

WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Wellington held in Wellington United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street, Wellington, on Monday, 8 May 2017 at 6:00pm

PRESENT: Councillor Bowrah (Mayor) who presided, Councillors M Barr, C Biscoe, R Bowrah, G Copley, P Critchard, A Govier, J Hunt, G James, J Reed, B Sparrow and J Thorne,

Greg Dyke (Town Clerk) and Debbie Bere (Deputy Clerk)

There were 9 members of the public present.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous annual parish meeting held on 9 May 2016, 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 thanked the Mayor for his work as a "Monument Champion". She was disappointed however, that the bid to gain Heritage Lottery Funding for the restoration of the Monument had been unsuccessful.

(b) Tone Mill Housing Development

Sue White referred to the housing development currently taking place at Tone Mill and asked if a footpath was to be provided along Milverton Road. She was informed that there were no plans to provide a footpath along Milverton Road but that there would be footpaths within the site that would lead to the Crosslands area.

(c) Flags

Brian Hillier felt that there was need for a flag pole in the town so that appropriate flags could be flown on flag flying days.

(d) Hearing Impaired Devices for Meetings

Mr Hillier also drew attention to the problems that people who were hard of hearing had when listening to the proceedings of Council meetings. It was agreed that the provision of an appropriate device should be investigated and used at future meetings.

(e) Wellington Park

Dave Mitton, on behalf of the Friends of Wellington Park drew attention to the difficulties caused by an increase in vandalism in the Park. Problems were exacerbated by the lack of a speedy response from TDBC.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged between friends of Wellington Park, TDBC, I D Verde and the Town Council.

The meeting ended at 6.24 pm

Signed.....
Town Mayor