

# WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wellington held in Wellington United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington, on Monday, 9 May 2016 at 6:00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor Lloyd (Mayor) who presided, Councillors M Barr, C Biscoe, R Bowrah, W Brown, G Copley, P Critchard, A Govier, J Hunt, G James, J Reed, B Sparrow, J Thorne, and V. Stock-Williams

Greg Dyke (Town Clerk) and Gill Croucher (Assistant to the Town Clerk)

There were 6 members of the public present.

### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous annual parish meeting held on 18 May 2015, as circulated to councillors and members of the public present, were received, confirmed and signed as correct.

### 2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN MAYOR AND THE TOWN CLERK

The Mayor and the Town Clerk submitted a joint annual report which highlighted the work of the Council over the past year and the challenges it faced in the future.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### 3. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

#### (a) Wellington Monument

Diana Land spoke regarding repairs to Wellington Monument. She hoped that the long awaited repairs to the building would be carried out as soon as possible to once more allow access to the building. She also expressed disappointment that the National Trust had given little publicity to the illumination of the Monument to celebrate H.M The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### (b) Town Map

Keith Wheatley, speaking on behalf of the Wellington Business Association, reported that the Association were in the process of refreshing and updating the out of date paper copy of the town map previously, produced by the Chamber of Trade. It was hoped to distribute the map at the Food Town event in June.

(c) Brian Hillier reported that a traffic sign at the Rockwell Green junction continued to direct people to the closed public toilets at Oaken Ground.

He also asked if the Council had any plans to celebrate Somerset Day. He was informed that it did not.

Mr Hillier went on to raise the matter of Bus Service No. 20 which he understood was to be discontinued. He was informed that this was not the case. The service would continue with a minor alteration to its schedule.

He referred also to the recent publicity regarding the re-introduction of a railway station in Wellington. As this proposal appeared to be a long way in the future he suggested that the bus companies consider improving access to the nearby stations at Taunton and Tiverton Parkway.

**(d) Bus Services**

Chris Williams raised the issue of Bus Service No.20 and other services in the town.

He was disappointed to see from the Annual Report that the Council found it difficult to find out what services the principal councils were planning to discontinue. He hoped that this would be improved.

The meeting ended at 6.35 pm

Signed.....  
Town Mayor