

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL 2017 AT EASTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL, EASTON, PORTLAND

PRESENT: Councillors R. Nowak (Chairman), Ms J. Atwell, Mrs S. Cocking, J. Draper, C. Flack, Ms S. Lees, Mrs S. Reynolds, A. Sergison and R. Wild

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Looker (Town Clerk), Cllr. Paul Kimber (Dorset County Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council) and two members of the public.

17/1 – APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors C. Gover, D. Thurston and Mrs S. West, together with Councillor Kate Wheller (Dorset County Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council) and PC Mike Holman (Dorset Police).

17/2 – MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, 6TH APRIL 2016

The minutes having already been formally agreed, they were noted.

17/3 – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 16/8, para 3 – Mayors' Plaque

Cllr. Wild asked what was the present situation regarding the plaque. From the chair Cllr. Nowak said the plaque was still in storage with Albion Stone. The Council was in the process of obtaining quotes for removing it and setting it in a new permanent location at the Peter Trim Hall. Cllr. Nowak also referred to the new, succeeding plaque in wood, which Cllr. Wild was currently arranging to be inscribed with the names of recent Mayors.

17/4 – CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 2016/17

Cllr. Nowak's written report with financial addendum was formally received.

17/5 – TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT, 2016/17

Cllr. West's written report was received.

17/6 – FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2016/17

The report was received without comment.

17/7 – TOWN CRIER'S REPORT, 2016/17

A written report had not been provided and Mr Cave was not present.

17/8 – ELECTORS' ITEMS

Paul Snow thanked the members and officers for their work in the past year. He observed with regret an apparent lack of transparency from the Council in its operations by not keeping the electorate informed.

Cllr. Nowak said Mr Snow's past comments to this effect had been noted. His own Chairman's report would be passed to the Free Portland News for

publication and he intended submitting further quarterly reports. These would deal with the administrative work of the Council rather than the civic side, which was already reported on by the Mayor.

Roger Luther said he had attended a meeting of the Town Council Planning Committee for the first time in March. He had been much impressed by the depth of knowledge of the Councillors and the diligence with which they dealt with the business.

Cllr. Nowak responded that although the Planning Committee was only an advisory body it was a statutory consultee, whose comments were generally heeded and agreed with by the Borough Planning Committee.

Cllr. Kimber thanked the Council for its work in connection with the Memory Stones.

17/9 – DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The next Annual Town Meeting is due to take place on Wednesday, 4th April 2018.

The meeting ended at 7.15 pm.

Signed Dated