noticed an article in the Daily Echo of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 regarding three Councillors being charged of bullying by a fellow Councillor from St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council.

As this was investigated by Mr Graham Rowe, a local government inspector who found there was no case to answer against any of the people charged, I would like to know how much this investigation cost the EDDC Council taxpayer and what proportion of it was paid for by the complainant Councillor, Mrs A. Warman, who should have known there would be cost implications to the tax payer in these hard economic times.”

A response was given by the Chairman of the Standards Committee, Mr David Atkinson;

“the cost of the independent investigation involved with the recent Code of Conduct allegations for St Leonards and St Ives Parish Council amounted to £4,400. As currently drafted the legislation requires that this expenditure has to be borne by the District Council and there is no provision in place to recharge any of the cost to the complainant.”

**DELEGATED BUSINESS**

489. Committee Reports

Standards Committee

The report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2009 was submitted.

**RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.**

Voting: Nem. Con.

Planning Committee

The report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2009 was submitted.

**RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.**

Voting: Unanimous

Policy and Resources Committee

The report of the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 was submitted.

In relation to Minute No. 438 Members were advised of the comments from the Joint Consultative Group. In addition to this thanks was expressed to the Officers involved in bringing this report forward, further thanks were

expressed to the Members of the Community and Culture, Scrutiny and Policy Development Sub-Committee who had been involved in looking at the policy in detail.

**RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.**

Voting: Minute No. 439 21:9, Minute No. 438 and the Minutes as a whole Unanimous.

Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

The report of the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 was submitted.

**RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.**

Voting: Unanimous

Audit Committee

The report of the 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 was submitted.

**RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.**

Voting: Unanimous

Licensing Committee

The report of the 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 was submitted.

**RESOLVED that the report as submitted be adopted.**

Voting: Unanimous

Policy and Resources Committee

The report of the 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 was submitted.

Members requested that the minutes be amended to reflect the discussion held at the Committee meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 in relation to the submission of late reports.

In relation to Minute No. 477 Councillor Mrs Hymers proposed that recommendation (c) be reworded to read as follows *'no schemes are approved for the capital programme until any future land sales are complete, or alternative finances can be identified'* this proposition was seconded by Councillor Mrs Dover and upheld on a Nem. Con vote with 1 abstention.

Thanks were expressed to the Chief Executive for the work carried out in respect of bringing together the Council budget.

**RESOLVED that;**

- a) subject to the minutes being amended to reflect the discussion at the meeting in respect of late reports;**
- b) recommendation (c) at Minute No. 477 read as follows 'no schemes are approved for the capital programme until any future land sales are complete, or alternative finances can be identified; and**
- c) the report as submitted be adopted.**

Voting: Minute No. 473 23:2 (5 abstentions), Minute No. 474 22:2 (6 abstentions), Minute No. 476 19:11, Minute No. 477 (a) 21:6 (3 abstentions), (b) Unanimous, (c) Nem. Con. (1 abstention), Minute No. 480 22:8, and the

minutes as a whole Unanimous.

(Councillors A. A. J. Clarke, D. B. F. Burt, Mrs P. A. Hymers and Mr A Breakwell (Chief Executive) declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item (Minute No. 477) and left the room during the discussion and voting during recommendation (b) thereon.)

490. Council Tax 2009/10

The Chief Executive submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

The Council was requested to set the levels of Council Tax for 2009/10.

**RESOLVED that the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2009/10 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-**

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| (a) | Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | £37,659,462 |
| (b) | Aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | £25,433,828 |
| (c) | The amount by which the aggregate at 7 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 7 (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | £12,225,634 |
| (d) | Aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its Collection Fund to its General Fund in accordance with Section 97 (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus); and reduced by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its General Fund to its Collection Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charge) directions under Section 98 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act, made on 7th February, 1994 (Community Charge Deficit). | £3,669,332  |
| (e) | The amount of 7 (c) above less the amount at 7 (d) above, all divided by the amount at 5.2 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33 (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | £222.68     |
| (f) | Aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | £1,399,082  |
| (g) | The amount at 7 (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 7 (f) above by the amount at 5.2 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | £186.27     |

**(h) Basic Council Tax**

Part of the Council's Area	£	Part of the Council's Area	£
Alderholt	218.08	More Crichel	199.52
Chalbury	199.74	Pamphill	193.87
Colehill	207.97	Pentridge	241.16
Corfe Mullen	237.80	St. Leonards and St. Ives	204.94
Cranborne	227.88	Shapwick	192.09
Edmondsham	209.11	Sixpenny Handley	241.16
Ferndown	224.23	Sturminster Marshall	207.67
Gussage All Saints	196.12	Verwood	226.69
Gussage Saint Michael	186.27	West Moors	214.02
Hinton Martell	196.94	West Parley	208.79
Hinton Parva	186.27	Wimborne Minster	272.75
Holt	199.15	Wimborne Saint Giles	199.74
Horton	199.74	Witchampton	199.52
Long Crichel	199.52	Woodlands	199.74

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 7 (g) above to the amount of the special item relating to the dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above, divided in each case by the amount at 5.2 above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34 (3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which special items relate.

**(i) Valuation Bands**

Part of the Council's Area	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Alderholt	145.39	169.62	193.85	218.08	266.54	315.01	363.47	436.16
Chalbury	133.16	155.36	177.54	199.74	244.12	288.52	332.90	399.48
Colehill	138.65	161.76	184.86	207.97	254.18	300.40	346.62	415.94
Corfe Mullen	158.53	184.96	211.37	237.80	290.64	343.49	396.33	475.60
Cranborne	151.92	177.24	202.56	227.88	278.52	329.16	379.80	455.76
Edmondsham	139.41	162.64	185.87	209.11	255.58	302.05	348.52	418.22
Ferndown	149.49	174.40	199.31	224.23	274.06	323.89	373.72	448.46
Gussage All Saints	130.75	152.54	174.33	196.12	239.70	283.29	326.87	392.24
Gussage St Michael	124.18	144.88	165.57	186.27	227.66	269.06	310.45	372.54
Hinton Martell	131.29	153.18	175.05	196.94	240.70	284.47	328.23	393.88
Hinton Parva	124.18	144.88	165.57	186.27	227.66	269.06	310.45	372.54
Holt	132.77	154.90	177.02	199.15	243.40	287.66	331.92	398.30

Horton	133.16	155.36	177.54	199.74	244.12	288.52	332.90	399.48
Long Crichel	133.01	155.19	177.35	199.52	243.85	288.20	332.53	399.04
More Crichel	133.01	155.19	177.35	199.52	243.85	288.20	332.53	399.04
Pamphill	129.25	150.79	172.33	193.87	236.95	280.04	323.12	387.74
Pentridge	160.77	187.57	214.36	241.16	294.75	348.35	401.93	482.32
St. Leonards & St. Ives	136.63	159.40	182.17	204.94	250.48	296.03	341.57	409.88
Shapwick	128.06	149.41	170.74	192.09	234.77	277.47	320.15	384.18
Sixpenny Handley	160.77	187.57	214.36	241.16	294.75	348.35	401.93	482.32
Sturminster Marshall	138.45	161.52	184.59	207.67	253.82	299.97	346.12	415.34
Verwood	151.13	176.32	201.50	226.69	277.06	327.44	377.82	453.38
West Moors	142.68	166.46	190.24	214.02	261.58	309.14	356.70	428.04
West Parley	139.19	162.40	185.59	208.79	255.18	301.59	347.98	417.58
Wimborne Minster	181.83	212.14	242.44	272.75	333.36	393.98	454.58	545.50
Wimborne Saint Giles	133.16	155.36	177.54	199.74	244.12	288.52	332.90	399.48
Witchampton	133.01	155.19	177.35	199.52	243.85	288.20	332.53	399.04
Woodlands	133.16	155.36	177.54	199.74	244.12	288.52	332.90	399.48

being amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 7 (h) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 (1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (j) That it be noted that for the year 2009/10 Dorset County Council, the Dorset Police Authority and the Dorset Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

**Valuation Bands**

Precepting Authority	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Dorset County Council	756.36	882.42	1,008.48	1,134.54	1,386.66	1,638.78	1,890.90	2,269.08
Dorset Police Authority	114.96	134.12	153.28	172.44	210.76	249.08	287.40	344.88
Dorset Fire Authority	39.00	45.50	52.00	58.50	71.50	84.50	97.50	117.00

- (k) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts of 7 (i) and 7 (j) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the

as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2009/10 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

**Valuation Bands**

Part of the Council's Area	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Alderholt	1,055.71	1,231.66	1,407.61	1,583.56	1,935.46	2,287.37	2,639.27	3,167.12
Chalbury	1,043.48	1,217.40	1,391.30	1,565.22	1,913.04	2,260.88	2,608.70	3,130.44
Colehill	1,048.97	1,223.80	1,398.62	1,573.45	1,923.10	2,272.76	2,622.42	3,146.90
Corfe Mullen	1,068.85	1,247.00	1,425.13	1,603.28	1,959.56	2,315.85	2,672.13	3,206.56
Cranborne	1,062.24	1,239.28	1,416.32	1,593.36	1,947.44	2,301.52	2,655.60	3,186.72
Edmondsham	1,049.73	1,224.68	1,399.63	1,574.59	1,924.50	2,274.41	2,624.32	3,149.18
Ferndown	1,059.81	1,236.44	1,413.07	1,589.71	1,942.98	2,296.25	2,649.52	3,179.42
Gussage All Saints	1,041.07	1,214.58	1,388.09	1,561.60	1,908.62	2,255.65	2,602.67	3,123.20
Gussage St Michael	1,034.50	1,206.92	1,379.33	1,551.75	1,896.58	2,241.42	2,586.25	3,103.50
Hinton Martell	1,041.61	1,215.22	1,388.81	1,562.42	1,909.62	2,256.83	2,604.03	3,124.84
Hinton Parva	1,034.50	1,206.92	1,379.33	1,551.75	1,896.58	2,241.42	2,586.25	3,103.50
Holt	1,043.09	1,216.94	1,390.78	1,564.63	1,912.32	2,260.02	2,607.72	3,129.26
Horton	1,043.48	1,217.40	1,391.30	1,565.22	1,913.04	2,260.88	2,608.70	3,130.44
Long Crichel	1,043.33	1,217.23	1,391.11	1,565.00	1,912.77	2,260.56	2,608.33	3,130.00
More Crichel	1,043.33	1,217.23	1,391.11	1,565.00	1,912.77	2,260.56	2,608.33	3,130.00
Pamphill	1,039.57	1,212.83	1,386.09	1,559.35	1,905.87	2,252.40	2,598.92	3,118.70
Pentridge	1,071.09	1,249.61	1,428.12	1,606.64	1,963.67	2,320.71	2,677.73	3,213.28
St. Leonards & St. Ives	1,046.95	1,221.44	1,395.93	1,570.42	1,919.40	2,268.39	2,617.37	3,140.84
Shapwick	1,038.38	1,211.45	1,384.50	1,557.57	1,903.69	2,249.83	2,595.95	3,115.14
Sixpenny Handley	1,071.09	1,249.61	1,428.12	1,606.64	1,963.67	2,320.71	2,677.73	3,213.28
Sturminster Marshall	1,048.77	1,223.56	1,398.35	1,573.15	1,922.74	2,272.33	2,621.92	3,146.30
Verwood	1,061.45	1,238.36	1,415.26	1,592.17	1,945.98	2,299.80	2,653.62	3,184.34
West Moors	1,053.00	1,228.50	1,404.00	1,579.50	1,930.50	2,281.50	2,632.50	3,159.00
West Parley	1,049.51	1,224.44	1,399.35	1,574.27	1,924.10	2,273.95	2,623.78	3,148.54
Wimborne Minster	1,092.15	1,274.18	1,456.20	1,638.23	2,002.28	2,366.34	2,730.38	3,276.46
Wimborne Saint Giles	1,043.48	1,217.40	1,391.30	1,565.22	1,913.04	2,260.88	2,608.70	3,130.44
Witchampton	1,043.33	1,217.23	1,391.11	1,565.00	1,912.77	2,260.56	2,608.33	3,130.00
Woodlands	1,043.48	1,217.40	1,391.30	1,565.22	1,913.04	2,260.88	2,608.70	3,130.44

Voting: 22:8

491. Questions

There were no questions received in accordance with Procedural Rule No. 9, Questions by Members, on this occasion.

The meeting ended at 9.55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN